

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3256

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess the appropriate endorsement to the instructional certificate, and includes a “grandfather” provision.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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

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

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8 1. a. In addition to any other eligibility requirements  
9 prescribed by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed  
10 by a board of education to teach health and physical education in  
11 grades kindergarten through six, a person shall possess a health and  
12 physical education endorsement to the instructional certificate.

13 b. In addition to any other eligibility requirements prescribed  
14 by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed by a board  
15 of education to teach physical education in grades kindergarten  
16 through six, a person shall possess a physical education  
17 endorsement to the instructional certificate.

18 c. In addition to any other eligibility requirements prescribed  
19 by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed by a board  
20 of education to teach health in grades kindergarten through six, a  
21 person shall possess a health endorsement to the instructional  
22 certificate.

23 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the  
24 contrary, a person who holds an elementary school endorsement to  
25 the instructional certificate prior to the effective date of this act,  
26 may be appointed by a board of education to teach health and  
27 physical education, physical education, or health in grades  
28 kindergarten through six, in accordance with any other requirements  
29 established by the State board.

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31 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year  
32 following the date of enactment.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 Under current law, in order to teach health and physical  
38 education, physical education, or health in grades kindergarten  
39 through six in a public school, a teacher is not required to have  
40 these specific endorsements to the instructional certificate. A  
41 teacher with an elementary school endorsement, pursuant to certain  
42 regulations, would be permitted to teach these courses. This bill  
43 will ensure that all health and physical education instruction at  
44 public schools is provided by individuals who have received  
45 comprehensive content and pedagogical training. In order to do  
46 this, the bill will require teachers appointed to teach these subjects  
47 in grades kindergarten through six to possess the appropriate  
48 endorsement to their instructional certificate. The bill, however,

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1 includes a “grandfather” provision that will allow teachers who  
2 received an elementary school endorsement prior to the effective  
3 date of the bill, to continue to be permitted to teach health and  
4 physical education, physical education, or health at these grade  
5 levels.