

ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2026

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2026.

This bill changes from 18 to 12 the required number of credit hours for the Animal Health Technician job title in the civil service and allows for an applicant with five years of experience in the field who does not meet all of the education requirements to substitute their experience for the totality of the education requirements.

The bill does not modify any other aspect of the job specification, including the ability to substitute one year of experience in a veterinary office, animal hospital, or animal shelter performing relevant duties for a certain number of credit hours, or the total number of 60 credit hours required overall. This bill aims to address the difficulty in finding applicants for the job title.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.