

# **PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR POLICY**

## **IN NEW JERSEY....IT'S THE LAW!**

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on May 5, 2005, with amendments.

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**An Act** concerning protective eyewear for certain children and supplementing Title 5 of the Revised Statutes.

**Be It Enacted** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Any child who wears corrective eyeglasses while participating in racquetball, squash, tennis, women's lacrosse, basketball, women's field hockey, badminton, paddleball, soccer, volleyball, baseball or softball, sponsored by a school, community or government agency, shall be required to wear protective eyewear that meets the frames 1 (and lens) 1 standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F803 1 and lens standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.11.
2. The New Jersey Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, established under P.L. 1999, c.265 (C.26;1A-37.5 et seq.) is authorized to provide grants to assist low-income families in purchasing the protective eyewear. As used in this section, a "low income family" means a family which qualifies for low-income housing under the standards promulgated by the Council on Affordable Housing pursuant to the "Fair Housing Act", P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et 1(seq.) al.1).
3. No school, community or government agency engaged in organizing, teaching, refereeing or coaching a sports activity described in section 1 of this act shall be liable in a civil action for failure to administer or enforce the provisions of this act.
4. This act shall take effect six months after the date of enactment.