

ASSEMBLY, No. 3668

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to inform DOE of number of students in certain out-of-State placements and number of students with individualized education programs identifying DHS or DCF for transition services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning students in out-of-State placements and
2 supplementing chapter 46 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. a. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, a school district
9 shall notify the Department of Education no later than September 1
10 each year of the number of students residing in the district who
11 were placed in the prior school year for the first time in an out-of-
12 State private school for students with disabilities and the number of
13 students in out-of-State private schools for students with disabilities
14 whose individualized education program in the prior school year
15 identified either the Department of Children and Families or the
16 Department of Human Services as an agency required to provide
17 transition services.

18 b. If the Department of Education receives information
19 pursuant to subsection a. of this section that a student's
20 individualized education program identifies the Department of
21 Children and Families or the Department of Human Services, the
22 Department of Education shall provide that information to the
23 appropriate department.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill provides that beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, a
31 school district will notify the Department of Education no later than
32 September 1 each year of the number of students residing in the
33 district who were placed in the prior school year for the first time in
34 an out-of-State private school for students with disabilities. The
35 school district will also be required to inform the department of the
36 number of students in out-of-State private schools for students with
37 disabilities whose individualized education program (IEP) in the
38 prior school year identified either the Department of Children and
39 Families or the Department of Human Services as an agency
40 required to provide transition services. According to State Board of
41 Education regulations, beginning with the IEP in place for the
42 school year when a student will turn age 16, or younger if deemed
43 appropriate by the IEP team, the IEP must include the transition
44 services needed to assist the student in reaching his postsecondary
45 goals. Transition services consist of a coordinated set of activities
46 for a student with a disability that is focused on improving the
47 academic and functional achievement of the student to facilitate the
48 student's movement from school to post-school activities.

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1 The bill also provides that if the Department of Education
2 receives information that an IEP identifies the Department of
3 Children and Families or the Department of Human Services as an
4 agency required to provide transition services, the Department of
5 Education is required to provide that information to the appropriate
6 department.