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SYNOPSIS

Provides parents and adult students with simplified method for opting out of release by school district of student information to military recruiters.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning access by military recruiters to student
2 information directories and amending P.L.1985, c.51.

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

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.51 (C.18A:36-19.1) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. Local school districts in New Jersey are directed to
10 establish policies which would provide military recruiters the same
11 access to school facilities and student information directories that is
12 provided to educational and occupational recruiters pursuant to
13 regulations adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to the
14 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et
15 seq.). These regulations shall be adopted within 180 days of the
16 effective date of this act. The policies should be consistent with
17 State and federal right to privacy laws.

18 b. A school district which provides a parent or adult student
19 with a form requesting emergency contact information shall include
20 on the form in a clear and conspicuous manner and in the same size
21 type as the other statements on the form, a statement that the parent
22 or adult student may indicate if any or all types of information
23 about the student in any student information directory is not to be
24 released to military recruiters by checking the box "Do not release
25 contact information."

26 (cf: P.L.1985, c.51, s.1)

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
29 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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31 STATEMENT

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33 Under section 1 of P.L.1985, c.51 (C.18A:36-19.1), a school
34 district is directed to establish policies to provide military recruiters
35 the same access to student information directories that is provided
36 to educational and occupational recruiters. However, pursuant to
37 State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:32-7.1(g)6, and
38 in compliance with federal law at 20 U.S.C. s.7908, parents or adult
39 students are permitted to opt-out of providing this information to
40 military recruiters. This bill offers a simplified opt-out method. A
41 school district that provides a form requesting emergency contact
42 information from parents or adult students is required to include on
43 that form a statement that the parent or adult student may indicate if
44 any or all types of information about the student in any student
45 information directory is not to be released to military recruiters by
46 checking the box "Do not release contact information."

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.