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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on December 17, 2018.



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 ²**[teacher]**
10 certificate of eligibility with advanced standing educator²
11 preparation program ²**[at a regionally-accredited institution of**
12 **higher education]** approved by the commissioner² shall have
13 satisfactorily completed a ²**[program on]** course or training that
14 includes² the recognition of, and the requirement to report, child
15 abuse including sexual abuse.

16 b. Beginning with the ²**[2019-2020]** 2020-2021² school year,
17 any person seeking certification through the alternate route shall,
18 within one year of being employed, satisfactorily complete a
19 ²**[program on]** course or training that includes² the recognition of,
20 and the requirement to report, child abuse including sexual abuse
21 ²through a certificate of eligibility educator preparation program².

22 c. ²**[The State Board of Education** ¹, in consultation with the
23 Commissioner of Children and Families,¹ shall establish the
24 appropriate requirements of the program on the recognition and
25 reporting of child abuse required pursuant to this section] All
26 commissioner-approved educator preparation programs shall be
27 reviewed and revised to implement the requirements of this section,
28 and the revision shall be submitted to the commissioner for
29 approval².

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31 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.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted December 17, 2018.