

CHAPTER 72

AN ACT concerning teacher and school counselor preparation programs and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:26-2.15 Programming to improve student career readiness.

1. a. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher preparation program for a New Jersey instructional certificate shall incorporate programming, which is curricula encompassing coursework or practical and clinical studies, or a combination thereof, to improve student career readiness. The programming shall include, but need not be limited to, employability skills, career awareness, and understanding career and technical education.

b. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the preparation program for any person seeking an instructional certificate through the State's alternate route program shall include programming to improve student career readiness. The programming shall include, but need not be limited to, employability skills, career awareness, and understanding career and technical education.

C.18A:26-2.16 Eligibility for standard educational services certificate with school counselor endorsement.

2. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, in order to be eligible for the standard educational services certificate with a school counselor endorsement, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete programming to improve student career readiness. The programming shall include, but need not be limited to, employability skills, career awareness, and understanding career and technical education.

C.18A:26-2.17 Rules, regulations.

3. The State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 3, 2014.