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P.L.2017, CHAPTER 70, *approved May 11, 2017*
Assembly, No. 1256 (*First Reprint*)

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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17 studies, with a minimum of ¹**[30]** 21¹ semester hour credits, that
18 includes study in ¹the fundamentals of substance abuse and
19 dependency and such other¹ subject areas ¹as¹ determined by the State
20 board ¹,¹ and clinical experience in a school nurse office; and

21 d. completes a college-supervised school nurse practicum
22 experience, a portion of which shall be completed in a school nurse
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24 practicum experience may count toward the minimum ¹**[30]** 21¹
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34 or university; and

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36 curriculum for the preparation of school nurses or a program of
37 studies, with a minimum of ¹**[21]** 15¹ semester hour credits, that
38 includes study in ¹the fundamentals of substance abuse and

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 June 27, 2016.

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

ASSEMBLY, No. 1256

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman MARLENE CARIDE

District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman TROY SINGLETON

District 7 (Burlington)

Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY

District 27 (Essex and Morris)

SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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This bill codifies the previous requirements at N.J.A.C.6A:9-13.3 that a candidate for a school nurse endorsement must complete a minimum of 30 semester hour credits that includes study in subject areas determined by the State board and clinical experience in a school nurse office, in addition to holding a license as a registered nurse and a bachelor's degree. The bill also codifies the previous requirement that a candidate for a school nurse endorsement must complete a college-supervised school nurse practicum experience in a school nurse office and a classroom. With regard to non-instructional school nurses, the bill codifies the previous requirements at N.J.A.C.6A:9-13.4 that a candidate for a non-instructional school nurse endorsement must complete a minimum of 21 credits that includes study in subject areas determined by the State board and clinical experience in a school nurse office, in addition to holding a license as a registered nurse and a bachelor's degree.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1256

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1256.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1256

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 23, 2016

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1256.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1381, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1256

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BATEMAN)

ADOPTED: JUNE 27, 2016

These floor amendments:

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SENATE, No. 1381

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Sponsored by:

Senator CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

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Governor Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

Thursday, May 11, 2017 Tags: [Bill Action](#)



Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today signed into law additional bills to support New Jersey's military members, veterans, and their families and show pride in the state's military history. On May 1, he signed a number of bills impacting veterans and the military, including a law creating a program to divert certain veterans accused of non-violent offenses from the criminal justice system and into appropriate mental health and substance use services.

Today, Governor Christie signed A450/S750 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Moriarty, Benson, Daniels, Houghtaling/Beach, Van Drew) creating the Wounded Warrior Caregivers Relief Act, which provides a gross income tax credit of up to \$675 to family caregivers of totally disabled veterans whose injuries occurred as a result of serving on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

"We must do all we can do to make it easier for military members who have been left with debilitating injuries in the line of duty and their family members who now care for them," said Governor Christie. "This compassionate new law provides a tax credit to ease some of the financial burden on those families and show our appreciation for the many sacrifices they have made to keep their loved ones safe and at home."

Other military and veterans bills signed by Governor Christie allow active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have completed basic training to wear their dress uniform at their high school graduation and require the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to work with the Division of Travel and Tourism and the New Jersey Historical Commission to develop an online list with a historic tour of war battles fought and places of historical military significance in New Jersey and its State waters.

Governor Christie also took action on the following bills:

BILL SIGNINGS:

ACS for A-815/ACS for S-1088 (Land, Andrzejczak, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, Bramnick/Van Drew, T. Kean) - Concerns Code Blue alert plans to shelter at-risk individuals

A-837/S-468 (Jimenez, Green, Mukherji, Sumter, Munoz/Sacco, Greenstein) - Establishes "Hazardous Drug Safe Handling Act;" requires promulgation of standards and regulations concerning safe handling of hazardous drugs by certain health care personnel

A-1256/S-1381 (Caride, Singleton, Jasey, Wimberly/Bateman) - Requires State Board of Education regulations regarding school nurse certification to include certain minimum eligibility requirements

A-1649/S-853 (Schaer, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Mukherji/Stack) - Requires local governments and authorities to obtain financing cost estimate from NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust for certain projects

ACS for A-1973/SCS for S-2401 (Prieto, Handlin/Diegnan, Stack) - "Appraisal Management Company Registration and Regulation Act"

A-1991/S-2722 (Prieto, Jimenez, Oliver/Stack, Cunningham) - Provides two elected members of pension commission of closed Hudson County Employees' Pension Fund may be active or retired county employees

ACS for A-2004/SCS for S-731 (Green, Benson, Moriarty, Mukherji, Pintor Marin/Cruz-Perez, Beach) - Establishes certain penalties for operating or participating in pyramid promotional schemes

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A-2087/SCS for S-2792 (Mukherji, Schaer, Downey, Quijano/Greenstein, Turner) - Grants drivers additional time to resolve parking violations prior to license or registration suspension

A-2340/S-2108 (Benson, Muoio, Gusciora/Greenstein, Diegnan) - Authorizes students in Marie H. Katzenbach school for the deaf to operate State vehicle for driver education and provides protection for such activity under tort claims act

A-2512/S-1899 (DeAngelo, Pintor Marin, Houghtaling/Whelan, Turner) - Requires BPU to render decision on case within 12 months of final public hearing or hold another public hearing prior to deciding case

A-2805/S-2726 (Caputo, Houghtaling, McKeon, Chiaravalloti/Codey, Pou) - Requires DMVA to develop online historic tour identifying locations of war battles and places of significance to war efforts in State

A-3011/S-2796 (Conaway, Singleton/Allen) - Modifies charter of Board of Island Managers of Burlington Island to move elections to November

AS for A-3351/S-2570 (Lampitt, Andrzejczak, Quijano, Holley, Jones, Space/Cruz-Perez, Oroho) - Creates license to manufacturer and sell hard cider and mead

A-3581/SCS for S-2582, 2092 (Downey, Mosquera, Danielsens, Houghtaling, Van Drew, Turner, Moriarty) - Requires Internet-connected baby monitors to include security features

A-3601/S-2209 (Schaer/Vitale, Gill) - Concerns regulation of guaranteed asset protection waivers by DOBI

A-3785/S-2396 (Downey, Houghtaling, Jasey, Singleton, Holley, Caride, Wimberly/Ruiz, Turner) - Requires State to pay educational costs of students who reside in homeless shelter outside district of residence for more than one year

A-4019/S-2491 (Mazzeo, Mukherji, Andrzejczak, Land, DeCroce, McKnight, Danielsens/Cruz-Perez, Madden) - Permits eligible students who are members of United States Armed Forces to wear military uniform at high school graduation

A-4146/S-2521 (Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Lampitt, Johnson, McKnight, Sumter/Vitale, Gordon) – STATEMENT UPON SIGNING - Provides for monitoring and evaluation of transition of mental health and substance use disorder treatment service system and developmental disability system to fee-for-service reimbursement model; makes appropriation

A-4284/S-2675 (Quijano, Benson, Muoio, Caride, Vainieri Huttie, McKnight, Wimberly, Sumter/Diegnan, Beach) - Provides that school districts and nonpublic schools may receive reimbursement for costs incurred on or after January 1, 2016 for testing school drinking water for lead

A-4344/S-2729 (Karabinchak, Pinkin, Coughlin, Wisniewski/Diegnan, Vitale) - Designates portion of Route 18 in East Brunswick as "State Trooper Werner Foerster Memorial Interchange"

AJR-76/SJR-16 (Vainieri Huttie, Holley, McKnight, Jasey/Gill) - Designates September "Affordable Housing Awareness Month"

AJR-130/SJR-92 (Vainieri Huttie, Lampitt/Vitale, Singer) - Designates January 23 of each year as "Maternal Health Awareness Day" in New Jersey

BILLS VETOED:

A-1850/S-2606 (Giblin, DeAngelo, Mukherji, Holley/Diegnan) – ABSOLUTE - Extends by two months seasonal retail consumption alcoholic beverage license

A-1869/S-668 (Wimberly, Vainieri Huttie, Oliver, Tucker, Quijano, Johnson/Rice, Cruz-Perez) - CONDITIONAL - Establishes Division of Minority and Women Business Development and State Chief Disparity Officer to monitor efforts to promote participation by minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State contracting

A-2353/S-367 (Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Mukherji, Benson, Quijano/Codey, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes measures to deter steroid use among students; appropriates \$45,000 to DOE for New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association testing of student-athletes for steroids and other performance enhancing substances

A-3091/S-2528 (Munoz, Gusciora, O'Scanlon, Oliver, Lagana, Lampitt, Mukherji, Sumter/Pou, Weinberg, Cunningham) - CONDITIONAL - Bars persons under age 18 from marrying or entering into a civil union

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