

CHAPTER 62

AN ACT concerning information for parents of children who receive special education services and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:46-7.2 DOE to disseminate information on adult services to parents of special education recipients.

1. The Department of Education shall include in its "Parental Rights in Special Education" booklet that is available to parents of children who receive special education services, information describing services available through, and contact information for, State agencies serving persons with disabilities. The booklet shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding the following State agencies serving persons with disabilities: the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; the Divisions of Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health Services, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Disability Services in the Department of Human Services; and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the Department of Human Services.

C.18A:46-7.3 Designation of disability services resource in high school for parents.

2. The Department of Education shall require that, beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, all school districts with grades nine through 12 designate at least one staff member to serve as a disability services resource for parents. The designated staff member shall be able to demonstrate competency in the various services available through State agencies that serve persons with disabilities, and shall provide information to parents about how to access the services and assistance to parents in contacting the appropriate State agency. The district shall conduct outreach activities to ensure that the parents of children who receive special education services in the district, and local community disability organizations and service providers, are made aware of the name and contact information of the designated staff member.

3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after enactment.

Approved August 2, 2006.