

SENATE, No. 4206

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Requires Department of Education to annually report use of federal COVID-19 relief funds.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the State use of federal education funding in
2 response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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. The Department of Education shall submit an annual report
8 by December 31 of each year to the Governor, and to the
9 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),
10 concerning the amount of grant funds received by the department
11 and distributed to school districts pursuant to the federal
12 “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act,”
13 Pub.L.116-136, the federal “Coronavirus Response and Relief
14 Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021” Pub.L. 116-260,
15 the federal “American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021,” Pub.L.117-
16 2, or any other federal funding made available to states to address
17 the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The department shall also
18 report the purposes for which grant funds were used by recipient
19 school districts. The department shall provide a final report
20 regarding the expenditure of federal grant funds received to address
21 the impact of COVID-19 on public education no later than six
22 months following the complete exhaustion of such funds by
23 recipient school districts.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
26 submission of the final report pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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29 STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires the Department of Education to submit an
32 annual report to the Governor and Legislature concerning the
33 amount of grant funds received by the department and distributed to
34 school districts pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
35 and Economic Security (CARES) Act,” Pub.L.116-136, the federal
36 “Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations
37 (CRRSA) Act, 2021” Pub.L. 116-260, the federal “American
38 Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021,” Pub.L.117-2, or any other federal
39 funding made available to states to address the impact of the
40 COVID-19 pandemic. The department would also be required to
41 report the purposes for which grant funds were used by recipient
42 school districts. The department would further be required to
43 submit a final report regarding the expenditure of federal grant
44 funds received to address the impact of COVID-19 on public
45 education no later than six months following the complete
46 exhaustion of funds by recipient school districts.