

ASSEMBLY, No. 4059

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 14, 2024

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblyman STERLEY S. STANLEY

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblywoman ANDREA KATZ

District 8 (Atlantic and Burlington)

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

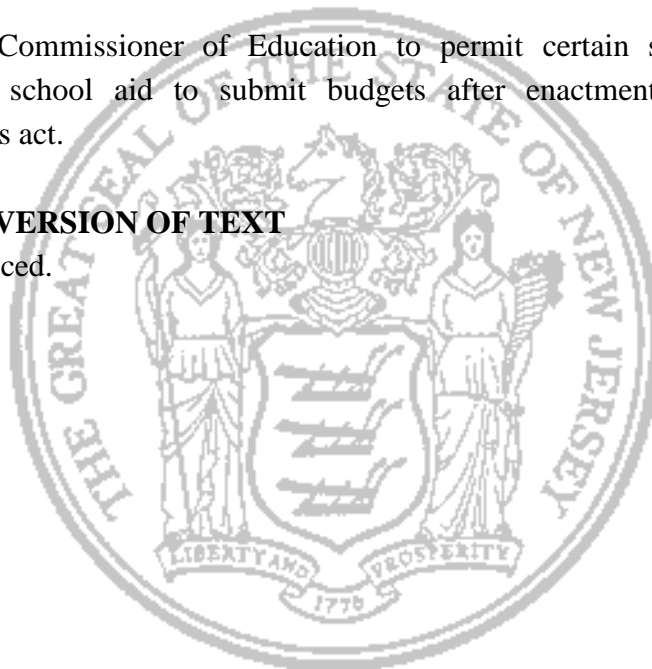
Assemblymen Simonsen, McClellan, Assemblywoman Bagolie, Assemblyman Moen, Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson, Assemblymen Freiman, Conaway, Wimberly, Assemblywomen Speight, Peterpaul, Donlon, Carter, Senators Diegnan, Singleton, McKnight and Cryan

SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Education to permit certain school districts losing State school aid to submit budgets after enactment of FY 2025 appropriations act.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/13/2024)

1 AN ACT concerning budget submissions for certain school districts.

2

3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

5

6 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
7 regulation to the contrary, the Commissioner of Education shall, for
8 the 2024-2025 school year only, permit a school district, which is
9 proposed to experience a State school aid reduction according to the
10 State aid notice for the 2024-2025 school year distributed to school
11 districts in March 2024, to first submit its budget to the
12 commissioner no later than five days following the enactment of the
13 appropriations act for the State fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,
14 provided, however, that the reduction to be experienced by the
15 school district is greater than the total amount of the district's
16 unused tax authority determined pursuant to subsection e. of section
17 4 of P.L.2007, c.62 (C.18A:7F-39). The commissioner is
18 authorized to make any adjustments to the school budget calendar
19 that are necessary to conform with the provisions of this section,
20 which adjustments shall include a compressed schedule by which a
21 school district can enact its budget.

22

23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

24

25

26

STATEMENT

27

28 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to permit
29 certain school districts losing State school aid to submit budgets
30 after enactment of the State fiscal year 2025 appropriations act.
31 The commissioner is authorized under the bill to make any
32 adjustments to the school budget calendar that are necessary to
33 conform with the provisions of the bill, which adjustments include a
34 compressed schedule by which a school district can enact its
35 budget.

36 The bill would apply to school districts, which are proposed to
37 receive a State school aid reduction and are experiencing a
38 reduction that is greater than the total amount of the district's
39 unused tax authority permitted under current law. This unused tax
40 authority is often referred to as "banked cap." Under current law, a
41 school district may add to its adjusted tax levy in any one of the
42 next three succeeding budget years, the amount of the difference
43 between the maximum allowable amount to be raised by taxation
44 for the current school budget year and the actual amount to be
45 raised by taxation for the current school budget year.