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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits students to be eligible for high school graduation credits in health, safety, and physical education for completing county fire academy course under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on November 27, 2023, with amendments.



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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 <sup>1</sup>**school district shall award a**<sup>1</sup> student who successfully  
9 completes a course at a county fire academy <sup>1</sup>**with** shall be eligible  
10 to receive<sup>1</sup> credit toward meeting high school graduation requirements  
11 for health, safety, and physical education <sup>1</sup>**established by statute or**  
12 **regulation** in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:8-5.1<sup>1</sup>, provided that the  
13 student:

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

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

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

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

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
24 the first full school year following 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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted November 27, 2023.