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SYNOPSIS

Directs State Board of Education to authorize computer science education endorsement to instructional certificate.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning computer science education and supplementing
2 chapter 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. a. The State Board of Education shall authorize a computer
8 science education endorsement to the instructional certificate. The
9 endorsement shall authorize the holder to teach computer science in
10 all public schools, and shall be required to teach computer science
11 in grades 9 through 12 beginning at such time as the State board
12 determines that there is a sufficient number of teachers holding the
13 computer science education endorsement to make the requirement
14 feasible.

15 b. The standards established by the State board shall require a
16 candidate for the endorsement to hold a standard instructional
17 certificate with at least one other teaching endorsement and provide
18 documentation that the candidate has completed the computer
19 science related coursework requirements determined by the State
20 board up to a maximum of 15 credits.

21 c. A teacher who taught computer science within the three
22 years prior to such time as the State board determines to require a
23 computer science education endorsement to teach computer science
24 in grades 9 through 12, shall be issued a computer science education
25 endorsement to the instructional certificate upon application to the
26 State Board of Examiners.

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28 2. The State Board of Education shall adopt pursuant to the
29 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
30 seq.), the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions
31 of this act.

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33 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill directs the State Board of Education to authorize a
39 computer science education endorsement to the instructional certificate.
40 The endorsement would authorize the holder to teach computer science in
41 all public schools, and would be required to teach computer science in
42 grades 9 through 12 beginning at such time as the State board determines
43 that there is a sufficient number of teachers holding the computer science
44 education endorsement to make the requirement feasible.

45 The standards established by the State board would require a
46 candidate for the computer science education endorsement to: (1) hold a
47 standard instructional certificate with at least one other teaching
48 endorsement; and (2) provide documentation of the completion of

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1 computer science related coursework requirements determined by the
2 State board up to a maximum of 15 credits.

3 The bill includes a grandfather provision that permits a teacher to
4 be issued a computer science education endorsement upon application to
5 the State Board of Examiners, if the person is teaching computer science
6 within the three years prior to such time as the State board determines to
7 require a computer science education endorsement to teach computer
8 science.