

ASSEMBLY, No. 2407

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SYNOPSIS

“Protecting Parental Involvement in Curriculum Act”; provides that parent may opt student out of learning material or activity that parent considers harmful.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the public school curriculum and
2 supplementing chapter 35 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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Protecting
9 Parental Involvement in Curriculum Act.”

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11 2. The board of education of a school district, in consultation
12 with parents and guardians of students enrolled in the district, shall
13 develop and adopt procedures by which a parent or guardian who
14 objects to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is
15 harmful may withdraw his child from the activity, class, or program
16 in which the material is used. The student shall be excused from
17 the objectionable portion of the curriculum and no penalties as to
18 credit or graduation shall result therefrom. An objection to a
19 learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful includes,
20 but is not limited to, an objection that the material or activity
21 questions, violates, or conflicts with the parent or guardian’s belief
22 or practice regarding sex, sexuality, sexual orientation, gender
23 identity or expression, conscience, ethics, morality, or religion.

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill, which is to be known as the “Protecting Parental
31 Involvement in Curriculum Act,” requires the board of education of
32 a school district, in consultation with parents and guardians of
33 students enrolled in the district, to develop and adopt procedures by
34 which a parent or guardian who objects to a learning material or
35 activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw his child from
36 the activity, class, or program in which the material is used. The
37 student will be excused from the objectionable portion of the
38 curriculum with no penalties as to credit or graduation as a result of
39 the withdrawal. An objection to a learning material or activity on
40 the basis that it is harmful includes, but is not limited to, an
41 objection that the material or activity questions, violates, or
42 conflicts with the parent or guardian’s belief or practice regarding
43 sex, sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
44 conscience, ethics, morality, or religion.