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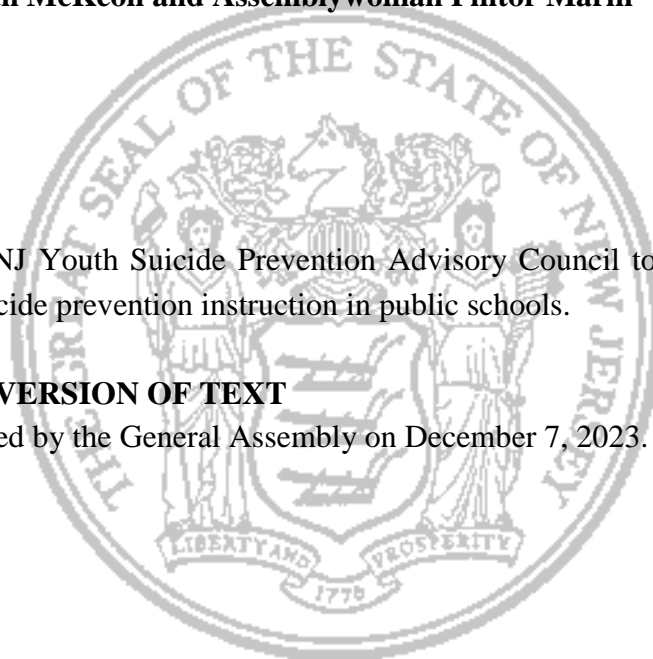
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the General Assembly on December 7, 2023.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2024)

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1 AN ACT requiring New Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory  
2 Council to prepare a report regarding suicide prevention  
3 instruction in public schools.

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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. The New Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council  
9 established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2003, c.214 (C.30:9A-25),  
10 shall prepare a report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public  
11 schools. <sup>1</sup>In preparing the report, the council may:

12 (1) consult with the Department of Health, the Department of  
13 Education, and the Department of Children and Families, as necessary;  
14 and

15 (2) request administrative and technical support from the  
16 Department of Children and Families.<sup>1</sup>

17 b. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

18 (1) identifying the suicide prevention instruction currently  
19 provided to public school teaching staff members and students  
20 pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of P.L.2005, c.310, s.2 (C.18A:6-112 and  
21 C.18A:6-113);

22 (2) reviewing the effectiveness and sufficiency of instruction in  
23 suicide prevention currently provided to public school teaching staff  
24 members and students;

25 (3) identifying any methods public schools may use to identify  
26 students who may be at risk for suicide or self-injury;

27 (4) identifying evidence-based and best practice programs in  
28 public schools for the prevention of youth suicide and self-injury,  
29 including a survey of programs being implemented in surrounding  
30 states;

31 (5) identifying opportunities to enhance access to mental health  
32 treatment in public schools; and

33 (6) findings and recommendations, including legislative and  
34 regulatory proposals.

35 c. <sup>2</sup>**[The]** In preparing the report, the<sup>2</sup> council shall <sup>2</sup>request  
36 data and information from the Department of Education, provided that  
37 any data and information forwarded shall be aggregated and shall not  
38 contain any student-identifying or confidential information. In the  
39 event that the department does not have the requested data and  
40 information, the department shall be required to request data and  
41 information from any school district that may have access to the  
42 information] <sup>3</sup>**[conduct]** develop<sup>3</sup> a survey to collect data from local  
43 education agencies, approved private schools for students with  
44 disabilities, and charter and renaissance school projects in the 2023-24

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>Senate SED committee amendments adopted February 23, 2023.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted November 30, 2023.

<sup>3</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted December 7, 2023.

1 school year to be delivered by the Department of Education<sup>2</sup>. The  
2 department shall aggregate the data and ensure any student-identifying  
3 or confidential information has been removed prior to transmitting to  
4 the council for use in the report.

5 d.<sup>1</sup> The report prepared pursuant to this section shall be transmitted  
6 to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of  
7 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than 12 months after the  
8 effective date of this act. <sup>2</sup>**[**If the report has not been transmitted to  
9 the Governor and to the Legislature, within 12 months after the  
10 effective date of this act, the chair of the New Jersey Youth Suicide  
11 Prevention Advisory Council, or a designee, shall appear before the  
12 Senate Legislative Oversight Committee or the Assembly Oversight,  
13 Reform, and Federal Relations Committee, or their successor reference  
14 committees, or other reference committee, at the direction of the  
15 presiding officer, to explain why the report has not been transmitted  
16 and to describe actions taken by the chair to transmit the report as soon  
17 as possible.<sup>1</sup>**]**<sup>2</sup>

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.