

ASSEMBLY, No. 321

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes certain procedural requirements to enroll or withdraw child from school district.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning school district enrollment procedures and
2 supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. When a child is enrolled in a school district for the first time,
9 or a child is being withdrawn from enrollment in a school district,
10 the following requirements shall apply:

11 a. Each parent or legal guardian of the child shall be physically
12 present at the time of enrolling or withdrawing the child from the
13 school district. Each parent or legal guardian shall provide a valid
14 form of identification. If any parent or legal guardian of the child is
15 unable to be present, a notarized letter shall be provided by the
16 parent or guardian indicating that the parent or guardian agrees that
17 the child is to be enrolled in, or withdrawn from, the school district;

18 b. The child's parents or legal guardians shall provide to the
19 school district a copy of any custody agreement or custody order
20 pertaining to the child; and

21 c. A school district's application to enroll or withdraw a child
22 shall include a question regarding whether there is a pending
23 custody case involving the child.

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25 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
26 following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires that when a child is enrolled in a school
32 district for the first time, or a child is being withdrawn from
33 enrollment in a school district, each parent or legal guardian of the
34 child must be physically present at the time of enrollment or
35 withdrawal, and the parents or guardians must provide a valid form
36 of identification. If any parent or guardian of the child is unable to
37 be present, a notarized letter shall be provided by the parent or
38 guardian indicating that the parent or guardian agrees that the child
39 is to be enrolled in, or withdrawn from, the school district. Under
40 the bill, the child's parents or guardians must provide to the school
41 district a copy of any custody agreement or custody order pertaining
42 to the child. In addition, the bill requires that a school district's
43 application to enroll or withdraw a child include a question
44 regarding whether there is a pending custody case involving the
45 child.