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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 amended by the Senate on December 2, 2021.



(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 ²superintendent of a school district and shall consider input
 18 provided by the² student body.¹ The student representative shall
 19 serve for a one school year term.

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

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

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

27 (2) representing all public high school students within the
 28 district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the board
 29 for its consideration; and

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

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 34 ¹2. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the
 35 contrary, each board of trustees of a charter school that includes
 36 grades nine through 12 shall include a minimum of one student
 37 selected by the student body to serve as a nonvoting student
 38 representative on the board. The student body may elect or appoint
 39 the student representative to the board, in a process to be
 40 determined by the ²chief school administrator of a charter school
 41 and shall consider input provided by the² student body. The student
 42 representative shall serve for a one school year term.

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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.

²Senate floor amendments adopted December 2, 2021.

1 representative shall be excluded from discussions of the board
2 involving subjects which are confidential;

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

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

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10 ¹**[2.] 3.**¹ This act shall take effect in the first full school year
11 following the date of enactment.