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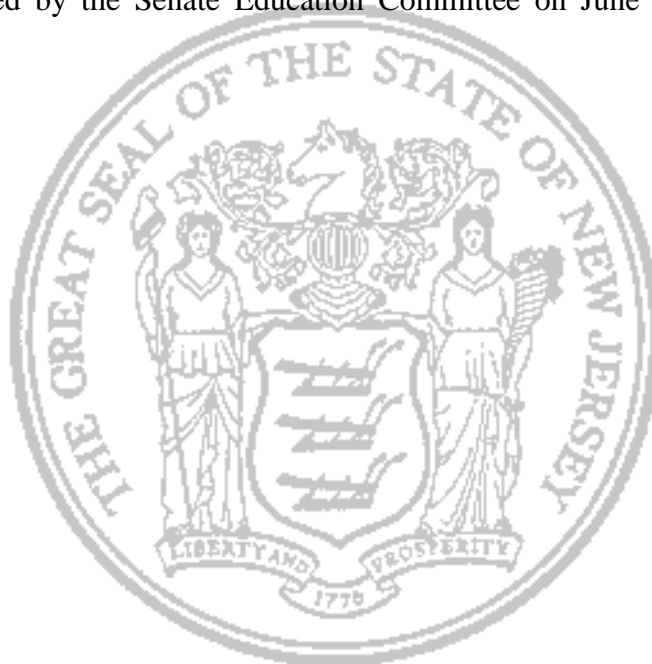
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SYNOPSIS

Requires public schools that offer student psychological services to offer remote sessions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on June 20, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning student psychological services and
2 supplementing chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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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. A school district¹, charter school, or renaissance school
9 project¹ that employs a school psychologist and offers in-person
10 school psychology services to students in grades kindergarten
11 through 12, or any combination thereof, shall permit students to
12 attend counseling sessions or meetings of any kind with the school
13 psychologist ¹for counseling purposes,¹ through virtual or remote
14 means¹, unless the school psychologist determines that in-person
15 counseling is in the best interest of the student¹.

16 b. Nothing in subsection a. of this section shall be construed to
17 prohibit any student from attending an in-person counseling session
18 or meeting with a school psychologist employed by the school
19 district¹, charter school, or renaissance school project¹.

20 c. As used in this section, “school psychologist” means a person
21 who holds a New Jersey standard educational services certificate
22 with a school psychologist endorsement.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
25 the first full school year after the date of enactment.

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 June 20, 2022.