

SENATE, No. 1024

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires each school district to annually submit interscholastic athletic opportunity report to the Commissioner of Education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning interscholastic athletic opportunities for public
2 school students and supplementing chapter 11 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. a. By October 15 of each year, a school district shall submit
9 to the Commissioner of Education a report on interscholastic
10 athletic opportunities provided to male and female students in
11 middle schools and high schools in the district in the previous
12 school year. The interscholastic athletic opportunity report shall
13 include for each school in the district:

14 (1) the total number of students enrolled in the school, by
15 gender;

16 (2) a listing by gender of each varsity, junior varsity, freshman,
17 or other team that competed in interscholastic athletic competition;

18 (3) the total number of student athletes on each team;

19 (4) the total value of contributions and purchases made on
20 behalf of each team by booster clubs, alumni, and any other
21 nonschool sources;

22 (5) the total amount of school district expenditures for each
23 team;

24 (6) itemized school district expenditures for each team,
25 including expenditures for travel, uniforms, equipment and
26 supplies, compensation of coaching staff, athletic trainers, or any
27 other employees, and the maintenance, repair, and expansion of
28 athletic facilities;

29 (7) the total number of athletic trainers, including the amount of
30 time spent by each athletic trainer with each team;

31 (8) the total number of head and assistant coaches per team, and
32 information on whether each coach is a full-time or part-time
33 employee of the district; and

34 (9) the total number of competitions scheduled and played per
35 team.

36 A school district shall post its interscholastic athletic opportunity
37 report on its website by November 1 of each year.

38 b. For purposes of this section, “athletic facilities” means
39 locker rooms, playing fields, gymnasiums, arenas, athletic training
40 rooms, stadiums, weight rooms, or any other location used by
41 student athletes and their coaches for sports training, practice,
42 competition, and coaching in middle schools and high schools.

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44 2. a. The commissioner shall develop and distribute to each
45 school district a reporting form for the submission of the
46 information required pursuant to section 1 of this act. The
47 commissioner shall post all submitted athletic opportunity reports
48 on the Department of Education’s website.

1 b. The commissioner shall by January 15 of each year prepare a
2 report that summarizes the information contained in the
3 interscholastic athletic opportunity reports submitted pursuant to
4 section 1 of this act on interscholastic athletic opportunity by
5 gender. Upon its completion, the report shall be transmitted to the
6 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Legislature pursuant to
7 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

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9 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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14 This bill requires each school district to annually submit to the
15 Commissioner of Education a report on interscholastic athletic
16 opportunities provided to male and female students in middle
17 schools and high schools in the district in the previous school year.

18 The bill directs the commissioner to develop and distribute to
19 each school district a reporting form for the submission of the
20 interscholastic athletic opportunity report. The commissioner must
21 post all submitted interscholastic athletic opportunity reports on the
22 Department of Education's website. Under the bill, the
23 commissioner must annually prepare a report that summarizes the
24 information contained in the interscholastic athletic opportunity
25 reports that were submitted by school districts on interscholastic
26 athletic opportunity by gender. The bill provides that, upon its
27 completion, the report will be transmitted to the Governor, the
28 Lieutenant Governor, and the Legislature.