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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Board of Education meetings to be accessible virtually and in person.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning State Board of Education meetings and
2 amending N.J.S.18A:4-7.

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

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7 1. N.J.S.18A:4-7 is amended to read as follows:

8 18A:4-7. The **[state board]** State Board of Education shall hold
9 public meetings at least once in each month at such times as its
10 rules may prescribe and at such other times and such places within
11 the **[state]** State as in its judgment may be necessary, but no
12 meeting shall commence later than eight P.M.

13 All public meetings of the State Board of Education, including
14 any portion of a public meeting designated for public comment,
15 shall be accessible to the public both in person and virtually. A link
16 for virtual access to the meeting shall be publicly available on the
17 State Board of Education's Internet website. For any public meeting
18 in which the State Board of Education accepts public comment,
19 members of the public shall be permitted to make comments by
20 means of remote communication.

21 (cf: N.J.S.18A:4-7)

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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 all public meetings of the State Board of
29 Education to be accessible to the public both in person and
30 virtually. The bill also requires that a link providing virtual access
31 to meetings be publicly available on the State Board of Education's
32 website. Finally, for any meeting in which the State Board of
33 Education accepts public comment, the bill stipulates that members
34 of the public will be able to provide comments by means of remote
35 communication.

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.