P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 311, ***approved December 21, 2021***
Senate, No. 2834 ***(First Reprint)***

AN ACT concerning certain training for prospective teachers and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1. a. Beginning with the [1]**[**2021-2022**]** 2022-2023[1] school year, all candidates for teaching certification who have completed an educator preparation program at a commissioner-approved educator preparation program provider shall have satisfactorily completed a course or training on culturally responsive teaching.

b. All commissioner-approved educator preparation program providers shall review and update their educator preparation programs to implement the requirements of this section and submit the revisions to the Department of Education for approval.

c. As used in this section, "culturally responsive teaching" means a pedagogy that recognizes the importance of including students' cultural references in all aspects of learning, and which uses research-based teaching strategies that make meaningful connections between what students learn in school and their cultures, languages, and experiences.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Mandates training on culturally responsive teaching for all candidates for teaching certification.

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:
[1]Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations December 2, 2021.