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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning school nurse certification and supplementing
2 chapter 40 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. State Board of Education regulations prescribing the
8 requirements for eligibility for an educational services certificate
9 with a school nurse endorsement shall, at a minimum, require that a
10 candidate for the endorsement:

11 a. is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to the provisions of
12 P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.);

13 b. holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited
14 college or university;

15 c. completes either a Department of Education-approved
16 college curriculum for the preparation of school nurses or a
17 program of studies, with a minimum of 30 semester hour credits,
18 that includes study in subject areas determined by the State board
19 and clinical experience in a school nurse office; and

20 d. completes a college-supervised school nurse practicum
21 experience, a portion of which shall be completed in a school nurse
22 office and a portion of which shall be completed in a classroom.
23 The practicum experience may count toward the minimum 30
24 semester hour credit requirement.

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26 2. State Board of Education regulations prescribing the
27 requirements for eligibility for an educational services certificate
28 with a school nurse/non-instructional endorsement shall, at a
29 minimum, require that a candidate for the endorsement:

30 a. is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to the provisions of
31 P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.);

32 b. holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited
33 college or university; and

34 c. completes either a Department of Education-approved
35 college curriculum for the preparation of school nurses or a
36 program of studies, with a minimum of 21 semester hour credits,
37 that includes study in subject areas determined by the State board
38 and clinical experience in a school nurse office.

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40 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the authority
41 of the State Board of Education to prescribe additional eligibility
42 requirements for a school nurse endorsement or a school nurse/non-
43 instructional endorsement.

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45 4. This act shall take effect immediately.