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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOE to collect information on certain teacher misconduct and report to Legislature.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning school employees and supplementing chapter 6
2 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and P.L.2018, c.5
3 (C.18A:6-7.6 et seq.).
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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. a. The Commissioner of Education shall annually collect
9 data from each school district on the number of school employees
10 who were disciplined, discharged, nonrenewed, asked to resign from
11 employment, resigned from or otherwise separated from any
12 employment while allegations of child abuse, sexual misconduct, or
13 sexual or other harassment were pending or under investigation, or due
14 to an adjudication or finding of child abuse, sexual misconduct, or
15 sexual or other harassment.

16 b. The commissioner shall annually submit a summary report to
17 the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1)
18 on the data collected pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The
19 report shall include data broken down by each school district, in
20 addition to Statewide data. It shall be a violation to improperly release
21 any confidential information not authorized by federal or State law for
22 public release.
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24 2. The Commissioner of Education shall annually submit a report
25 on the implementation of P.L.2018, c.5 (C.18A:6-7.6 et seq.) to the
26 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).
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28 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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31 STATEMENT 32

33 This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to annually
34 collect data from each school district on the number of school
35 employees who were disciplined, discharged, nonrenewed, asked to
36 resign from employment, resigned from or otherwise separated from
37 any employment while allegations of child abuse, sexual misconduct,
38 or sexual or other harassment were pending or under investigation, or
39 due to an adjudication or finding of child abuse, sexual misconduct, or
40 sexual or other harassment.

41 The bill also requires the commissioner to annually submit a
42 summary report to the Legislature on the data collected pursuant to the
43 bill's provisions. The report must include data broken down by each
44 school district, in addition to Statewide data. The bill provides that it
45 would be a violation to improperly release any confidential
46 information not authorized by federal or State law for public release.

47 Finally, the bill requires the commissioner to annually submit a
48 report to the Legislature on the implementation of the reporting and

1 other requirements of the recently enacted P.L.2018, c.5 (C.18A:6-7.6
2 et seq.). This law requires school districts, charter schools, nonpublic
3 schools, and contracted service providers to review the employment
4 history of prospective employees who will have regular contact with
5 students to ascertain allegations of child abuse or sexual misconduct.