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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOE to compile list of professional development programs on virtual and remote instruction; requires public school teachers and school leaders to complete professional development program on virtual and remote instruction.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning professional development and remote
2 instruction and supplementing chapter 6 of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. As used in this section, “school leader” means a school
9 district staff member who holds a position that requires the
10 possession of a chief school administrator, principal, or supervisor
11 endorsement.

12 b. The Department of Education shall compile a list of
13 professional development programs for teachers and school leaders
14 on the topic of virtual and remote instruction. The department shall
15 make the list available on its Internet website within 30 days of the
16 effective date of this act.

17 c. A school district shall ensure that the district’s teachers and
18 school leaders complete a professional development program on the
19 topic of virtual and remote instruction from the list developed by
20 the department pursuant to subsection b. of this section within 60
21 days following publication of the list on the department’s Internet
22 website.

23 d. Upon application, a school district may be granted a waiver
24 of the requirement to use one of the professional development
25 programs that have been compiled by the department, if the school
26 district demonstrates to the department’s satisfaction that it is using,
27 or has used, a comparable professional development program.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill directs the Department of Education (DOE) to compile
35 a list of professional development programs for teachers and school
36 leaders on the topic of virtual and remote instruction. The DOE
37 will make the list available on its Internet website within 30 days of
38 enactment of this bill.

39 Under the bill, school districts will be required to ensure that
40 their teachers and school leaders complete one of the professional
41 development programs on the list compiled by the DOE within 60
42 days following the publication of the list on the DOE’s Internet
43 website. The bill allows a district to receive a waiver from the DOE
44 to use a professional development program other than one of the
45 DOE’s selections, provided that the district can demonstrate that it
46 is a comparable program.