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C.18A:35-4.53
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Note

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 284, *approved January 19, 2026*
Senate Committee Substitute (*First Reprint*)
for Senate, Nos. 1783 and 2712

1 AN ACT concerning instruction on cursive handwriting in the public
2 school curriculum and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of
3 the New 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 school district shall incorporate instruction on cursive
9 handwriting into the curriculum for students in grades
10 '1[**kindergarten**] three' through five. The curriculum shall include
11 activities and instructional materials that help students become
12 proficient in reading cursive and '1legibly' writing in cursive
13 '1[**legibly**]' by the end of grade '1[**three**] five'.

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

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21 Requires instruction on cursive handwriting in public school
22 curriculum for grades three through five.

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 8, 2026.