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SYNOPSIS

Requires each board of education to adopt policy establishing temperature control standards and guidelines for school district facilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning temperature control of public school buildings
2 and supplementing chapter 33 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. Each board of education shall adopt a policy establishing
9 temperature control standards and guidelines for school district
10 facilities. The policy shall ensure, to the greatest extent feasible,
11 that school buildings provide students with a temperature-controlled
12 environment that is conducive to learning. The policy shall:

13 a. require, in each school building in the district, that a staff
14 member be designated to monitor compliance with the standards
15 and initiate permitted corrective measures;

16 b. establish a protocol to follow in instances where classroom
17 temperatures are identified as being not conducive to learning;

18 c. identify what temperature control measures are permitted in
19 accordance with local building and fire codes;

20 d. be informed by the temperature standards outlined in
21 N.J.A.C.12:100-13.3(a)4 of the Indoor Air Quality Standard
22 established by the Department of Labor and Workforce
23 Development; and

24 e. require corrective measures be addressed, where feasible, by
25 action outlined in N.J.A.C.12:100-13.3(a)1 of the Indoor Air
26 Quality Standard established by the Department of Labor and
27 Workforce Development.

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29 2. The Department of Education and the Department of Health
30 shall jointly develop guidance to assist school districts in
31 establishing and implementing a policy concerning temperature
32 control.

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34 3. This act shall take effect on July 1 of the school year
35 following enactment.

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38 STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires each board of education to adopt a policy
41 establishing temperature control standards and guidelines for school
42 district facilities. The policy must ensure, to the greatest extent
43 feasible, that school buildings provide students with a temperature-
44 controlled environment that is conducive to learning. The policy
45 must:

46 1) require that a staff member is designated in each school
47 building in the district to monitor compliance with the standards
48 and initiate permitted corrective action;

- 1 2) establish a protocol to follow in instances where classroom
- 2 temperatures are identified as being not conducive to learning;
- 3 3) identify what temperature control measures are permitted in
- 4 accordance with local building and fire codes;
- 5 4) be informed by the Indoor Air Quality Standard established by
- 6 the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and
- 7 5) require that corrective measures be addressed, where feasible,
- 8 by action outlined in the Indoor Air Quality Standard.
- 9 The bill directs the Department of Education and the Department
- 10 of Health to jointly develop guidance to assist school districts in
- 11 establishing and implementing a policy concerning temperature
- 12 control.