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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 251, *approved January 8, 2024*
Assembly, No. 5417 (*First Reprint*)

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. ¹a.¹ Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
8 contrary, a Commissioner-approved **1**["college"]¹ educator
9 preparation program shall not restrict the number of semester-hour
10 credits **1**["earned in the field of professional education"] of
11 professional education coursework completed¹ at **1**["a"] an
12 accredited¹ county college that may be accepted toward meeting the
13 **1**["program's"]¹ requirements for teacher certification¹, except as
14 may be otherwise required by the program's accrediting
15 organization.

16 ¹b. As used in this section, "professional education coursework"
17 means coursework required to obtain teacher certification, including
18 courses in child development, language development, curriculum
19 development, and methods of instruction.¹

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21 2. ¹a.¹ The State Board of Education shall not adopt any
22 regulation or policy which restricts the number of semester-hour
23 credits **1**["earned in the field of professional education"] of
24 professional education coursework completed¹ at **1**["a regionally"]
25 an¹ accredited county college that may be accepted toward meeting
26 the requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits
27 are accepted by a **1**["State-approved college professional education"]
28 Commissioner-approved educator¹ preparation program.

29 ¹b. As used in this section, "professional education coursework"
30 means coursework required to obtain teacher certification, including
31 courses in child development, language development, curriculum
32 development, and methods of instruction.¹

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34 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **1**["thus"] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted November 20, 2023.

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Prohibits limiting number of county college credits that may be applied towards educator preparation program and teacher certification requirements.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5417

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 8, 2023

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY

District 27 (Essex and Morris)

Assemblywoman LISA SWAIN

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Matsikoudis, Assemblyman Stanley, Assemblywomen McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson and Assemblyman Conaway

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits limiting number of county college credits that may be applied towards educator preparation program and teacher certification requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/18/2023)

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7 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
8 a Commissioner-approved college educator preparation program
9 shall not restrict the number of semester-hour credits earned in the
10 field of professional education at a county college that may be
11 accepted toward meeting the program's requirements, except as
12 may be otherwise required by the program's accrediting
13 organization.

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15 2. The State Board of Education shall not adopt any regulation
16 or policy which restricts the number of semester-hour credits earned
17 in the field of professional education at a regionally accredited
18 county college that may be accepted toward meeting the
19 requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits are
20 accepted by a State-approved college professional education
21 preparation program.

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23 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill streamlines the path for qualified teacher candidates to
29 become teachers. The bill prohibits the establishment of a cap on
30 county college credits that may be applied toward educator preparation
31 program requirements. The bill also prohibits the State Board of
32 Education from limiting the number of county college credits that may
33 be applied towards teacher certification requirements.

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35 Current State board regulations provide that, for most candidates
36 for teacher certification, no more than six credits earned in the field
37 of professional education at a county college can be applied towards
38 meeting the requirements for teacher certification. As a result, a
39 student who has completed more than six credits in the field of
40 professional education at a county college prior to his or her
41 enrollment in a bachelor's degree program at a four-year institution
42 of higher education will have to repeat some coursework, resulting
43 in increased education costs and a delay in program completion.
44 This bill prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the
45 number of professional education credits earned at a county college
46 that may be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher
47 certification, provided that the credits are accepted by a State-
approved college professional education preparation program.

A5417 LAMPITT, JASEY

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1 This bill also prohibits a Commissioner-approved educator
2 preparation program from capping the number of county college
3 credits that may be accepted toward meeting the program's
4 requirements, except as may be otherwise required by the program's
5 accrediting organization.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5417

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2023

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No 5417.

This bill streamlines the path for qualified teacher candidates to become teachers.

The bill specifically prohibits the establishment of a cap on county college credits that may be applied toward educator preparation program requirements. The bill also prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the number of county college credits that may be applied towards teacher certification requirements.

Current State board regulations provide that, for most candidates for teacher certification, no more than six credits earned in the field of professional education at a county college can be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher certification. As a result, a student who has completed more than six credits in the field of professional education at a county college prior to his or her enrollment in a bachelor's degree program at a four-year institution of higher education will have to repeat some coursework, resulting in increased education costs and a delay in program completion. This bill prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the number of professional education credits earned at a county college that may be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits are accepted by a State-approved college professional education preparation program.

This bill also prohibits a Commissioner-approved educator preparation program from capping the number of county college credits that may be accepted toward meeting the program's requirements, except as may be otherwise required by the program's accrediting organization.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5417

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 20, 2023

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5417, with committee amendments.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill prohibits limiting the number of county college credits that may be applied towards an educator preparation program and teacher certification requirements.

The amended bill prohibits a Commissioner-approved educator preparation program from capping the number of credits of professional education coursework completed at an accredited county college that may be accepted toward meeting the requirements for teacher certification, except as may be otherwise required by the program's accrediting organization.

Additionally, the amended bill prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the number of credits of professional education credits earned at an accredited county college that may be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits are accepted by a Commissioner-approved educator preparation program.

The amended bill defines "professional education coursework" as coursework required to obtain teacher certification, including courses in child development, language development, curriculum development, and methods of instruction.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments:

- update language throughout the bill to reflect recent revisions to chapter 9B of Title 6A of the New Jersey Administrative Code;
- define professional education coursework; and
- clarify that county college courses completed toward meeting the requirements for teacher certification are to be completed at an accredited county college.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

This bill was introduced in the 2022-2023 legislative session as Assembly Bill No. 5417. This bill was reported by the Assembly Education Committee on May 8, 2023.

SENATE, No. 3890

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 2023

Sponsored by:

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Senator RENEE C. BURGESS

District 28 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Diegnan

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits limiting number of county college credits that may be applied towards educator preparation program and teacher certification requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2023)

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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. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
8 a Commissioner-approved college educator preparation program
9 shall not restrict the number of semester-hour credits earned in the
10 field of professional education at a county college that may be
11 accepted toward meeting the program's requirements, except as
12 may be otherwise required by the program's accrediting
13 organization.

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15 2. The State Board of Education shall not adopt any regulation
16 or policy which restricts the number of semester-hour credits earned
17 in the field of professional education at a regionally accredited
18 county college that may be accepted toward meeting the
19 requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits are
20 accepted by a State-approved college professional education
21 preparation program.

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23 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 become teachers. The bill prohibits the establishment of a cap on
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40 professional education at a county college prior to his or her
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42 of higher education will have to repeat some coursework, resulting
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44 This bill prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the
45 number of professional education credits earned at a county college
46 that may be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher
47 certification, provided that the credits are accepted by a State-
approved college professional education preparation program.

S3890 RUIZ, BURGESS

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1 This bill also prohibits a Commissioner-approved educator
2 preparation program from capping the number of county college
3 credits that may be accepted toward meeting the program's
4 requirements, except as may be otherwise required by the program's
5 accrediting organization.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3890

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3890.

This bill streamlines the path for qualified teacher candidates to become teachers. The bill prohibits the establishment of a cap on county college credits that may be applied toward educator preparation program requirements. The bill also prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the number of county college credits that may be applied towards teacher certification requirements.

Current State board regulations provide that, for most candidates for teacher certification, no more than six credits earned in the field of professional education at a county college can be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher certification. As a result, a student who has completed more than six credits in the field of professional education at a county college prior to his or her enrollment in a bachelor's degree program at a four-year institution of higher education will have to repeat some coursework, resulting in increased education costs and a delay in program completion. This bill prohibits the State Board of Education from limiting the number of professional education credits earned at a county college that may be applied towards meeting the requirements for teacher certification, provided that the credits are accepted by a State-approved college professional education preparation program.

This bill also prohibits a Commissioner-approved educator preparation program from capping the number of county college credits that may be accepted toward meeting the program's requirements, except as may be otherwise required by the program's accrediting organization.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3890

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator RUIZ)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 11, 2023

Senate Bill No. 3890 prohibits limiting the number of county college credits that may be applied towards an educator preparation program and teacher certification requirements.

These Senate floor amendments: update language throughout the bill to reflect recent revisions to chapter 9B of Title 6A of the New Jersey Administrative Code; define professional education coursework; and clarify that county college courses completed toward meeting the requirements for teacher certification are to be completed at an accredited county college.

These Senate floor amendments make this bill identical to Assembly Bill No. 5417 (1R).

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/8/2024

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

- S-530/A-5164 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Quijano, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Requires certain school meal information be provided to public school students' parents and requires school districts to request that families apply for school meals under certain circumstances
- S-553/A-4238 (Zwicker/Conaway, Atkins)** - Adds technology transfer duties to New Jersey Commission on Science, Innovation and Technology
- S-652/A-117 (Oroho, Pou/Space, Calabrese, Wirths)** - Permits governing body of municipalities having population of 30,000 or less to serve as local board of health; validates cc actions
- S-762/A-3786 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Concerns certification of tax collectors
- S-765/A-3246 (Pou, Pennacchio/Lampitt, Schaer, Murphy)** - Prohibits carrier from precluding dentist from billing covered person under certain circumstances
- S-1211/A-1222 (Singleton, Gopal/Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Park)** - Provides for civil actions against persons or entities profiting from commission of human trafficking offenses, or maintaining victims of such offenses
- S-1228/A-4092 (Greenstein/Diegnan, Benson, Jaffer, Verrelli)** - Allows certain airports to carry over certain grant money into future years
- S-1892/A-4501 (Johnson, Schepisi/Park, Wimberly, Matsikoudis)** - Authorizes certain boards of education to issue bonds to repair damages caused by natural disasters in certain circumstances
- S-2057/A-1174 (Turner, Greenstein/Jasey, Benson, Quijano)** - Requires certain documentation of needs of students with disabilities during school security drills and emergency situations and in school security plans; requires staff training on needs of students with disabilities in emergency planning
- S-2716/A-4153 (Vitale, Turner/Carter, McKnight, Atkins)** - Requires NJ FamilyCare to reimburse claims for covered services submitted by clinical social workers, professional counselors, and marriage and family therapists under certain circumstances
- S-2789/A-3793 (Cruz-Perez, Johnson/Benson, Wimberly, Lopez)** - Requires certain permit holders to complete practice driving hours to obtain probationary driver's license
- S-3013/A-5062 (Scutari, Pou/Carter, Atkins, Stanfield)** - Revises definition of women's business enterprise and minority business enterprise
- S-3079/A-4977 (Diegnan, Lagana/Lampitt, Benson, Wimberly)** - Establishes School Safety and Security Task Force.
- S-3409/A-4785 (Pou, Oroho/McKeon, Flynn, Wimberly)** - Updates certain insurance company investment provisions in accordance with Investments of Insurers Model Act
- S-3490/A-5124 (Smith/Stanley, Calabrese)** - Amends certain requirements for installation of electric vehicle supply equipment and Make-Ready parking spaces
- S-3604/A-5212 (Madden, Cruz-Perez/Murphy, Stanley)** - Authorizes use of healthcare platforms providing discounted prices for payment of prescription and non-prescription drug devices and for telehealth and telemedicine services
- S-3723/A-5365 (Smith/McKeon, Danielsen, Haider)** – “Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Battery Management Act”
- S-3916/A-5486 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Sauickie, Freiman, Rooney)** - Expands eligibility for wildlife fencing programs to farmers leasing farmland; clarifies eligibility and provides for uniform funding levels for grant recipients
- S-3969/A-5658 (Gopal/Freiman, Murphy)** - Allows for credit against contract cost for primary care services managed by health care provider for public employees and their dependents; allows referrals to other providers that have contractual relationship with such health care provider
- S-4081/A-5891 (Beach, Diegnan/Atkins, Carter)** - Allows board of county commissioners to hold annual meeting at certain additional locations other than Superior Court
- A-111/S-3201 (Space, Wirths, McCarthy Patrick/Oroho, Durr)** - Provides that farm, farmstand, or other agricultural operation selling firewood obtained from property other than seller's shall not be considered lumber yard; prohibits sale of untreated firewood from outside of State
- A-649/S-587 (McClellan, McKnight/Testa)** - Expands purposes for which civil asset forfeiture funds may be used by law enforcement agency
- A-831/S-461 (Jimenez, Rooney, Timberlake/Sacco, Greenstein)** - Provides for reciprocity of certain out-of-State EMT certification; establishes criminal history record background check process
- A-1475/S-1809 (Lopez, Speight, Haider/Ruiz, Cunningham)** - Requires court to consider information concerning coercive control in domestic violence proceedings
- A-1507/S-1503 (McKnight, Carter, Speight/Gopal, Oroho)** - Permits chair or booth rentals for the purpose of providing cosmetology and hairstyling services or ancillary services
- A-1570/S-2216 (Moen/Madden, Singleton)** - Authorizes issuance of special license plates for alumni of four-year public institutions of higher education
- A-1581/S-3880 (Moen, Benson, Conaway/Cruz-Perez, Turner)** - Requires MVC to provide customer service telephone number at motor vehicle inspection facilities
- A-1704/S-1000 (Speight, Pintor Marin, McKnight/Ruiz, Gopal)** - Requires domestic violence orders to be issued in other languages in addition to English under certain circumstances
- ACS for A-1707/S-3700 (Speight, McKnight, Karabinchak/Burgess, Ruiz)** - Establishes presumption that VCCO will order payment to victim of crime
- A-2040/S-540 (Benson, McKnight/Ruiz, Pou)** - Requires Commissioner of Human Services to request authorization for SNAP benefits to be used to pay delivery charges for online grocery purchases
- A-2138/SCS for S-1890 (Moriarty, Mukherji, McKnight/Johnson, Singer)** - Updates regulation of home improvement and home elevation contractors and contractors' businesses
- A-2351/S-2991 (Mukherji, Flynn, Murphy/Singleton)** - Permits court to effectuate equitable distribution when complaint for divorce or dissolution of civil union has been filed and party has died prior to final judgment; provides that surviving party would not receive intestate or elective share

A-3093/S-1516 (Stanley, Jaffer, Murphy/Greenstein, Gopal) - Authorizes court to include in domestic violence restraining orders a provision making the order applicable to a pre victim's child upon birth of the child

A-3737/S-3393 (Speight, Swain, McKnight/Ruiz, O'Scanlon) - Establishes menstrual health public awareness campaign

A-4125/S-2712 (Haider, Swain, Stanley/Singleton, Greenstein) - Prohibits sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of firefighting foam containing intentionally added perfluoroalk and polyfluoroalkyl substances; requires DEP to establish collection and disposal program; appropriates \$250,000

A-4614/S-3547 (Greenwald, Jasey, Carter, Lampitt/Pou, Vitale) - Modifies Nursing Faculty Loan Redemption Program

A-4729/S-3279 (Sauickie, Freiman, Clifton/Stanfield, Cruz-Perez) - Revises method for appraisals of farmland to be acquired for farmland preservation purposes

A-4757/S-3263 (Jimenez, Tucker, Atkins/Burgess, Turner) - Requires DCA to conduct surveys and report data related to homelessness in administering the Rental Assistance Navigation Program

A-4913/S-3133 (Conaway, Stanley, Wimberly/Johnson, Scutari) - Requires carriers to offer health care providers more than one method of payment for reimbursement

A-5036/S-3551 (Tully, Swain, Karabinchak, Lagana/A.M. Bucco) - Requires "Electronic Permit Processing Review System" in DCA to enable applicant to submit electronic sign and certain other submission materials for permit application review

A-5208/S-4082 (Coughlin, Munoz, Wimberly/Scutari, A.M. Bucco) - Extends provisions of P.L.2021, c.498 in certain circumstances

A-5281/S-2341 (Chaparro, Jimenez, Stanley/Johnson) - Eliminates position of constable; removes statutory references to constable; repeals various parts of statutory law; implements recommendation of SCI report concerning elimination of constables

A-5417/S-3890 (Lampitt, Jasey, Swain/Ruiz, Burgess) - Prohibits limiting number of county college credits that may be applied towards educator preparation program and teach certification requirements

A-5501/SCS for S-3895 (Jasey/Zwicker, Sarlo, Ruiz) - Adjusts bid threshold amounts for certain public research universities; permits certain contracts for school districts, municipalities, and counties to be awarded by qualified purchasing agent

A-5648/S-3933 (Barranco, Rooney/A.M. Bucco) - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus property certain land and improvements in Township of Morris in Morris County

A-5813/S-3392 (Wimberly, Sumter/Pou) - Exempts electricity sold to certain recovered materials manufacturing facilities from renewable energy portfolio standards

AJR-230/SJR-129 (Karabinchak, Schaer, Freiman/Diegnan, Beach, A.M. Bucco) - Recognizes 75th anniversary of establishment of State of Israel

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

S-539/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera) - CONDITIONAL - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for groc delivery charges

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S-1680/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly) - CONDITIONAL - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employm and training program

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S-2535/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter) - CONDITIONAL - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for insureds aged 21 or younger

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SCS for S-3632 and 3649/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano) - CONDITIONAL - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

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A-2146/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach) - CONDITIONAL - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procure goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

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A-3092/S-2415 (Stanley, Jaffer, Mukherji/Gopal, Ruiz) - CONDITIONAL - Requires State agencies update demographic data collection methods on Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pa Islander, Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian and Indian Diaspora residents of this State

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A-4033/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz) - CONDITIONAL - Extends deadline for completion of school district's annual audit

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ACS for A-4821 and 4823/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker) - CONDITIONAL - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

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A-5416/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner) - CONDITIONAL - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certifiator persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

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A-5610/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco) - CONDITIONAL - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underag persons

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills:

ACS for A-3677 and 2807/SS for S-2186 (Stanley, Verrelli, Jaffer, Calabrese/Greenstein, Smith) - ABSOLUTE - Prohibits sale, distribution, import, export or propagation of ce invasive species without permit from Department of Agriculture; establishes NJ Invasive Species Council

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A-5283/S-3939 (Tully, Greenwald, Mosquera/Lagana, Gopal) – ABSOLUTE - Requires calculation of national average time needed to approve applications for initial credential i
profession or occupation and use of average time as standard in New Jersey

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