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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits State Board of Education from limiting number of certain two-year college credits that may be applied towards meeting teacher certification requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification and supplementing chapter
2 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The State Board of Education shall not adopt any regulation
8 or policy which restricts the number of semester-hour credits earned
9 in the field of professional education at a regionally accredited two-
10 year college that may be accepted toward meeting the requirements
11 for teacher certification, provided that the credits are accepted by a
12 State-approved college professional education preparation program.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the
20 number of professional education credits earned at a regionally
21 accredited two-year college that may be applied towards meeting the
22 requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits are
23 accepted by a State-approved college professional education
24 preparation program.

25 Current State board regulations provide that, for most candidates
26 for teacher certification, no more than six credits earned in the field
27 of professional education at a regionally accredited two-year
28 college can be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher
29 certification. As a result, a student who has completed more than
30 six credits in the field of professional education at a regionally
31 accredited two-year college prior to his enrollment in a bachelor's
32 degree program at a four-year institution of higher education will
33 have to repeat some of his coursework, resulting in increased
34 education costs and a delay in program completion. It is the
35 sponsor's belief that the current State board regulations in this area
36 pose an impediment to the full implementation of P.L.2007, c.175,
37 which seeks to foster a seamless transfer process and the academic
38 success of transfer students at senior institutions of higher
39 education.