

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1532**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman WILLIAM W. SPEARMAN**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires use of common enrollment system in renaissance school districts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1   **AN ACT** concerning renaissance school districts and supplementing  
2       chapter 36C of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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7       1.   a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8 of P.L.2011,  
8       c.176 (C.18A:36C-8) or any other law to the contrary, the  
9       superintendent, or State superintendent, as may be applicable, of a  
10      renaissance school district that has established one or more  
11      renaissance school projects shall establish and operate, or enter into  
12      a contract with a separate entity to operate, a common enrollment  
13      system. All district schools, charter schools, and renaissance school  
14      projects in the renaissance school district shall be required to  
15      participate in the common enrollment system. The common  
16      enrollment system shall include measures to ensure that each school  
17      is equitably serving students with disabilities, English language  
18      learners, and all other students. The common enrollment system  
19      may grant enrollment priority to a student who has been impacted  
20      by a school closure.

21      b. As used in this section, “common enrollment system” means  
22      an enrollment procedure under which students shall apply to enroll  
23      in any district school, charter school, or renaissance school project  
24      located in the renaissance school district through a streamlined  
25      application process that requires the completion of one application  
26      for multiple schools, and which includes measures to ensure that  
27      each school is equitably serving students with disabilities, English  
28      language learners, and all other students.

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30      2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
31      the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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36      This bill requires that the superintendent or State superintendent,  
37      as applicable, of a renaissance school district establish a common  
38      enrollment system, meaning a system under which students are  
39      required to apply to public schools located in the district through a  
40      single application. All public schools located in the renaissance  
41      school district, including schools operated by the district, charter  
42      schools, and renaissance school projects, would be required to  
43      participate.

44      Renaissance school districts are districts with a history of poor  
45      performance on Statewide assessments that elect to enter into an  
46      agreement with a nonprofit entity for the construction and operation  
47      of new public schools in that district. These schools are known as  
48      renaissance school projects. The Camden City School District is

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- 1 the only district that has entered into such an agreement and is the
- 2 only district affected by the bill's provisions.