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SYNOPSIS

Allows parent or guardian to exclude student from administration of certain assessments.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT concerning the administration of certain assessments and supplementing chapter 7C of Title 18A of the New

Jersey Statutes.

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

1. As used in this act, “PARCC assessment” means the assessments developed by the consortium of states known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.

2. a. No later than the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, each school district or charter school shall establish a procedure for a parent or guardian of a public school student to provide written notification that the student will not participate in the administration of a PARCC assessment. To facilitate the parent or guardian’s decision, the school district or charter school shall, no later than September 30 of each school year, provide to the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the district or charter school information regarding any PARCC assessment that is scheduled to be administered to the student in that school year. The information shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) the subject area of the assessment and the grade levels covered by the standardized assessment;
- (2) the date or dates on which the assessment will be administered; and
- (3) the manner in which the assessment results will be used, including if the results may be used for placement in gifted and talented programs, placement in other programs or interventions, grade promotion, graduation, or any other district or school decision affecting students.

The Commissioner of Education shall provide each school district and charter school with a template of the information to be provided pursuant to this subsection.

b. A parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a school district or charter school shall provide written notification no later than 14 days prior to the administration of a PARCC assessment stating that the PARCC assessment is not to be administered to the student.

3. In the case of a student who does not participate in the administration of a PARCC assessment pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of this act, a school district or charter school shall provide educationally appropriate alternative activities during the time in which the assessment is being administered. Any alternative activity shall not occur in the same room in which the assessment is being administered.

4. Nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt a student from the graduation requirements established pursuant to P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-1 et seq.).

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill allows a parent or guardian of a student to provide written notification to a school district or charter school that the student will not participate in the administration of an assessment developed by the consortium of states known

as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC assessments). No later than September 30 of each school year, a district or charter school shall provide information to parents and guardians regarding the PARCC assessments that will be administered during the school year. The parent or guardian would be required to provide written notification no later than 14 days before the administration of a PARCC assessment that the assessment is not to be administered to the student.

A school district or charter school would be required to provide educationally appropriate alternative activities for a student who, under the bill, is not participating in the administration of a PARCC assessment. Any such alternative activity must occur in a room other than the room in which the assessment is being administered.

Nothing in the bill is to be construed to exempt a student from any high school graduation requirement established under current law.