

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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SENATE, No. 3330

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Education committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3330 (1R).

This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education pertaining to grief. The bill also requires each school district to include instruction on grief in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades eight through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

The instruction is to include information on the physical, emotional, and behavioral symptoms of grief; coping mechanisms and techniques for handling grief and loss; and resources available to students, including in-school support, mental health crisis support, and individual and group therapy.

Under the amended bill, the Commissioner of Education is required to provide school districts with age-appropriate resources concerning grief.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3330 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 5015, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.