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SYNOPSIS

Provides for postponement of New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum review for certain school districts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on December 7, 2020, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability
 2 Continuum and supplementing P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-3 et
 3 seq.).

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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. ¹(1)¹ Notwithstanding the provisions of section 11 of
 9 P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-11) or any other section of law to the
 10 contrary, the Department of Education shall postpone the
 11 comprehensive review under the New Jersey Quality Single
 12 Accountability Continuum ¹[until the 2021-2022 school year for]
 13 of¹ any school district that ¹[is required to undergo]¹:

14 ¹[(1)] (a) is required to undergo¹ a comprehensive review in the
 15 ¹[2019-2020] 2020-2021¹ school year ¹[, which review was not
 16 completed due to the COVID-19-related school closures]¹; ¹[or]
 17 and¹

18 ¹[(2)] a comprehensive review in the 2020-2021 school year] (b)
 19 was designated as a high performing district pursuant to section 14
 20 of P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-14) in the school district's most
 21 recent comprehensive review¹.

22 ¹(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the
 23 contrary, the Commissioner of Education shall permit a school
 24 district that is subject to the postponement of a comprehensive
 25 review under paragraph (1) of this subsection to undergo a
 26 comprehensive review in the 2020-2021 school year, upon request
 27 by the school district. A school district that undergoes a
 28 comprehensive review in the 2020-2021 school year pursuant to this
 29 paragraph shall undergo its next comprehensive review three years
 30 after the 2020-2021 school year.¹

31 b. If ¹the comprehensive review of¹ a school district is
 32 ¹[required to undergo a comprehensive review in the 2021-2022
 33 school year due to the postponement provided] postponed¹ under
 34 ¹paragraph (1) of¹ subsection a. of this section, then the school
 35 district shall undergo its next ¹[following]¹ comprehensive review
 36 three years after the school year in which its comprehensive review
 37 was originally scheduled to take place.

38 c. ¹[(The postponement of the comprehensive review for school
 39 districts under subsection a. of this subsection shall not disrupt the
 40 comprehensive review schedule for any other school district.

41 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the
 42 contrary, the Commissioner of Education may exempt a school
 43 district, upon request, from the postponement of the comprehensive

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 December 7, 2020.

1 review required pursuant to this section】 A school district that is
2 required to undergo a comprehensive review in the 2020-2021
3 school year and was not designated as a high performing district
4 pursuant to section 14 of P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-14) in the
5 school district's most recent comprehensive review shall undergo a
6 comprehensive review under the New Jersey Quality Single
7 Accountability Continuum in the 2020-2021 school year, except
8 that such a district may postpone its comprehensive review until the
9 2021-2022 school year if the district provides written notification to
10 the Commissioner of Education that it is not able to complete the
11 review due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

12 d. If a school district postpones its comprehensive review until
13 the 2021-2022 school year pursuant to subsection c. of this section,
14 then the school district shall undergo its next following
15 comprehensive review three years after the school year in which its
16 comprehensive review was originally scheduled to take place¹.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.