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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on June 27, 2016.



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1 AN ACT concerning school nurse certification and supplementing
2 chapter 40 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. State Board of Education regulations prescribing the
8 requirements for eligibility for an educational services certificate with
9 a school nurse endorsement shall, at a minimum, require that a
10 candidate for the endorsement:

11 a. is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to the provisions of
12 P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.);

13 b. holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college
14 or university;

15 c. completes either a Department of Education-approved college
16 curriculum for the preparation of school nurses or a program of
17 studies, with a minimum of ¹**[30]** 21¹ semester hour credits, that
18 includes study in ¹the fundamentals of substance abuse and
19 dependency and such other¹ subject areas ¹as¹ determined by the State
20 board ¹,¹ and clinical experience in a school nurse office; and

21 d. completes a college-supervised school nurse practicum
22 experience, a portion of which shall be completed in a school nurse
23 office and a portion of which shall be completed in a classroom. The
24 practicum experience may count toward the minimum ¹**[30]** 21¹
25 semester hour credit requirement.

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27 2. State Board of Education regulations prescribing the
28 requirements for eligibility for an educational services certificate with
29 a school nurse/non-instructional endorsement shall, at a minimum,
30 require that a candidate for the endorsement:

31 a. is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to the provisions of
32 P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.);

33 b. holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college
34 or university; and

35 c. completes either a Department of Education-approved college
36 curriculum for the preparation of school nurses or a program of
37 studies, with a minimum of ¹**[21]** 15¹ semester hour credits, that
38 includes study in ¹the fundamentals of substance abuse and
39 dependency and such other¹ subject areas ¹as¹ determined by the State
40 board ¹,¹ and clinical experience in a school nurse office.

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42 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the authority
43 of the State Board of Education to prescribe additional eligibility

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted June 27, 2016.

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- 1 requirements for a school nurse endorsement or a school nurse/non-
- 2 instructional endorsement.
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- 4 4. This act shall take effect immediately.