

ASSEMBLY, No. 1926

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen WOLFE and HOLZAPFEL

1 AN ACT concerning teaching certificates and supplementing chapter  
2 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. Beginning with the 2000-2001 school year all candidates for  
8 teaching certification shall satisfactorily complete a technology training  
9 program.

10 b. Beginning with the 2000-2001 school year any person seeking  
11 certification through the alternate route shall, within one year of being  
12 employed, satisfactorily complete a technology training program.

13 c. For the purposes of this act, "technology training program"  
14 means a course of instruction which increases proficiency in the  
15 understanding, use and application of educational technologies within  
16 the classroom. The State Board of Education shall establish the  
17 appropriate requirements of technology training programs, upon the  
18 recommendations of the Office of Professional Development and the  
19 Office of Technology in the Department of Education.

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21 2. The State Board of Education shall, within 120 days of the  
22 effective date of this act, promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to  
23 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
24 seq.), necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires that, beginning in the 2000-2001 school year,  
32 candidates for teaching certification and persons seeking certification  
33 through the alternate route successfully complete a technology training  
34 program. A "technology training program" is defined as a course of  
35 instruction which increases proficiency in the understanding, use and  
36 application of educational technologies within the classroom. The  
37 State Board of Education would determine the requirements of the

1 technology training programs, upon the recommendations of the Office  
2 of Professional Development and the Office of Technology in the  
3 Department of Education. These programs would help to assure that  
4 teachers become proficient in the use of technologies appropriate in  
5 educating our children.

6 This bill is a recommendation of the Education Technology Task  
7 Force which was formed by the Commission on Business Efficiency of  
8 the Public Schools. The task force issued its report entitled,  
9 Technology and New Jersey's Schools in the 21st Century, on March  
10 6, 1996. The task force, in its report, noted that it was imperative for  
11 all New Jersey students to have technological resources available to  
12 them so that they will be able to compete successfully in the workforce  
13 of the 21st century. In order to provide these technological resources,  
14 teachers will need to understand the potential of technology to support  
15 curriculum goals and will need to become sophisticated users of the  
16 technology.

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21 Requires candidates for teacher certification to complete technology  
22 training program.