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**SENATE, No. 2834**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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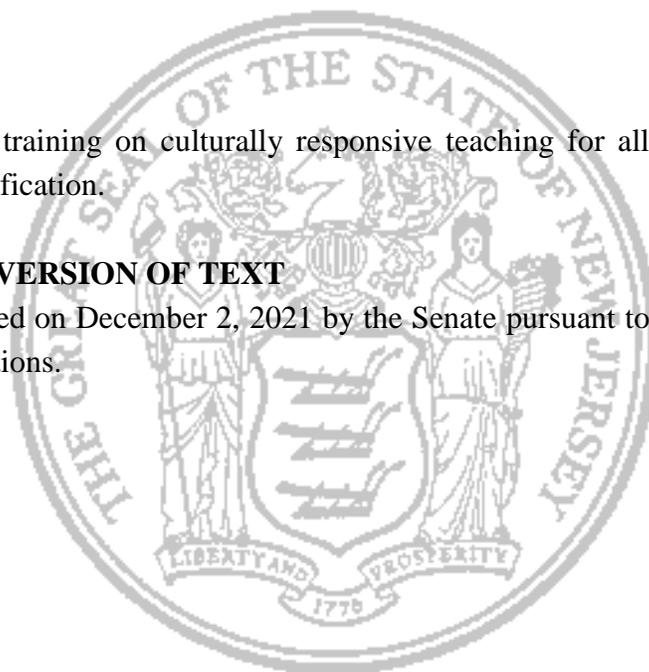
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**SYNOPSIS**

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)**

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 <sup>1</sup>**[2021-2022]** 2022-2023<sup>1</sup> school year,  
9 all candidates for teaching certification who have completed an  
10 educator preparation program at a commissioner-approved educator  
11 preparation program provider shall have satisfactorily completed a  
12 course or training on culturally responsive teaching.

13 b. All commissioner-approved educator preparation program  
14 providers shall review and update their educator preparation programs  
15 to implement the requirements of this section and submit the revisions  
16 to the Department of Education for approval.

17 c. As used in this section, “culturally responsive teaching” means  
18 a pedagogy that recognizes the importance of including students’  
19 cultural references in all aspects of learning, and which uses research-  
20 based teaching strategies that make meaningful connections between  
21 what students learn in school and their cultures, languages, and  
22 experiences.

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24 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>Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations December 2, 2021.