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SYNOPSIS
Mandates training on culturally responsive teaching for all candidates for teaching certification.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As amended on December 2, 2021 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2021)
AN ACT concerning certain training for prospective teachers and
supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year,
   all candidates for teaching certification who have completed an
   educator preparation program at a commissioner-approved educator
   preparation program provider shall have satisfactorily completed a
   course or training on culturally responsive teaching.
   b. All commissioner-approved educator preparation program
      providers shall review and update their educator preparation programs
      to implement the requirements of this section and submit the revisions
      to the Department of Education for approval.
   c. As used in this section, “culturally responsive teaching” means
      a pedagogy that recognizes the importance of including students’
      cultural references in all aspects of learning, and which uses research-
      based teaching strategies that make meaningful connections between
      what students learn in school and their cultures, languages, and
      experiences.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets 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:
Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor’s
recommendations December 2, 2021.