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SYNOPSIS

Directs DOE to develop New Jersey Student Learning Standards in separate content area of Information Literacy.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Education Committee.



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1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and
2 supplementing 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. 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 the separate content area of
14 Information Literacy. The content area of Information Literacy
15 shall include instruction on, at a minimum:

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

18 (2) critical thinking and using information resources;

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

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

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

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

25 (7) the ethical production of information.

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27 2. The State board shall convene a committee comprised of
28 educators, the majority of which shall include certified school
29 library media specialists, as well as teachers across a broad
30 spectrum of subject areas, and Department of Education personnel
31 to develop New Jersey Student Learning Standards in the separate
32 content area of Information Literacy. The committee shall engage
33 experts to review the standards it develops.

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35 3. Prior to adopting New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
36 the separate content area of Information Literacy, the State board
37 shall conduct at least one public hearing in the northern part of the
38 State, at least one public hearing in the central part of the State, and
39 at least one public hearing in the Southern part of the State for the
40 purpose of permitting the public to comment on the rigor, clarity,
41 and reasonableness of the standards developed by the committee.

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43 4. This act shall take effect immediately.