

SENATE, No. 1564

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Brown

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to observe Veterans Day as school holiday.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning the school calendar and supplementing chapter
2 36 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. A board of education shall not open the schools of the
8 district on November 11th of each school year, in observance of
9 Veterans Day.

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11 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
12 the 2020-2021 school year.

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STATEMENT

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17 Current law provides each board of education with the discretion
18 to annually determine the dates between which the schools of the
19 district will be open, in accordance with law. Current law does not
20 require schools to be closed on any particular holiday. This bill
21 prohibits a board of education from opening schools on November
22 11th of each school year, in observance of Veterans Day.

23 It is the sponsor's intent to ensure that New Jersey's young
24 citizens are taught to honor our veterans, who have so bravely
25 served our country and who did not hesitate to answer when their
26 nation called on them. Closing the schools on Veterans Day will
27 appropriately signal to students the importance of the holiday.