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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.