

SENATE, No. 1766

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:
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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits State Board of Education from limiting number of certain two-year college credits that may be applied towards meeting teacher certification requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification and supplementing chapter
2 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The State Board of Education shall not adopt any regulation
8 or policy which restricts the number of semester-hour credits earned
9 in the field of professional education at a regionally accredited two-
10 year college that may be accepted toward meeting the requirements
11 for teacher certification, provided that the credits are accepted by a
12 State-approved college professional education preparation program.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the
20 number of professional education credits earned at a regionally
21 accredited two-year college that may be applied towards meeting the
22 requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits are
23 accepted by a State-approved college professional education
24 preparation program.

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26 Current State board regulations provide that, for most candidates
27 for teacher certification, no more than six credits earned in the field
28 of professional education at a regionally accredited two-year
29 college can be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher
30 certification. As a result, a student who has completed more than
31 six credits in the field of professional education at a regionally
32 accredited two-year college prior to his enrollment in a bachelor's
33 degree program at a four-year institution of higher education will
34 have to repeat some of his coursework, resulting in increased
35 education costs and a delay in program completion. It is the
36 sponsor's belief that the current State board regulations in this area
37 pose an impediment to the full implementation of P.L.2007, c.175,
38 which seeks to foster a seamless transfer process and the academic
39 success of transfer students at senior institutions of higher
education.