

**§1578-B. Tobacco use in elementary and secondary schools prohibited**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Elementary or secondary school" means any public elementary or secondary school approved in accordance with Title 20-A, chapter 206, subchapter I. [PL 1987, c. 687 (NEW).]

B. "Principal" has the same meaning as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 21. [PL 1987, c. 687 (NEW).]

C. [PL 2019, c. 61, §1 (RP).]

D. "Tobacco use" means:

(1) Smoking as defined in section 1541, subsection 6; and

(2) Carrying or having in one's possession a tobacco product as defined in section 1551, subsection 3. [PL 2019, c. 61, §2 (RPR).]

[PL 2019, c. 61, §§1, 2 (AMD).]

**2. Prohibition.** A person may not engage in tobacco use in the buildings or on the grounds of any elementary or secondary school, on a school bus or at any school-sponsored event at any time.

[PL 2019, c. 61, §3 (RPR).]

**3. Exceptions.**

[PL 2019, c. 61, §4 (RP).]

**4. Employees.**

[PL 2007, c. 156, §3 (RP).]

**5. Public.**

[PL 2007, c. 156, §4 (RP).]

**6. Enforcement.** The principal of the elementary or secondary school, or the principal's designee, shall enforce the law prohibiting and restricting tobacco use under this section.

[PL 1987, c. 687 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1987, c. 687 (NEW). PL 1993, c. 342, §4 (AMD). PL 1993, c. 342, §9 (AFF). PL 2007, c. 156, §§2-4 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 61, §§1-4 (AMD).

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