

SENATE, No. 2594

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Board of Education to permit candidates awaiting teacher certification to submit affidavit to hiring school district affirming certificate requirements have been met.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/2/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification 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. The State Board of Education shall authorize an
8 alternative means for teaching candidates to secure employment as
9 a teacher with a school district while awaiting the issuance of a
10 certificate of eligibility or certificate of eligibility with advanced
11 standing from the Department of Education. The board shall allow
12 a candidate for a certificate to submit to a hiring district a signed
13 affidavit affirming that all applicable certification requirements
14 have been met as part of the candidate's application for employment
15 with the hiring district.

16 b. A candidate who submits an affidavit pursuant to subsection
17 a. of this section shall provide accompanying documentation
18 demonstrating that the candidate has applied for a certificate with
19 the department.

20 c. Within 90 days from the date an affidavit has been submitted
21 to a hiring district, a candidate shall provide confirmation to the
22 hiring district that a certificate has been issued by the department.
23 A hiring district shall terminate the employment of a candidate who
24 does not provide confirmation to the district that a certificate has
25 been issued or has been found to have misrepresented information
26 provided on the affidavit.

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28 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after the date of
29 enactment.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires the State Board of Education to authorize an
35 alternative means for teaching candidates to secure employment as
36 a teacher with a school district while awaiting the issuance of a
37 certificate of eligibility or certificate of eligibility with advanced
38 standing from the Department of Education.

39 The board would be required to allow a candidate for a
40 certificate to submit to a hiring district a signed affidavit affirming
41 that applicable certification requirements have been met as part of
42 the candidate's application for employment with the hiring district.
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