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C.18A:40-12.40
and 18A:40-12.41
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Note

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 247, *approved January 12, 2026*
Assembly, No. 4763 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning water safety information for parents and
2 guardians and supplementing chapter 40 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. The ²**[Commissioner of Education]** Department of Children
9 and Families² shall develop an educational fact sheet on water safety.
10 The fact sheet shall include², at a minimum,² information on:
11 (1) how parents and guardians can reduce their child’s risk of
12 injury or drowning while in, on, and around bodies of water;
13 (2) the ²**[role]** value² of water safety education courses and ²the
14 role² swimming lessons play in preventing incidents of injury or
15 drowning;
16 (3) the ²**[proper]** recommended² use of flotation devices; and
17 (4) the importance of monitoring water conditions and swimming
18 in areas monitored by a lifeguard.
19 b. In developing the fact sheet, the ²**[commissioner]** Department
20 of Children and Families² shall consult with, ²**[and]** or² utilize
21 resources produced by, water safety organizations including, but not
22 limited to, the American Red Cross and the New Jersey Swim Safety
23 Alliance.
24 c. The ²**[commissioner]** Department of Education² shall make the
25 educational fact sheet available to all school districts and nonpublic
26 schools.
27 d. A school district shall annually distribute the fact sheet to
28 parents and guardians in a manner prescribed by the ²**[commissioner]**
29 Department of Education². A nonpublic school is encouraged, but not
30 required, to distribute the fact sheet to parents and guardians in a
31 manner determined by the nonpublic school.
32 e. As used in this section, “water safety” means safety in, on, and
33 around bodies of water to reduce the risk of injury or drowning.

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:
¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted May 8, 2025.
²Senate floor amendments adopted December 18, 2025.

1 2. ¹~~["A school district"]~~ ²~~["The Department of Education"]~~ A
2 ~~school district~~² shall ²~~["develop~~ ¹~~and make available"]~~ ~~publish~~² on its
3 ~~Internet website~~¹ a list of ¹~~["local"]~~¹ locations ²~~["~~ ¹~~, organized by~~
4 ~~county,~~¹² where swimming lessons and age-appropriate water safety
5 courses providing instruction to promote safety in, on, and around
6 bodies of water to reduce the risk of injury and drowning are offered,
7 including lessons and courses that are offered for free or reduced
8 prices. ²~~The list shall be comprised of locations that have voluntarily~~
9 ~~requested to be included in the list.~~² The list shall be made available
10 ¹~~["on the Internet website of the district"]~~ ~~to school districts~~¹ and shall
11 be updated annually. ¹~~Each school district shall provide access to the~~
12 ~~list on its Internet website.~~¹

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14 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day next following the
15 date of enactment.

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20 Requires development of educational fact sheet on water safety
21 for public and nonpublic schools; requires school districts to
22 maintain list of locations providing swim lessons in certain
23 circumstances.