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SYNOPSIS

Requires all public school teachers and paraprofessionals working with autistic students to possess Registered Behavior Technician credential by 2020-2021 school year.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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

18 c. The State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations
19 pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410
20 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as it may deem necessary to effectuate the
21 purposes of this act.

26 STATEMENT

Applied behavior analysis (ABA) services have been utilized extensively in the field of autism. Individuals providing these services design, implement, and evaluate instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in behavior. The BACB is an organization whose mission is to protect consumers of ABA services by systematically establishing, promoting, and disseminating professional standards for individuals providing these services. In 2014, the BACB initiated a program for credentialing behavior technicians. The new credential, the RBT credential, represents the entry-level position within the range of the BACB credentials, which include the Board

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- 1 Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst and the Board Certified
- 2 Behavior Analyst. Under this bill, teachers and paraprofessionals
- 3 will receive basic instruction on the implementation of behavior-
- 4 analytic services for students with autism.