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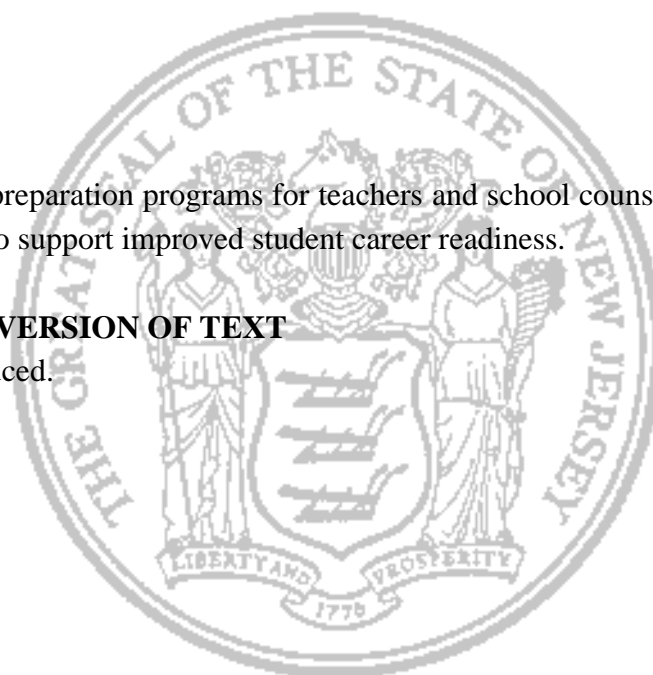
**Riley, Spencer, Simon and Assemblyman Eustace**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires preparation programs for teachers and school counselors to include coursework to support improved student career readiness.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning teacher and school counselor preparation  
2 programs and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New  
3 Jersey 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 2014-2015 school year, a regionally-  
9 accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher  
10 preparation program for a New Jersey instructional certificate shall  
11 incorporate coursework to support improved student career  
12 readiness. The coursework to support improved student career  
13 readiness shall include, but need not be limited to, employability  
14 skills, career awareness, and understanding career and technical  
15 education.

16 b. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the preparation  
17 program for any person seeking an instructional certificate through  
18 the State's alternate route program shall include coursework to  
19 support improved student career readiness. The coursework to  
20 support improved student career readiness shall include, but need  
21 not be limited to, employability skills, career awareness, and  
22 understanding career and technical education.

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24 2. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, in order to be  
25 eligible for the standard educational services certificate with a  
26 school counselor endorsement, a candidate shall satisfactorily  
27 complete coursework to support improved student career readiness.  
28 The coursework to support improved student career readiness shall  
29 include, but need not be limited to, employability skills, career  
30 awareness, and understanding career and technical education.

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32 3. The State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations  
33 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
34 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the provisions of this  
35 act.

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37 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires regionally-accredited institutions of higher  
43 education that offer teacher preparation programs for a New Jersey  
44 instructional certificate to incorporate coursework to support  
45 improved student career readiness into the program's curriculum.  
46 The bill also requires that preparation programs for an instructional  
47 certificate through the State's alternate route program include  
48 coursework to support improved student career readiness. Under

1 the bill, the coursework to support improved student career  
2 readiness must include, but need not be limited to, coursework in  
3 employability skills, career awareness, and understanding career  
4 and technical education.

5 In addition, the bill requires that candidates for a standard  
6 educational services certificate with a school counselor  
7 endorsement complete coursework to support improved student  
8 career readiness, including coursework in employability skills,  
9 career awareness, and understanding career and technical education.