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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires candidates for certain teaching certificates to pass written test on foundations of teaching reading and diagnosing reading difficulties.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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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. a. Effective January 1, 2019, in addition to any other  
8 requirements set forth by the State Board of Education, a candidate  
9 for an instructional certificate with a preschool through grade three  
10 endorsement, an instructional certificate with an elementary school  
11 endorsement, or an educational services certificate with a reading  
12 specialist endorsement shall pass a written test which includes, at a  
13 minimum, the following topics: the foundations of teaching reading;  
14 the basic rules of phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics of  
15 the English language; the diagnosis of reading difficulties; the  
16 development of reading comprehension; and reading assessment.

17 b. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant  
18 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-  
19 1 et seq.), to effectuate the provisions of this act, including any  
20 regulations specifying additional topics deemed appropriate for  
21 inclusion on the written test required pursuant to subsection a. of  
22 this section.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill would require, effective January 1, 2019, that  
30 candidates for a preschool through grade three endorsement, an  
31 elementary school endorsement, or a reading specialist  
32 endorsement, pass a written test which includes, at a minimum, the  
33 following topics: the foundations of teaching reading; the basic  
34 rules of phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics of the  
35 English language; the diagnosis of reading difficulties; the  
36 development of reading comprehension; and reading assessment.  
37 This written test requirement would be in addition to any other  
38 requirements established by the State Board of Education for receipt  
39 of these endorsements.