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SYNOPSIS

Mandates child abuse and sexual abuse training for all candidates for teaching certification.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain training for prospective teachers and
2 supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, all candidates
9 for teaching certification who have completed a teacher preparation
10 program at a regionally-accredited institution of higher education
11 shall have satisfactorily completed a program on the recognition of,
12 and the requirement to report, child abuse including sexual abuse.

13 b. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, any person
14 seeking certification through the alternate route shall, within one
15 year of being employed, satisfactorily complete a program on the
16 recognition of, and the requirement to report, child abuse including
17 sexual abuse.

18 c. The State Board of Education shall establish the appropriate
19 requirements of the program on the recognition and reporting of
20 child abuse required pursuant to this section.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires that all candidates for teaching certification
28 receive training on the recognition of, and the requirement to report,
29 child abuse including sexual abuse. Under the bill, beginning with
30 the 2020-2021 school year, all candidates for teaching certification
31 who have completed a teacher preparation program at a regionally-
32 accredited institution of higher education must have satisfactorily
33 completed a program on the recognition of, and the requirement to
34 report, child abuse including sexual abuse. Beginning with the
35 2019-2020 school year, any person seeking certification through the
36 alternate route must complete the program within one year of being
37 employed. The State Board of Education will establish the
38 appropriate requirements of the program.