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SYNOPSIS
ReQUIRES STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE BE APPOINTED TO EACH BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT INCLUDES HIGH SCHOOL.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT concerning student representatives on certain boards of
education and supplementing chapter 12 of Title 18A of the New
Jersey Statutes.

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

1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the
contrary, each board of education of a school district that includes
grades nine through 12 shall appoint the student who serves as the
president of the student council, or a designee of the president of
the student council, to serve as a nonvoting student representative
on the board. The student representative shall serve for a one
school year term.

b. The duties of the student representative shall include:
(1) attending all board meetings, except that a student
representative shall be excluded from discussions of the board
involving subjects which are confidential;
(2) representing all public high school students within the
district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the board
for its consideration; and
(3) keeping public high school students informed of the business
of the board by providing a monthly report to the student council
concerning the activities of the board.

2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
following the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill requires the board of education of each school district
that includes grades nine through 12 to appoint the student who
serves as the president of the student council, or a designee of the
president of the student council, to serve as a nonvoting student
representative on the board. The student representative will serve
for a one school year term.

Under the bill, the duties of the student representative will
include:
• attending all school board meetings, except that a student
representative will be excluded from discussions of the
board involving subjects which are confidential;
• representing all public high school students within the
district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the
board for its consideration; and
• keeping public high school students informed of the business
of the school board by providing a monthly report to the
student council concerning the activities of the board.