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SYNOPSIS

Requires school district to allow graduating student to wear military sash while participating in high school graduation ceremony.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning high school graduation ceremonies and
2 amending P.L.2017, c.84.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2017, c.84 (C.18A:7C-5.3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. A school district shall allow a student to wear a dress
10 uniform , or a military sash or stole, issued to the student by a
11 branch of the United States Armed Forces while participating in the
12 student's high school graduation ceremony, if the following
13 requirements are met:

14 a. the student has fulfilled all of the State and local
15 requirements for receiving a high school diploma, and is otherwise
16 eligible to participate in the high school graduation ceremony; and

17 b. in the case of a student wearing a dress uniform, the student
18 has completed basic training for, and is an active member of, a
19 branch of the United States Armed Forces.

20 (cf: P.L.2017, c.84, s.1)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 Under current law, school districts are required to allow a
28 student to wear a military dress uniform issued by a branch of the
29 United States Armed Forces while participating in the student's
30 high school graduation ceremony if the student has:

31 1. fulfilled all of the State and local requirements for receiving
32 a high school diploma, and is otherwise eligible to
33 participate in the high school graduation ceremony; and

34 2. completed basic training for, and is an active member of, a
35 branch of the United States Armed Forces.

36 This bill amends the law to also require school districts to allow
37 graduating students to wear a military sash or stole issued to the
38 student by a branch of the United States Armed Forces while
39 participating in their high school graduation ceremony if they have
40 fulfilled all of the State and local requirements for receiving a high
41 school diploma, and are otherwise eligible to participate in the high
42 school graduation ceremony.

43 A military sash or stole is worn atop a graduation robe and is
44 issued by a recruiter of the graduate's service branch upon
45 enlistment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.