

P.L.2017, CHAPTER 70, *approved May 11, 2017*  
Assembly, No. 1256 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning school nurse certification and supplementing  
2 chapter 40 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. State Board of Education regulations prescribing the  
8 requirements for eligibility for an educational services certificate with  
9 a school nurse endorsement shall, at a minimum, require that a  
10 candidate for the endorsement:

11 a. is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to the provisions of  
12 P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.);

13 b. holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college  
14 or university;

15 c. completes either a Department of Education-approved college  
16 curriculum for the preparation of school nurses or a program of  
17 studies, with a minimum of <sup>1</sup>**[30]** 21<sup>1</sup> semester hour credits, that  
18 includes study in <sup>1</sup>the fundamentals of substance abuse and  
19 dependency and such other<sup>1</sup> subject areas <sup>1</sup>as<sup>1</sup> determined by the State  
20 board <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and clinical experience in a school nurse office; and

21 d. completes a college-supervised school nurse practicum  
22 experience, a portion of which shall be completed in a school nurse  
23 office and a portion of which shall be completed in a classroom. The  
24 practicum experience may count toward the minimum <sup>1</sup>**[30]** 21<sup>1</sup>  
25 semester hour credit requirement.

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27 2. State Board of Education regulations prescribing the  
28 requirements for eligibility for an educational services certificate with  
29 a school nurse/non-instructional endorsement shall, at a minimum,  
30 require that a candidate for the endorsement:

31 a. is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to the provisions of  
32 P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.);

33 b. holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college  
34 or university; and

35 c. completes either a Department of Education-approved college  
36 curriculum for the preparation of school nurses or a program of  
37 studies, with a minimum of <sup>1</sup>**[21]** 15<sup>1</sup> semester hour credits, that  
38 includes study in <sup>1</sup>the fundamentals of substance abuse and

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted June 27, 2016.

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1 dependency and such other<sup>1</sup> subject areas as<sup>1</sup> determined by the State  
2 board <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and clinical experience in a school nurse office.

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4 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the authority  
5 of the State Board of Education to prescribe additional eligibility  
6 requirements for a school nurse endorsement or a school nurse/non-  
7 instructional endorsement.

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9 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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15 Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school  
16 nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility  
requirements.