

SENATE, No. 3006

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Mandates public school teachers complete professional development related to appropriate professional teacher-student relationships.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning professional development for teachers and
2 supplementing chapter 6 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. a. The State Board of Education shall, as part of the
8 professional development requirement established by the State
9 board for public school teaching staff members, require each public
10 school teacher to complete training on maintaining appropriate
11 professional teacher-student relationships. The training shall be in
12 accordance with the Professional Standards for Teachers and shall
13 include information on the legal and ethical responsibilities of
14 teachers with respect to teacher-student relationships, best practices
15 for maintaining appropriate relationships with students, and the role
16 of social media in appropriate teacher-student relationships.

17 A board of education may make the professional development
18 opportunities available to other staff as the board deems
19 appropriate.

20 b. The State Board of Education shall establish appropriate
21 requirements for the training including, but not limited to, a
22 minimum hour requirement.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
25 applicable to the first full school year beginning after the effective
26 date of this act.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires each public school teacher to complete, as part
32 of the teacher's professional development, training on maintaining
33 appropriate professional teacher-student relationships. The training
34 will be in accordance with the Professional Standards for Teachers
35 and will include information on the legal and ethical responsibilities
36 of teachers with respect to teacher-student relationships, best
37 practices for maintaining appropriate relationships with students,
38 and the role of social media in appropriate teacher-student
39 relationships. The bill provides that a board of education may
40 make the professional development opportunities available to other
41 staff as the board deems appropriate.

42 The State Board of Education will establish appropriate
43 requirements for the training including a minimum hour
44 requirement.