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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 amended by the Senate on October 7, 2016.

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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 ¹comprehensive¹ evidence-based instructional practices to
20 address the educational ¹strengths and¹ needs of students with
21 autism.

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

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28 4. This act shall take effect ¹**[immediately]** in the first full
29 academic year following enactment¹.

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 October 7, 2016.