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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to pre and post test
reporting requirements and test site registration and sign in

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 340 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 813 of the laws of 1980, is amended and five new
3 subdivisions 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are added to read as follows:
4 3. "Test subject" means an individual to whom a test is administered
5 OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS REGISTERED TO TAKE A TEST.
6 10. "HOME HIGH SCHOOL" MEANS THE HIGH SCHOOL AT WHICH A TEST SUBJECT
7 IS OR WAS A MATRICULATED STUDENT AT THE TIME OF TESTING.
8 11. "TESTING SITE" MEANS ANY LOCATION WHERE A STANDARDIZED TEST IS
9 ADMINISTERED TO A TEST SUBJECT.
10 12. "TEST SITE PERSONNEL" MEANS A PERSON PRESENT AT A TESTING SITE WHO
11 SIGNS IN TEST SUBJECTS WHO ARE REGISTERED TO TAKE THE TEST AT THAT SITE
12 AND WHO OVERSEES THE ADMINISTRATION OF A STANDARDIZED TEST. FOR PURPOSES
13 OF THIS DEFINITION, TESTING SITE PERSONNEL MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE
14 LIMITED TO, A PROCTOR, TEST CENTER SUPERVISOR, ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OR A
15 ROOM PROCTOR. EACH MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT ROLE IN TEST ADMINISTRATION
16 OVERSIGHT.
17 13. "ACCEPTABLE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION" MEANS A SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION
18 CARD, A SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION FORM PREPARED BY THE HOME HIGH SCHOOL, A
19 STATE-ISSUED DRIVER'S LICENSE, A STATE-ISSUED NON-DRIVER'S LICENSE, A
20 PASSPORT, A MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD OR A GOVERNMENT ISSUED IDEN-
21 TIFICATION CARD. THE PHOTOGRAPH ON ANY SUCH IDENTIFICATION CARD MUST BE
22 A CURRENT REPRESENTATION OF THE TEST TAKER'S IMAGE.
23 14. "PHOTO ADMISSION TICKET" MEANS A TICKET ASSIGNED TO A TEST REGIS-
24 TRANT, UPON REGISTERING TO TAKE THE ACT ASSESSMENT (ACT) OR THE SAT

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 WHICH IS PRODUCED BY THE TEST AGENCY ACCORDING TO SUCH AGENCY'S RULES,
2 REGULATIONS OR PROTOCOLS.

3 S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 344-d to
4 read as follows:

5 S 344-D. PRE AND POST TEST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TESTING SITE
6 REGISTRATION AND SIGN IN REQUIREMENTS. 1. THIS SECTION SHALL ONLY APPLY
7 TO UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAMS SUCH AS THE SAT OR THE ACT
8 ASSESSMENT (ACT).

9 2. (A) UPON REGISTERING TO SIT FOR THE SAT OR ACT A TEST SUBJECT SHALL
10 REPORT TO THEIR HOME HIGH SCHOOL THE TESTING SITE AT WHICH THEY ARE
11 REGISTERED TO TAKE THE EXAM;

12 (B) UPON COMPLETION OF THE EXAM AND RECEIPT OF THEIR SCORE, THE TEST
13 SUBJECT MUST REPORT SUCH SCORE TO THEIR HOME HIGH SCHOOL.

14 3. IN ORDER FOR A TEST SUBJECT TO SIT FOR SAT OR ACT THE TEST SUBJECT
15 UPON SIGN IN, MUST PROVIDE TO THE APPROPRIATE TEST SITE PERSONNEL AT THE
16 TESTING SITE, THE FOLLOWING:

17 (A) IF A TEST SUBJECT IS REGISTERED TO TAKE AND IS TAKING THE TEST AT
18 THEIR HOME HIGH SCHOOL OR IF THE TEST SUBJECT IS REGISTERED TO TAKE THE
19 EXAM AND IS TAKING THE EXAM AT A SITE THAT IS NOT THE TEST SUBJECT'S
20 HOME HIGH SCHOOL, THE TEST SUBJECT MUST PROVIDE ONE FORM OF ACCEPTABLE
21 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AND A PHOTO ADMISSION TICKET.

22 (B) A TEST SUBJECT MUST PRE-REGISTER TO TAKE THE EXAM AND MUST TAKE
23 THE EXAM AT THE TESTING SITE AT WHICH THEY ARE REGISTERED. WALK-INS TO A
24 DIFFERENT SITE SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SIT FOR THE EXAM.

25 4. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT ANY OTHER TEST
26 DAY OR POST TEST DAY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY THE TEST AGEN-
27 CY.

28 S 3. Reporting. The test agencies administering the SAT and ACT shall
29 report to the higher education committees in the senate and the assembly
30 one year from the effective date of this act. Any further reports shall
31 be given upon request of either committee chair, after a reasonable time
32 has been given for such test agencies to compile such report. Such
33 report shall include but not be limited to:

34 (a) a review of current security procedures;

35 (b) the number of cases of suspected test score irregularity;

36 (c) the number of canceled test scores per year and the number of
37 cases referred to the proper authorities; and

38 (d) a review of test site personnel training procedures.

39 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
40 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.