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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts and charter schools to report discipline data on their websites and to Commissioner of Education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning student discipline and supplementing chapter
2 37 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. Each school district and charter school shall submit to the
8 Commissioner of Education a monthly discipline report for each
9 school in the district or charter school. The discipline report shall
10 include:

11 (1) the total number of student expulsions, and the number and
12 percentage of students expelled disaggregated by race, ethnicity,
13 gender, and eligibility for free or reduced price lunch under the
14 National School Lunch Program;

15 (2) the total number of in-school suspensions, and the number
16 and percentage of students who received an in-school suspension
17 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and eligibility for free or
18 reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program; and

19 (3) the total number of out-of-school suspensions, and the
20 number and percentage of students who received an out-of-school
21 suspension disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and eligibility
22 for free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch
23 Program.

24 b. Each school district and charter school shall publish on its
25 website an annual discipline report for each school in the district or
26 charter school. The report shall include aggregate data based on
27 reports submitted to the commissioner pursuant to subsection a. of
28 this section.

29 The school district or charter school shall ensure in publishing its
30 report that it is in compliance with all federal and State laws, rules,
31 and regulations pertaining to the privacy of student education
32 records.

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

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires each school district and charter school to
41 submit to the Commissioner of Education a monthly discipline
42 report for each school in the district or charter school. The
43 discipline report must include aggregate data on: student
44 expulsions; in-school suspensions; and out-of-school suspensions.
45 The report must also include, for each of these categories of
46 disciplinary actions, the breakdown by race, ethnicity, gender, and
47 eligibility for free or reduced price lunch under the National School
48 Lunch Program. The bill also requires each school district and

1 charter school to publish on its website an annual discipline report
2 for each school in the district or charter school. This report will
3 include aggregate data based on reports submitted to the
4 commissioner pursuant to the bill's provisions.

5 The bill requires that the school district or charter school ensure
6 in publishing its report that it is in compliance with all federal and
7 State laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the privacy of
8 student education records.