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SYNOPSIS

Requires candidates for teacher certification to complete technology training program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning teaching certificates 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. a. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year all candidates
8 for teaching certification shall satisfactorily complete a technology
9 training program.

10 b. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year any person
11 seeking certification through the alternate route shall, within one
12 year of being employed, satisfactorily complete a technology
13 training program.

14 c. For the purposes of this act, "technology training program"
15 means a course of instruction which increases proficiency in the
16 understanding, use, and application of educational technologies
17 within the classroom. The State Board of Education shall establish
18 the appropriate requirements of technology training programs, upon
19 the recommendations of the Office of Licensure and Credentials
20 and the Office of Educational Technology in the Department of
21 Education.

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23 2. The State Board of Education shall, within 120 days of the
24 effective date of this act, promulgate rules and regulations pursuant
25 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
26 1 et seq.), necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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28 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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31 STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires that, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year,
34 candidates for teaching certification and persons seeking
35 certification through the alternate route successfully complete a
36 technology training program. A "technology training program" is
37 defined as a course of instruction which increases proficiency in the
38 understanding, use and application of educational technologies
39 within the classroom. The State Board of Education would
40 determine the requirements of the technology training programs,
41 upon the recommendations of the Office of Licensure and
42 Credentials and the Office of Educational Technology. These
43 programs would help to assure that teachers become proficient in
44 the use of technologies appropriate in educating our children.

45 This bill is a recommendation of the Education Technology Task
46 Force which was formed by the Commission on Business Efficiency
47 of the Public Schools. The task force issued its report entitled,
48 Technology and New Jersey's Schools in the 21st Century, on

1 March 6, 1996. The task force, in its report, noted that it was
2 imperative for all New Jersey students to have technological
3 resources available to them so that they will be able to compete
4 successfully in the workforce of the 21st century. In order to
5 provide these technological resources, teachers will need to
6 understand the potential of technology to support curriculum goals
7 and will need to become sophisticated users of the technology.