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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on November 26, 2018, with amendments.



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 ¹, in consultation with the
19 Commissioner of Children and Families,¹ shall establish the
20 appropriate requirements of the program on the recognition and
21 reporting of child abuse required pursuant to this section.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted November 26, 2018.