

SENATE, No. 3468

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Mandates educator preparation programs provide training on anti-bias instructional methods to candidates for teaching certification.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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 2022-2023 school year, all candidates
9 for teaching certification who have completed an educator
10 preparation program at an institution of higher education in the
11 State that is a commissioner-approved educator preparation
12 program provider shall have satisfactorily completed a course or
13 training on anti-bias instructional methods that includes, but shall
14 not be limited to, information on implicit bias, institutional bias,
15 and structural bias.

16 b. All institutions of higher education in the State that are
17 commissioner-approved educator preparation program providers
18 shall review and update their educator preparation programs to
19 implement the requirements of this section and submit the revisions
20 to the Department of Education for approval.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill provides that beginning with the 2022-2023 school
28 year, all candidates for teaching certification who have completed
29 an educator preparation program at an institution of higher
30 education in the State that is a commissioner-approved educator
31 preparation program provider must have satisfactorily completed a
32 course or training on anti-bias instructional methods that includes,
33 but is not limited to, information on implicit bias, institutional bias,
34 and structural bias.

35 The bill also provides that all institutions of higher education in
36 the State that are commissioner-approved educator preparation
37 program providers will review and update their educator preparation
38 programs to implement the bill's requirements and submit the
39 revisions to the Department of Education for approval.