

ASSEMBLY TOURISM, GAMING AND THE ARTS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 5308

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Tourism, Gaming and the Arts Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5308.

This bill requires each school district that include grades nine through 12, or any combination thereof, to incorporate instruction on the potential risks of compulsive gambling into the curriculum for students as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. Instruction will include information on the dangers of gambling addiction; taking risks with personal finances or personal assets; and probability versus predictability. The Commissioner of Education will provide school districts with sample learning activities and resources designed to address the potential risks of compulsive gambling. The Commissioner of Education is also required to develop a training module on compulsive gambling for high school teachers to help local school districts in fulfilling the requirements of integrating the risks of compulsive gambling as part of the required gambling instruction.

The committee amended the bill to postpone the application of these requirements until the school year following the next core curriculum review and update performed by the State Board of Education.