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SYNOPSIS

Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification in health and physical
2 education 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. In addition to any other eligibility requirements
9 prescribed by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed
10 by a board of education to teach health and physical education in
11 grades kindergarten through six, a person shall possess a health and
12 physical education endorsement to the instructional certificate.

13 b. In addition to any other eligibility requirements prescribed
14 by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed by a board
15 of education to teach physical education in grades kindergarten
16 through six, a person shall possess a physical education
17 endorsement to the instructional certificate.

18 c. In addition to any other eligibility requirements prescribed
19 by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed by a board
20 of education to teach health in grades kindergarten through six, a
21 person shall possess a health endorsement to the instructional
22 certificate.

23 d. The provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of this section
24 shall not be applicable to a person who teaches SDA district
25 kindergarten students pursuant to a contract between the SDA
26 district and a licensed child care center or other provider.

27 As used in this subsection, "SDA district" means an SDA district
28 as defined in section 3 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-3).

29 e. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the
30 contrary, a person who holds an elementary school endorsement to
31 the instructional certificate prior to the effective date of this act,
32 may be appointed by a board of education to teach health and
33 physical education, physical education, or health in grades
34 kindergarten through six, in accordance with any other requirements
35 established by the State board.

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37 2. This act shall take effect in the 2016-2017 school year.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 Under State Board of Education regulations, in order to teach
43 health and physical education, physical education, or health in
44 grades kindergarten through six in a public school, a teacher is not
45 required to have these specific endorsements to the instructional
46 certificate. A teacher with an elementary school endorsement,
47 pursuant to certain regulations, would be permitted to teach these
48 courses.

1 This bill requires that teachers appointed to teach health, health
2 and physical education, or physical education in grades
3 kindergarten through six possess the appropriate endorsement to
4 their instructional certificate. However, the bill exempts from the
5 bill's certification requirements persons who teach former Abbott
6 district kindergarten students under a contract between the former
7 Abbott district and a licensed child care center or other provider.
8 The bill also includes a "grandfather" provision that will allow
9 teachers who received an elementary school endorsement prior to
10 the bill's effective date, to continue to be permitted to teach health
11 and physical education, physical education, or health at these grade
12 levels.