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An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

CHAPTER 13
ACTS OF 2010

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
MAY 11, 2010**

The Honourable Marilyn More
Minister of Education

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of the Acts of 1995-96,
the Education Act**

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 Sections 89 and 89A of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the *Education Act*, are repealed and the following Section substituted:

89 (1) Subject to Section 90, a school board may not permanently close a public school except in accordance with the school review process outlined in this Section and the regulations.

(2) A school board shall identify a public school for review in accordance with the regulations.

(3) Upon identifying a public school for review, the school board shall prepare and make available to the public a report in accordance with the regulations.

(4) After the report has been made public, the school board shall, in accordance with the regulations, establish a study committee to review and respond to the report.

(5) Following its receipt of a response from the study committee, the school board shall

(a) make public the study committee response; and

(b) hold a public hearing which shall include public consultations;

in accordance with the regulations.

(6) Following its compliance with the procedure outlined in this Section, the school board may permanently close a public school.

2 Subsection 145(1) of Chapter 1, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2002, Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2007, and Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2008, is further amended by

**(a) striking out “89A” in the second line of clause (o) and substituting “89”;
and**

(b) adding immediately after clause (o) the following clause:

(oa) respecting exceptions to the requirements for the review of public schools to be considered for permanent closing;
