Notice of Adoption Regarding Proposed New Rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:26B, School Facility Bond Issuance Without Voter Approval Rules

The following is an accessible version of the notice of adoption regarding the proposed new rules at N.J.A.C. 6A:26B. The notice contains one section, which is the <u>comment and response form</u>.

Education

Commissioner of Education

School Facility Bond Issuance Without Voter Approval

Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 6A:26B

Proposed: July 7, 2025, at 57 N.J.R. 1360(a).

Adopted: October 14, 2025, by Kevin Dehmer, Commissioner, Department of Education.

Filed: October 14, 2025, as R.2025 d.140, without change.

Authority: P.L. 2023, c. 311 and P.L. 2024, c. 79.

Effective Date: November 17, 2025.

Expiration Date: November 17, 2032.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

The following is a summary of the comments received from members of the public and the Department of Education's (Department) responses. Each commenter is identified at the end of the comment by a number that corresponds to the following list:

- 1. Elisabeth Yucis, Associate Director, Professional Development and Instructional Issues Division, New Jersey Education Association
- 2. Jean Publiee
- 1. Comment: The commenter supported proposed new N.J.A.C. 6A:26B, School Facility Bond Issuance Without Voter Approval. (1)

Response: The Department appreciates the support.

2. Comment: The commenter disagreed with allowing district boards of education to issue bonds without voter approval, as proposed at N.J.A.C. 6A:26B. In support of this position, the commenter stated that the United States was established based on the desire of people wanting to form a government and claimed that citizens currently are disrespected because their votes

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are not counted. The commenter also stated that a vote by citizens needs to be part of any spending process. The commenter also contended that politicians are corrupt and establish large salaries for themselves, rather than allowing citizens to vote on spending. The commenter further contended that overspending on education is a result of immigrants who do not have documentation and that taxpaying citizens receive no relief. (2)

Response: P.L. 2023, c. 311 § 7, as amended by Section 2 at P.L. 2024, c. 79, authorizes district boards of education to issue bonds without voter approval to finance school facilities

18A:7G-15.1a. The remainder of the commenter's statement does not address the rulemaking.

projects provided, that the district board of education meets the requirements at N.J.S.A.

Federal Standards Statement

The adopted new rules are not inconsistent with, and do not exceed, Federal requirements or standards, as there are no Federal standards or requirements applicable to the new rules.

Full text of the adopted new rules follows:

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