

SENATE, No. 1219

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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.



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1 AN ACT concerning student representatives on certain boards of
2 education and supplementing chapter 12 of Title 18A of the New
3 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. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the
9 contrary, each board of education of a school district that includes
10 grades nine through 12 shall appoint the student who serves as the
11 president of the student council, or a designee of the president of
12 the student council, to serve as a nonvoting student representative
13 on the board. The student representative shall serve for a one
14 school year term.

15 b. The duties of the student representative shall include:

16 (1) attending all board meetings, except that a student
17 representative shall be excluded from discussions of the board
18 involving subjects which are confidential;

19 (2) representing all public high school students within the
20 district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the board
21 for its consideration; and

22 (3) keeping public high school students informed of the business
23 of the board by providing a monthly report to the student council
24 concerning the activities of the board.

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

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STATEMENT

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

38 Under the bill, the duties of the student representative will
39 include:

40 • attending all school board meetings, except that a student
41 representative will be excluded from discussions of the
42 board involving subjects which are confidential;

43 • representing all public high school students within the
44 district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the
45 board for its consideration; and

46 • keeping public high school students informed of the business
47 of the school board by providing a monthly report to the
48 student council concerning the activities of the board.