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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.