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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

222nd LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ERIK PETERSON

District 23 (Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren)

SYNOPSIS

Requires nonpublic school to forward student discipline records of students who transfer to public school.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain nonpublic school student records and
2 supplementing chapter 36 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. As used in this section, “nonpublic school” means an
9 elementary or secondary school within the State, other than a public
10 school, offering education for grades kindergarten through 12, or
11 any combination of them, wherein any child may legally fulfill
12 compulsory school attendance requirements and which complies
13 with the requirements of Title VI of the “Civil Rights Act of 1964,”
14 Pub.L.88-352 (42 U.S.C. s.2000d et seq.).

15 b. (1) In the event that a student enrolled in a nonpublic school
16 transfers to a public school, the chief school administrator of the
17 nonpublic school shall, upon the written request of the school
18 district to which the student is transferring, provide to the district,
19 within 14 calendar days of the district’s request, all information in
20 the student’s record related to disciplinary action taken against the
21 student by the nonpublic school. The nonpublic school shall also
22 notify the district, in writing, if it has obtained any information
23 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1982, c.79 (C.2A:4A-60) or section 1
24 of P.L.2009, c.157 (C.2C:43-5.1) within 14 calendar days of the
25 district’s written request. If the school district does not receive
26 those records, it shall use every available means to obtain the
27 records.

28 (2) Written consent of the parent or adult student shall not be
29 required as a condition of receipt of the information required to be
30 provided pursuant to this section; however, written notice of the
31 transfer shall be provided by the nonpublic school to the parent or
32 adult student.

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires a nonpublic school to forward to a school
40 district the student disciplinary records of a nonpublic school
41 student who transfers to the school district.

42 Under the bill, when a student enrolled in a nonpublic school
43 transfers to a public school, upon the written request of the school
44 district, the nonpublic school is to provide to the district, within 14
45 calendar days of the district’s request, all information in the
46 student’s record related to disciplinary action taken against the
47 student by the nonpublic school. The nonpublic school is also
48 required to notify, within 14 calendar days of the school district’s

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1 written request, the district of any information the nonpublic school
2 may have received from a court or a law enforcement or
3 prosecuting agency in regard to any offense with which the student
4 may have been charged. The provision of this information by
5 courts and law enforcement agencies to school principals is
6 authorized under existing law.

7 Current law establishes a procedure for the transfer of student
8 records, including student disciplinary records, of a public school
9 student who transfers to another school district. This bill
10 establishes a similar procedure for the transfer of student
11 disciplinary records when a nonpublic school student transfers to a
12 public school.