

[Second Reprint]

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, No. 588**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

ADOPTED JUNE 2, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator MICHAEL L. TESTA, JR.**

**District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY**

**District 27 (Essex and Morris)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Gopal, A.M.Bucco, Singer, Greenstein, Stanfield, O'Scanlon,**

**Assemblyman Conaway, Assemblywoman Jaffer, Assemblymen Caputo,**

**McClellan, Simonsen, Assemblywomen DeFuccio and Lopez**

**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DOE to develop New Jersey Student Learning Standards in information literacy.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee on October 17, 2022, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/27/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and  
2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3

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

6

7 1. a. As used in this act, the term “information literacy” means  
8 a set of skills that enables an individual to recognize when  
9 information is needed and to locate, evaluate, and use effectively  
10 the needed information. Information literacy includes, but is not  
11 limited to, digital, visual, media, textual, and technological literacy.

12 b. The State Board of Education shall adopt New Jersey  
13 Student Learning Standards in <sup>2</sup>[the separate content area of  
14 Information Literacy] information literacy<sup>2</sup>. The content <sup>2</sup>[area]<sup>2</sup>  
15 of <sup>2</sup>[Information Literacy] information literacy<sup>2</sup> shall include  
16 <sup>2</sup>[instruction on]<sup>2</sup>, at a minimum:

17 (1) the research process and how information is created and  
18 produced;

19 (2) critical thinking and using information resources;

20 (3) research methods, including the difference between primary  
21 and secondary sources;

22 (4) the difference between facts, points of view, and opinions;

23 (5) accessing peer-reviewed print and digital library resources;

24 (6) the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of  
25 information; and

26 (7) the ethical production of information.

27 <sup>2</sup>c. Each school district shall incorporate instruction on  
28 information literacy in an appropriate place in the curriculum of  
29 students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the district’s  
30 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The  
31 school library media specialist shall be included in the development  
32 of curriculum concerning information literacy whenever possible.<sup>2</sup>

33

34 2. The <sup>2</sup>[State board] Department of Education<sup>2</sup> shall convene  
35 a committee comprised of educators, the majority of which shall  
36 include certified school library media specialists, as well as  
37 <sup>1</sup>[teachers] teaching staff members<sup>1</sup> across a broad spectrum of  
38 subject areas, <sup>2</sup>[and Department of Education personnel]<sup>2</sup> to  
39 develop New Jersey Student Learning Standards in <sup>2</sup>[the separate  
40 content area of Information Literacy] information literacy<sup>2</sup>. The  
41 committee shall engage experts to review the standards it develops.

42

43 3. Prior to adopting New Jersey Student Learning Standards  
44 <sup>2</sup>[in the separate content area of Information Literacy] concerning

**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:**

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted September 22, 2022.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly AST committee amendments adopted October 17, 2022.

1 information literacy<sup>2</sup>, the State board shall conduct at least one  
2 public hearing in the northern part of the State, at least one public  
3 hearing in the central part of the State, and at least one public  
4 hearing in the <sup>1</sup>**【Southern】** southern<sup>1</sup> part of the State for the  
5 purpose of permitting the public to comment on the rigor, clarity,  
6 and reasonableness of the standards developed by the committee.

7  
8 4. This act shall take effect immediately. <sup>2</sup>The standards  
9 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection b.  
10 of section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
11 Legislature as this bill) shall occur concurrent with each update to  
12 the New Jersey Student Learning Standards required pursuant to  
13 section 4 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-46).<sup>2</sup>