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SYNOPSIS

Requires student representative be appointed to each board of education of school district and board of trustees of charter school that includes grades nine through 12.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on November 8, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/8/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning student representatives on certain boards of
2 education ¹and boards of trustees of charter schools¹ and
3 supplementing chapter 12 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
4 Statutes ¹and P.L.1995, c.426 (C.18A:36A-1 et seq.)¹.
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:
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9 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the
10 contrary, each board of education of a school district that includes
11 grades nine through 12 shall ¹[appoint the student who serves as the
12 president of the student council, or a designee of the president of
13 the student council,] include a minimum of one student selected by
14 the student body¹ to serve as a nonvoting student representative on
15 the board. ¹The student body may elect or appoint the student
16 representative to the board, in a process to be determined by the
17 student body.¹ The student representative shall serve for a one
18 school year term.

19 ¹In the case of a school district that includes more than one high
20 school, the student representative of the board shall rotate each
21 school year among the high schools in the school district.¹

22 b. The duties of the student representative shall include:
23 (1) attending all board meetings, except that a student
24 representative shall be excluded from discussions of the board
25 involving subjects which are confidential;
26 (2) representing all public high school students within the
27 district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the board
28 for its consideration; and
29 (3) keeping public high school students informed of the business
30 of the board by providing a monthly report to the student council
31 concerning the activities of the board.
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33 ¹2. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the
34 contrary, each board of trustees of a charter school that includes
35 grades nine through 12 shall include a minimum of one student
36 selected by the student body to serve as a nonvoting student
37 representative on the board. The student body may elect or appoint
38 the student representative to the board, in a process to be
39 determined by the student body. The student representative shall
40 serve for a one school year term.

41 b. The duties of the student representative shall include:
42 (1) attending all board meetings, except that a student
43 representative shall be excluded from discussions of the board
44 involving subjects which are confidential;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted November 8, 2021.

1 (2) representing all high school students within the charter
2 school and presenting student proposals and concerns to the board
3 for its consideration; and

4 (3) keeping high school students within the charter school
5 informed of the business of the board by providing a monthly report
6 to the student council concerning the activities of the board.¹

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8 ¹~~[2.]~~ 3.¹ This act shall take effect in the first full school year
9 following the date of enactment.