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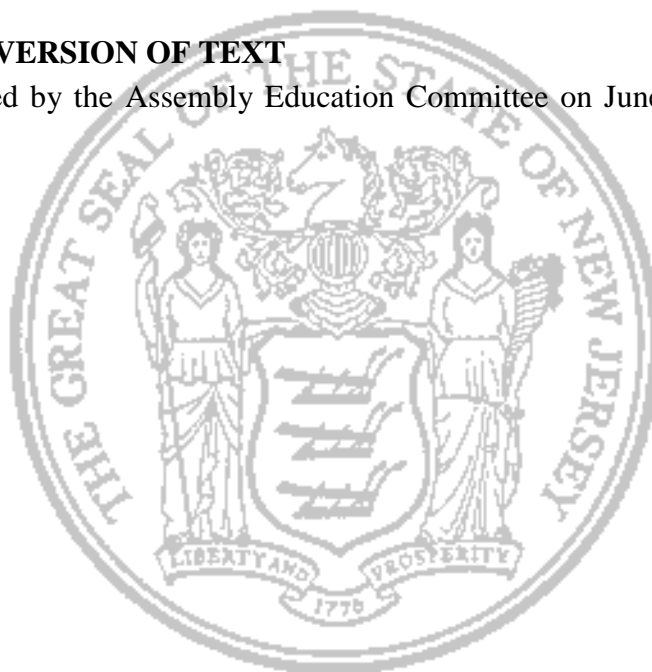
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes alternate route to expedite certification of teachers at early college high school programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on June 9, 2021, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning early college high school 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. The State Board of Education shall authorize an alternate
 9 route to expedite the certification of persons who are qualified by
 10 education and experience to teach grades seven through 12 at an early
 11 college high school program ¹and shall exempt the candidate from the
 12 requirements governing a Certificate of Eligibility set forth in State
 13 Board of Education regulations¹. The alternate route shall consist of a
 14 three-tiered certificate program. The standards established by the State
 15 board shall include at a minimum:

16 (1) for receipt of an early college high school certificate of
 17 eligibility, the candidate shall:

18 (a) Hold an advanced degree from a regionally accredited college
 19 or university in a field related to the subject area to be taught, as
 20 determined by the State board;

21 (b) Have experience teaching students at any grade level, including
 22 postsecondary students; and

23 (c) Pass the appropriate State test of subject-matter knowledge.

24 (2) for receipt of an early college high school provisional
 25 certificate, the candidate shall provide proof that an early college high
 26 school intends to employ the candidate in a teaching position.

27 (3) for receipt of an early college high school standard certificate,
 28 the candidate shall successfully complete at least four school years of
 29 teaching at the early college high school.

30 b. The certification provided pursuant to this section may be used
 31 only for employment at an early college high school and shall not
 32 satisfy the requirements for employment in any other public school.

33 c. ¹Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude a teacher with an
 34 instructional certificate with an appropriate instructional endorsement
 35 issued by the State Board of Examiners from teaching at an early
 36 college high school program.

37 d.¹ As used in this section, “early college high school program”
 38 means a partnership between a school district and an institution of
 39 higher education that allows participants to simultaneously complete
 40 requirements toward earning a State-endorsed high school diploma and
 41 have the opportunity to earn credits that are transferable to the
 42 institution of higher education in the partnership as part of an
 43 organized course of study toward a postsecondary degree at no cost to
 44 the participant or participant’s family.

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 46 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 June 9, 2021.