

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5827

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires public schools to post curriculum plans online; requires school districts to make textbooks or other materials used in implementing curriculum plans available for inspection by parents and legal guardians.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning access to school district curriculum plans and  
 2 related materials and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of  
 3 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. A school district shall, for each grade level, post  
 9 curriculum plans for each course offered to students on the district's  
 10 Internet website at least 30 days prior to the beginning of a school  
 11 year. Curriculum plans posted pursuant to this section shall include  
 12 each unit of study, student learning objectives, course themes, and  
 13 information concerning textbooks and other materials to be used by  
 14 the district in the implementation of its curriculum plans. A school  
 15 district shall update the district's Internet website each time a  
 16 curriculum plan is updated or revised.

17 b. In posting information concerning textbooks and other  
 18 materials pursuant to subsection a. of this section, a school district  
 19 shall also post information concerning when and where textbooks  
 20 and other materials used as part of the district's implementation of  
 21 its curriculum plans will be available for review by the parents or  
 22 legal guardians of students in the district. Parents or legal  
 23 guardians shall be given the opportunity to review the textbooks  
 24 and other materials prior to the time in which they will be  
 25 incorporated into classroom instruction.

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

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# STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires school districts to post curriculum plans for  
 34 each course offered to students in each grade level at least 30 days  
 35 prior to the beginning of a school year. Specifically, a school  
 36 district would be required to post information concerning each unit  
 37 of study, student learning objectives, and information concerning  
 38 textbooks and other materials to be used in implementing the  
 39 district's curriculum plans. School districts would be required to  
 40 update their Internet websites each time a curriculum plan is  
 41 updated or revised.

42 The bill also requires school districts to post information  
 43 concerning when and where textbooks and other materials used as  
 44 part of the district's implementation of the district's curriculum  
 45 plans will be available for review by the parents or legal guardians  
 46 of students in the district. Parents and legal guardians would be  
 47 given the opportunity to review these materials prior to the time in  
 48 which they will be incorporated into classroom instruction.

1       By requiring that school districts post their curriculum plans  
2 online and providing parents and legal guardians with the  
3 opportunity to review textbooks and other materials used as part of  
4 the curriculum, the State can ensure greater transparency and  
5 collaboration between school officials and the families they serve.