

SENATE, No. 1474

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires teacher preparation program for instructional certificate to include certain amount of instruction or clinical experience in special education and for students with disabilities endorsement to include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning special education 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. In addition to any other requirements adopted by the State
8 Board of Education for teacher preparation programs, the State
9 board shall require that the preparation program for an instructional
10 certificate include a minimum of the equivalent of 6 semester credit
11 hours of classroom instruction, clinical experience, including
12 student internships, or a combination thereof, in special education.

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14 2. In addition to any other requirements adopted by the State
15 Board of Education for teacher preparation programs, the State
16 Board of Education shall require that the preparation program for an
17 instructional certificate with a teacher of students with disabilities
18 endorsement shall include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder
19 and evidence-based instructional practices to address the
20 educational needs of students with autism.

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22 3. The State Board of Education shall adopt, pursuant to the
23 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
24 seq.), the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions
25 of this act.

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27 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill provides that, in addition to any other requirements
33 adopted by the State Board of Education for teacher preparation
34 programs, the State board must require that the preparation program
35 for an instructional certificate include a minimum of the equivalent of
36 6 semester credit hours of classroom instruction, clinical experience,
37 including student internships, or a combination thereof, in special
38 education. The bill also requires that the preparation program for an
39 instructional certificate with a teacher of students with disabilities
40 endorsement include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder and
41 evidence-based instructional practices to address the educational needs
42 of students with autism.