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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain officers of education organizations to sign acknowledgement and undergo training concerning duties to report child abuse.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the duty to report child abuse and
2 supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. Any president or vice-president of the New Jersey Education
9 Association or the American Federation of Teachers–New Jersey,
10 including a president or vice-president of a local bargaining unit of
11 the organization which represents teachers of grades kindergarten
12 through 12, shall do the following prior to taking office:

13 a. sign an acknowledgement of the requirements to report
14 potential incidents of child abuse under current law, including the
15 duties established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1971, c.437 (C.9:6-
16 8.10) and section 2 of P.L.1984, c.228 (C.18A:36-25), and the
17 duties contained in State Board of Education regulations to report
18 potentially abused, missing, or neglected child situations; and

19 b. undergo training on the requirements for school district
20 employees to notify the appropriate authorities of potential
21 incidents of abused, missing, or neglected children.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires that, prior to taking office as a president or
29 vice-president of the New Jersey Education Association or the
30 American Federation of Teachers–New Jersey, including a
31 president or vice-president of a local bargaining unit of the
32 organization which represents teachers of grades kindergarten
33 through 12, the individual must sign an acknowledgement of the
34 requirements to report potential incidents of child abuse pursuant to
35 current law and State Board of Education regulations. In addition,
36 the bill requires the individual to undergo training on the
37 requirements for school district employees to notify the appropriate
38 authorities of potential incidents of abused, missing, or neglected
39 children.