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SYNOPSIS

Requires each public school to observe period of silence on September 11 of each school year.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the observance of September 11 by public
2 school districts and supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the
3 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. The Legislature finds and declares that the tragic events of
9 September 11, 2001 have left an indelible mark on the collective
10 consciousness of this great State and nation; that the infamy of the
11 terrorist attack conducted on that date against the United States is
12 only surpassed by the heroism and patriotism of the citizens who
13 responded to the crisis and risked their own lives, health, and safety
14 to either thwart the terrorists' actions or to assist the victims of the
15 attack; that the actions of such brave individuals serve as an
16 example of the American spirit and a reminder to those not directly
17 involved in the events of the day that the liberty this nation enjoys
18 is not maintained without sacrifice; and that the preservation of the
19 memory of the events of September 11 among students enrolled in
20 the schools of this State will act as a powerful lesson on the
21 responsibilities associated with democracy.

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23 2. The students and staff members of each public school in the
24 State shall observe a one minute period of silence at 10 A.M. on
25 September 11 of each school year in memory of those who lost their
26 lives in the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11,
27 2001, and in recognition of the police officers, firefighters,
28 emergency medical workers and other citizens of this State and
29 country who risked their own lives, health, and safety to assist the
30 victims of that attack.

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32 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires the students and staff members of each public
38 school in the State to observe a one minute period of silence at 10
39 A.M. on September 11 of each school year. This observance will
40 be in memory of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack on
41 the United States on September 11, 2001, and in recognition of the
42 police officers, firefighters, emergency medical workers, and other
43 citizens of this State and country who risked their own lives, health,
44 and safety to assist the victims of that attack.

45 The observance of such an annual moment of silence will serve
46 as a periodic reminder and a lesson to students that the freedom this
47 nation enjoys is not without its sacrifices and responsibilities.