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SYNOPSIS
Requires each board of education to adopt policy establishing temperature control standards and guidelines for school district facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.
AN ACT concerning temperature control of public school buildings
and supplementing chapter 33 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
Statutes.

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

1. Each board of education shall adopt a policy establishing
temperature control standards and guidelines for school district
facilities. The policy shall ensure, to the greatest extent feasible,
that school buildings provide students with a temperature-controlled
environment that is conducive to learning. The policy shall:
   a. require, in each school building in the district, that a staff
      member be designated to monitor compliance with the standards
      and initiate permitted corrective measures;
   b. establish a protocol to follow in instances where classroom
      temperatures are identified as being not conducive to learning;
   c. identify what temperature control measures are permitted in
      accordance with local building and fire codes;
   d. be informed by the temperature standards outlined in
      N.J.A.C.12:100-13.3(a)4 of the Indoor Air Quality Standard
      established by the Department of Labor and Workforce
      Development; and
   e. require corrective measures be addressed, where feasible, by
      action outlined in N.J.A.C.12:100-13.3(a)1 of the Indoor Air
      Quality Standard established by the Department of Labor and
      Workforce Development.

2. The Department of Education and the Department of Health
shall jointly develop guidance to assist school districts in
establishing and implementing a policy concerning temperature
control.

3. This act shall take effect on July 1 of the school year
following enactment.

STATEMENT

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      and initiate permitted corrective action;
2) establish a protocol to follow in instances where classroom temperatures are identified as being not conducive to learning;
3) identify what temperature control measures are permitted in accordance with local building and fire codes;
4) be informed by the Indoor Air Quality Standard established by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and
5) require that corrective measures be addressed, where feasible, by action outlined in the Indoor Air Quality Standard.

The bill directs the Department of Education and the Department of Health to jointly develop guidance to assist school districts in establishing and implementing a policy concerning temperature control.