

ASSEMBLY, No. 3572

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SYNOPSIS

Requires provision of instruction on water safety in public school curriculum.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/25/2020)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the provision of instruction on water safety in
2 the public school curriculum and supplementing chapter 35 of
3 Title 18A of the New Jersey 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. A school district shall incorporate instruction on water safety
9 into the health education curriculum for students in grades K
10 through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the New
11 Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and
12 Physical Education.

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14 2. A school district shall have policies and procedures in place
15 pertaining to the selection of instructional materials to implement
16 the requirements of section 1 of this act. A school district shall
17 adopt instructional materials that provide students with information
18 on:

- 19 a. the nature and danger of rip tides;
20 b. the importance of learning about water conditions and beach
21 safety practices, particularly for student populations that do not
22 reside near beach communities;
23 c. hand signs that may be used to indicate swimmer distress;
24 and
25 d. the sightline limitations of lifeguards and others monitoring
26 swimmers from the beach.

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28 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
29 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires a school district to incorporate instruction on
35 water safety into the health education curriculum for students in
36 grades K through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the
37 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health
38 and Physical Education. Under this bill, a school district is required
39 to adopt instructional materials that provide information on: the
40 nature and danger of rip tides; the importance of learning about
41 water conditions and beach safety practices, particularly for student
42 populations that do not reside near beach communities; hand signs
43 that may be used to indicate swimmer distress; and the sightline
44 limitations of lifeguards and others monitoring swimmers from the
45 beach.

46 This bill is in response to the tragic death of Naisere Nelson,
47 who drowned after being swept into the ocean by a rip tide near
48 Bradley Beach in Neptune, New Jersey in 2011.