

SENATE, No. 2823

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Requires DOE to provide reimbursement of school district costs of providing protective face coverings and hand sanitizer for addressing transmission of COVID-19.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning protective face coverings and hand sanitizer in
2 public schools and supplementing chapter 40 of Title 18A of the
3 New Jersey 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. a. A board of education that determines to purchase
9 protective face coverings for students and hand sanitizer for each
10 school district classroom for the purpose of addressing the
11 transmission of the coronavirus disease 2019, may apply to the
12 Department of Education for reimbursement of the costs of the
13 purchase.

14 b. The Department of Education, in consultation with the
15 Department of Health, may establish guidelines concerning the
16 types of protective face coverings and hand sanitizer eligible for
17 reimbursement under this act.

18 c. Within 30 days of receipt of a school district's application
19 for reimbursement, the department shall reimburse the school
20 district for the costs of the protective face coverings and hand
21 sanitizer.

22 d. The reimbursement authorized under this section shall be
23 paid, as permitted by federal law, from a portion of those federal
24 funds allocated to the State from the federal "Coronavirus Relief
25 Fund," established pursuant to the federal "Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
26 and Economic Security Act," Pub.L.116-136.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be
29 retroactive to March 1, 2020.

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STATEMENT

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34 Under this bill, a board of education that determines to purchase
35 protective face coverings for students and hand sanitizer for each
36 school district classroom for the purpose of addressing the
37 transmission of the coronavirus disease 2019, may apply to the
38 Department of Education (DOE) for reimbursement of the costs of
39 the purchase.

40 The DOE, in consultation with the Department of Health, may
41 establish guidelines concerning the types of protective face
42 coverings and hand sanitizer that will be eligible for reimbursement
43 by the DOE. The DOE will reimburse the school district for the
44 costs of the protective face coverings and hand sanitizer within 30
45 days of receipt of a school district's application for reimbursement.

46 Under the bill, the DOE will reimburse school districts, as
47 permitted by federal law, from a portion of those federal funds
48 allocated to the State from the federal "Coronavirus Relief Fund,"
49 established pursuant to the federal "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
50 Economic Security Act."