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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.



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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
22 the requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits
23 are 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
education costs and a delay in program completion.