

CHAPTER 10

AN ACT concerning administration of certain tests on days of religious observance and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:3B-37 Alternate opportunity to take test, examination for student due to religious observance.

1. An institution of higher education shall provide any student who, for reason of a religious observance, cannot attend a test or examination at its regular administration with an alternative opportunity to take an equivalent test or examination. The alternative opportunity shall be offered as soon after or before the regular administration of the test as is possible, and at comparable times, places, and costs. The institution may request that the student provide a written explanation of the religious conflict signed by a clergyman of the student's place of worship.

C.18A:3B-38 "Standardized test" defined; alternate administration of tests offered.

2. a. As used in this section:

"Standardized test" means any test that is given in the State at the expense of the test subject and designed for use and used in the process of selection for postsecondary or professional school admissions. The tests shall include, but are not limited to, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, Scholastic Aptitude Test, ACT Assessment, Graduate Record Examination, Medical College Admission Test, Law School Admission Test, Dental Admission Test, Graduate Management Admission Test, Miller Analogies Test, and the Test of Standard Written English.

b. When regular administrations of standardized tests are given on days of religious observance which prevent attendance by test subjects at the regular administrations, alternative administrations shall be offered with the same frequency as regular administrations as soon after or before as is possible, at comparable times, places, and costs. The test agency may request that the test subject provide a written explanation of the religious conflict signed by a clergyman of the test subject's place of worship.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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