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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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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.



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1 AN ACT concerning budget submissions for certain school districts.

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

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

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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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.

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