

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5830

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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits requiring students to wear face masks in schools and on school buses.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/8/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning face mask usage in schools and supplementing  
2 chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. A student attending a public or nonpublic elementary or  
8 secondary school shall not be required to wear a face mask while in  
9 any indoor or outdoor area of any building of, or while on the  
10 grounds of, the public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school  
11 which the student is attending. A student attending a public or  
12 nonpublic elementary or secondary school shall also not be required  
13 to wear a face mask while present on a school bus as defined in  
14 R.S.39:1-1.

15 b. Nothing in subsection a. of this section shall be construed to  
16 prohibit any student attending a public or nonpublic elementary or  
17 secondary school from voluntarily wearing a face mask while in any  
18 indoor or outdoor area of any building of, or while on the grounds  
19 of, the public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school which  
20 the student is attending or while present on a school bus as defined  
21 in R.S.39:1-1.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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28 This bill provides that a student attending a public or nonpublic  
29 elementary or secondary school would not be required to wear a  
30 face mask while in any indoor or outdoor area of any building of, or  
31 while on the grounds of, the school which the student is attending.  
32 A student would also not be required to wear a face mask while  
33 present on a school bus.

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35 The bill would not prohibit a student from voluntarily wearing a  
36 face mask while in any indoor or outdoor area of any building of, or  
37 while on the grounds of, the school which the student is attending  
or while the student is present on a school bus.