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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 January 31, 2019.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/15/2019)

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 <sup>3</sup>[a]<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>[teacher]  
 10 <sup>3</sup>[certificate of eligibility with advanced standing] an<sup>3</sup> educator<sup>2</sup>  
 11 preparation program<sup>2</sup> [at a regionally-accredited institution of higher  
 12 education] <sup>3</sup>[approved by the commissioner<sup>2</sup>] at a commissioner-  
 13 approved educator preparation program provider<sup>3</sup> shall have  
 14 satisfactorily completed a <sup>2</sup>[program on] course or training that  
 15 includes<sup>2</sup> the recognition of, and the requirement to report, child abuse  
 16 including sexual abuse.

17 b. <sup>3</sup>[Beginning with the <sup>2</sup>[2019-2020] 2020-2021<sup>2</sup> school year,  
 18 any person seeking certification through the alternate route shall,  
 19 within one year of being employed, satisfactorily complete a  
 20 <sup>2</sup>[program on] course or training that includes<sup>2</sup> the recognition of, and  
 21 the requirement to report, child abuse including sexual abuse <sup>2</sup>through  
 22 a certificate of eligibility educator preparation program<sup>2</sup>.

23 c.]<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>[The State Board of Education <sup>1</sup>, in consultation with the  
 24 Commissioner of Children and Families,<sup>1</sup> shall establish the  
 25 appropriate requirements of the program on the recognition and  
 26 reporting of child abuse required pursuant to this section] All  
 27 commissioner-approved educator preparation <sup>3</sup>[programs shall be  
 28 reviewed and revised to implement the requirements of this section,  
 29 and the revision shall be submitted to the commissioner for approval<sup>2</sup>]  
 30 program providers shall review and update their educator preparation  
 31 programs to implement the requirements of this section and submit the  
 32 revisions to the Department of Education for approval<sup>3</sup>.

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 34 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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted November 26, 2018.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted December 17, 2018.

<sup>3</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted January 31, 2019.