

SENATE, No. 3901

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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to award students high school graduation credits in health, safety, and physical education for completing county fire academy course under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning credit for graduation requirements and
2 supplementing chapter 35 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 district shall award a student who successfully
9 completes a course at a county fire academy with credit toward
10 meeting high school graduation requirements for health, safety, and
11 physical education established by statute or regulation, provided
12 that the student:

13 (1) is between the ages of 16 and 18 years old;

14 (2) completes an examination, as applicable, to become a junior
15 firefighter, or an equivalent position; and

16 (3) commits to volunteer at the fire department that serves the
17 municipality in which the student resides for a period of two years.

18 b. Nothing in this act shall be construed as fulfilling the
19 requirement to become a member of the Junior Firefighter's
20 Auxiliary established pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-96.

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

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires a school district to award a student who
29 successfully completes a course at a county fire academy with
30 credit toward meeting the high school graduation requirements for
31 health, safety, and physical education if the student meets certain
32 criteria. The student is required to: be between the ages of 16 and
33 18 years old; complete an examination, as applicable, to become a
34 junior firefighter, or equivalent; and commit to volunteer at the fire
35 department that serves the municipality in which the student resides
36 for a period of two years.