

ASSEMBLY, No. 4470

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts and DOE to post on their websites information regarding student participation in certain assessments.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning student participation in certain assessments and
2 supplementing chapter 7C 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. As used in this section, “NJSLA” means the assessments
9 developed by the Department of Education known as the New
10 Jersey Student Learning Assessment.

11 b. A school district shall post on its website, and make publicly
12 available upon request, information regarding the number of
13 students in each grade level who participated in the administration
14 of the NJSLA and the number of students in each grade level who
15 did not participate in the administration of the NJSLA. The
16 information shall include the subject area of the NJSLA, the grade
17 levels covered by the assessment, and the date or dates on which the
18 assessment was administered.

19 c. A school district shall post the information required by
20 subsection b. of this section on its website within 10 days of the
21 district’s completion of the administration of any NJSLA to any
22 grade level. A school district shall also provide the information to
23 the Department of Education within the same period of time.

24 d. Within a reasonable time after receiving the information
25 required by subsection b. of this section from all school districts,
26 the Department of Education shall post on its website data
27 regarding the total number of students in each grade level Statewide
28 who participated in the administration of the NJSLA and the total
29 number of students in each grade level Statewide who did not
30 participate in the administration of the NJSLA. The information
31 shall include the subject area of the NJSLA, the grade levels
32 covered by the assessment, and the dates of the testing window in
33 which the assessment was administered.

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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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38 STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires school districts and the Department of
41 Education to post information on their websites regarding student
42 participation in the assessments developed by the Department of
43 Education known as the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment
44 (NJSLA). Under the bill, a school district must provide on its
45 website, and make publicly available upon request, information
46 regarding the number of students in each grade level who
47 participated in the administration of the NJSLA and the number of
48 students who did not participate in the assessment. The information

1 will include the subject area of the NJSLA, the grade levels covered
2 by the assessment, and the dates on which the assessment was
3 administered. A school district must provide the required information
4 on its website, and provide the information to the Department of
5 Education, no later than 10 days after the district completes its
6 administration of any NJSLA to any grade level.

7 In addition, the bill requires the Department of Education to post
8 on its website data regarding the total number of students in each
9 grade level Statewide who participated in the administration of the
10 NJSLA and the total number of students in each grade level
11 Statewide who did not participate in the administration of the
12 NJSLA. The information will include the subject area of the
13 NJSLA, the grade levels covered by the assessment, and the dates
14 of the testing window in which the assessment was administered.
15 The department must post the information within a reasonable time
16 after receiving the participation data from all school districts.