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P.L.2017, CHAPTER 6, *approved February 6, 2017*
Senate, No. 1474 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning special education 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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19 and ¹comprehensive¹ evidence-based instructional practices to
20 address the educational ¹strengths and¹ needs of students with
21 autism.

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23 3. The State Board of Education shall adopt, pursuant to the
24 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
25 seq.), the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions
26 of this act.

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28 4. This act shall take effect ¹**[immediately]** in the first full
29 academic year following enactment¹.

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34 Requires teacher preparation program for instructional certificate
35 to include certain amount of instruction or clinical experience in
36 special education and for students with disabilities endorsement to
37 include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[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:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted October 7, 2016.

SENATE, No. 1474

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Sponsored by:
Senator M. TERESA RUIZ
District 29 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1474

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1474 (1R).

This bill provides that, in addition to any other requirements adopted by the State Board of Education for teacher preparation programs, the State board must require that the preparation program for an instructional certificate include a minimum of the equivalent of 6 semester credit hours of classroom instruction, clinical experience, including student internships, or a combination thereof, in special education. The bill also requires that the preparation program for an instructional certificate with a teacher of students with disabilities endorsement include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder and comprehensive evidence-based instructional practices to address the educational strengths and needs of students with autism.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2786 with committee amendments, which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1474

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1474.

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STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1474

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 7, 2016

These floor amendments stipulate that the evidence-based instructional practices that will be included in a teacher preparation program for a teacher of students with disabilities endorsement will be comprehensive and will address not only the needs but also the strengths of students with autism. These amendments also provide that the bill will take effect in the first full academic year following enactment rather than immediately.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2786

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblywoman SHAVONDA E. SUMTER

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblywoman MARLENE CARIDE

District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT

District 31 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Requires teacher preparation program for instructional certificate to include certain amount of instruction or clinical experience in special education and for students with disabilities endorsement to include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder.

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/15/2016)

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2786

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2786 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill provides that, in addition to any other requirements adopted by the State Board of Education for teacher preparation programs, the State board must require that the preparation program for an instructional certificate include a minimum of the equivalent of 6 semester credit hours of classroom instruction, clinical experience, including student internships, or a combination thereof, in special education. The bill also requires that the preparation program for an instructional certificate with a teacher of students with disabilities endorsement include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder and comprehensive evidence-based instructional practices to address the educational strengths and needs of students with autism.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1474 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to stipulate that the evidence-based instructional practices that will be included in a teacher preparation program for a teacher of students with disabilities endorsement will be comprehensive and will address not only the needs, but also the strengths of students with autism. The amendments also provide that the bill will take effect in the first full academic year following enactment, rather than immediately.

Governor Chris Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today signed legislation, S-2156/A-3424, requiring medical professionals to educate children and teenagers about addiction risks before issuing prescription drugs.

“This critical prevention legislation will stem the growing tide of drug addiction in New Jersey that has been largely caused by the misuse of prescription drugs or prescription drugs getting into the wrong hands,” Governor Christie said. “Coupled with dozens of other new reforms underway, including a comprehensive in-school curriculum for kindergarteners through 12th graders, we can stop this fatal disease from decimating another generation. Piece by piece, I am proud that my administration, with bipartisan cooperation from the legislature, is creating a holistic model for America to curb this epidemic impacting all residents, families, communities and businesses.”

Governor Christie also took action on the following legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-602/A-1138 (Cunningham, T. Kean/Holley, Chiaravalloti) - “New Jersey International Arbitration, Mediation, and Conciliation Act”

SCS for S-727/A-3955 (Cruz-Perez, Van Drew/Barclay, Wimberly, Holley) - “New Jersey Open Data Initiative” to require certain information be provided on Internet to public and State agencies

S-879/A-4237 (Greenstein, Bateman/Sumter, Benson) - Prohibits termination of law enforcement officer or firefighter based upon determination that officer or firefighter is physically unable to perform duties under certain circumstances

S-1066/A-3649 (Singer, Beck/S. Kean, Ribble, Mukherji, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttler, Schaer) - Allows filing of birth certificate to be delayed for religious reasons, for up to 15 days after birth, in order to allow for naming of child

S-1131/A-3489 (Rice/Tucker, Houghtaling, Mukherji, Wimberly) - Provides for notification of emergency contact in event of death of senior citizen in certain housing facilities

S-1474/A-2786 (Ruiz/Benson, Sumter, Caride, McKnight, Vainieri Huttler, Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - Requires teacher preparation program for instructional certificate to include certain amount of instruction or clinical experience in special education and for students with disabilities endorsement to include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder

S-1830/A-3411 (Rice, Vitale, Turner/Muoio, Benson, Singleton, Greenwald, Pinkin, Downey, Sumter, Wimberly) - Requires DOH regulations regarding elevated blood lead levels in children, and appropriate responses thereto, to be consistent with latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations

S-2156/A-3424 (Weinberg, Vitale/Lagana, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttler, Caride, Caputo, Wimberly, Moriarty) - Requires prescribers to discuss addiction risk associated with certain drugs prior to issuing prescription to minor patient

S-2321/A-3774 (Oroho, Beach/Burzichelli, Wisniewski, Mosquera, Houghtaling, Wimberly) - Concerns excessive price increases during state of emergency

S-2364/A-3946 (Oroho, Stack/Burzichelli, Dancer, Mukherji, Holley, A.M. Bucco) - Establishes pilot program appointing third party vendors to administer commercial driver license testing

S-2370/A-3904 (Whelan/Burzichelli) – Authorizes operation of lottery courier services

S-2477/A-4083 (Sarlo, Oroho/Schaer, Space, Mukherji, Singleton) - Concerns certain unused portions of tax credits issued to insurance premiums taxpayers under the Business Employment Incentive Program; exempts certain purchasers of business development incentives from certain State tax notification requirements

S-2731/A-4326 (Greenstein, Bateman/Muoio, Burzichelli, Mazzeo, Mukherji) - Authorizes New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust to expend additional sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2017

S-2732/A-4327 (Codey, Gill/Zwicker, Conaway, Danielsen, Muoio, Mukherji, Gusciora) - Amends list of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding for FY2017 to include new projects and revise allowable loan amounts for already approved projects

BILLS VETOED:

S-600/A-3625 (Cunningham, Stack/McKnight, Chiaravalloti, Mukherji) – CONDITIONAL - Requires DOH to authorize Jersey City to issue certified copies of birth certificates by September 1, 2017

S-1585/A-3335 (Rice, Ruiz/Sumter, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Mukherji, Gusciora) – – CONDITIONAL - Establishes program allowing certain applicants to perform community service in lieu of paying motor vehicle surcharges

S-2267/A-2771 (Diegnan, Greenstein/Webber, O'Scanlon, A.M. Bucco) - CONDITIONAL - Establishes asset forfeiture reporting requirements

S-2347/A-3723 (Rice, Ruiz/Pintor Marin, Giblin) – CONDITIONAL - Permits certain municipalities to impose and collect payroll tax of up to 1% of employer's payroll

S-2575/A-4187 (Sweeney, Whelan/Burzichelli) – ABSOLUTE - Disqualifies casino license applicant for five-year period if person substantially closed casino property in State; revokes license; reinstates license eligibility under certain circumstances

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