

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4271

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires public school students in certain grades to receive instruction concerning opioid abuse and training in administration of opioid antidotes.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning public school instructional programs on opioid  
2 abuse and supplementing P.L.1987, c.389 (C.18A:40A-1 et seq.).  
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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. a. The instructional programs required under section 1 of  
8 P.L.1987, c.389 (C.18A:40A-1) shall include for students in grades  
9 seven through 12, instruction concerning the use and misuse of  
10 opioid drugs, the dangers of opioid abuse, the connection between  
11 prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs such as  
12 heroin, and opioid abuse prevention.

13 b. The instruction under subsection a. of this section shall  
14 include a component on providing appropriate assistance to an  
15 overdose victim, including: information on recognizing the signs of  
16 an opioid overdose; the importance of calling 911 for assistance;  
17 and training in how to administer an opioid antidote, such as  
18 naloxone hydrochloride, to an overdose victim in an emergency.  
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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
21 the first full school year following the date of enactment.  
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24 STATEMENT  
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26 Current law, P.L.1987, c.389 (C.18A:40A-1 et seq.), requires  
27 public schools to provide age-appropriate instructional programs on  
28 drugs, alcohol, anabolic steroids, tobacco, and controlled dangerous  
29 substances in each grade from kindergarten through 12. This bill  
30 would require that the instructional programs for grades seven  
31 through 12 include instruction concerning the use and misuse of  
32 opioid drugs, the dangers of opioid abuse, the connection between  
33 prescription opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs such as  
34 heroin, and opioid abuse prevention. Under the bill, the instruction  
35 will also include a component on providing appropriate assistance  
36 to an overdose victim, including information on recognizing the  
37 signs of an opioid overdose and the importance of calling 911 for  
38 assistance. Students would also be provided with training in how to  
39 administer an opioid antidote, such as naloxone hydrochloride, to an  
40 overdose victim in an emergency.