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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to provide instruction on grief as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the provision of grief instruction in public
2 schools and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey 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 district shall include instruction on grief in an
9 appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades eight
10 through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the New
11 Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and
12 Physical Education.

13 b. The instruction shall include, at a minimum, information on:
14 (1) the physical, emotional, and behavioral symptoms of grief;
15 (2) coping mechanisms and techniques for handling grief and
16 loss; and
17 (3) resources available to students, including in-school support,
18 mental health crisis support, and individual and group therapy.

19 c. The Commissioner of Education shall provide school districts
20 with age-appropriate sample learning activities and resources
21 designed to implement the requirement established pursuant to
22 subsection a. of this section.

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

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires each school district to include instruction on
31 grief in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades
32 eight through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the New
33 Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and
34 Physical Education.

35 The instruction is to include information on the physical,
36 emotional, and behavioral symptoms of grief; coping mechanisms
37 and techniques for handling grief and loss; and resources available
38 to students, including in-school support, mental health crisis
39 support, and individual and group therapy.

40 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Education is required to
41 provide school districts with age-appropriate sample learning
42 activities and resources designed to implement the requirement to
43 include instruction on grief in the public school curriculum.