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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 87, *approved May 11, 2021*
Senate, No. 2832 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning substitute teachers ², amending P.L.2010, c.97
2 and P.L.2010, c.100,² and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A
3 of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. ²a.² Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
9 contrary, a candidate for a substitute teacher credential who is
10 enrolled in a regionally accredited institution of higher education
11 ²and who is applying between the effective date of this act and June
12 30, 2023² shall present a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits
13 completed at the institution at the time of applying for the substitute
14 credential. ¹A candidate applying for a substitute teacher credential
15 under this section shall be at least 20 years of age. Nothing in this
16 section shall be construed to restrict school districts from
17 establishing additional criteria for the employment of substitute
18 teachers under this section.¹

19 ²b. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Education to
20 examine issues and develop recommendations as to whether the
21 timeline established pursuant to subsection a. of this section should
22 be extended to continue allowing candidates for substitute teaching
23 credentials to present a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits
24 completed at the time of applying for the substitute credential. The
25 commissioner shall issue a final report of findings and
26 recommendations to the Governor, to the Legislature pursuant to
27 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), and to the State Board
28 of Education no later than one year after the application period
29 expires on June 30, 2023.²

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31 ²2. Section 1 of P.L.2010, c.97 (C.18A:16-1.1a) is amended to
32 read as follows:

33 1. A vacant teaching position, or the position of a teacher who
34 is absent for an extended time period, shall not be filled in any
35 school year by one or more individuals holding a substitute
36 credential issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to the
37 provisions of N.J.S.18A:6-38 for a total amount of time exceeding
38 20 school days. The commissioner may grant an extension of up to
39 an additional 20 school days upon written application from the

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 SED committee amendments adopted September 14, 2020.

²Senate floor amendments adopted January 11, 2021.

1 school district demonstrating the district's inability to hire an
2 appropriately certified teacher for the vacant position within the
3 original 20-day time limit. During a public health emergency
4 declared by the Governor pursuant to the "Emergency Health
5 Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), a vacant or
6 absent position may be filled by a holder of a substitute credential
7 for up to 40 school days and for an additional 20 school days upon
8 written application to the Commissioner of Education or the
9 commissioner's designee, demonstrating the district's inability to
10 hire an appropriately certified teacher within the 40-day time limit
11 and that the individuals are periodically monitored and supported by
12 the credential holder's supervisor.²
13 (cf: P.L.2010, c.97, s.1)

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15 ²3. Section 2 of P.L.2010, c.100 (C.18A:16-1.1c) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 2. A vacant teaching position, or the position of a teacher who
18 is absent for an extended time period, shall not be filled in any
19 school year by one or more individuals employed as substitute
20 teachers and holding a certificate of eligibility or a certificate of
21 eligibility with advanced standing issued by the State Board of
22 Examiners and working in an area not authorized by their
23 credentials for a total amount of time exceeding 20 school days.
24 The executive county superintendent of schools may grant an
25 extension of up to an additional 20 days upon written application
26 from the school district demonstrating the district's inability to hire
27 an appropriately certified teacher for the vacant position within the
28 original 20-day time limit. During a public health emergency
29 declared by the Governor pursuant to the "Emergency Health
30 Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), a vacant or
31 absent position may be filled by a holder of a certificate of
32 eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing and
33 working in an area not authorized by their credentials for up to 40
34 school days and for an additional 20 school days upon written
35 application to the Commissioner of Education or the
36 commissioner's designee demonstrating the district's inability to
37 hire an appropriately certified teacher within the 40-day time limit
38 and that the individuals are periodically monitored and supported by
39 the credential holder's supervisor.²
40 (cf: P.L.2010, c.100, s.2)

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42 ²[2.] 4.² This act shall take effect immediately.

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46 Allows student enrolled in institution of higher education who
47 has completed 30 semester-hour credits to serve as substitute
48 teacher; extends time period substitute teacher may serve during
public health emergency.

SENATE, No. 2832

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED AUGUST 17, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Diegnan

SYNOPSIS

Allows student enrolled in institution of higher education who has completed 30 semester-hour credits to serve as substitute teacher.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/14/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning substitute teachers and supplementing chapter
2 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6

7 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
8 a candidate for a substitute teacher credential who is enrolled in a
9 regionally accredited institution of higher education shall present a
10 minimum of 30 semester-hour credits completed at the institution at
11 the time of applying for the substitute credential.

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:9B-7.3
19 require a candidate for a substitute teacher credential to have at
20 least 60 semester-hour credits completed at a regionally accredited
21 institution of higher education at the time of applying for the
22 substitute credential. This bill allows a student enrolled in a
23 regionally accredited institution of higher education to have a
24 minimum of 30 semester-hour credits completed at the institution at
25 the time of applying for the substitute credential.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2832

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2021

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2832 (2R).

State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:9B-7.3 require a candidate for a substitute teacher credential to have at least 60 semester-hour credits completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education at the time of applying for the substitute credential. This bill allows a candidate for a substitute teacher credential who is enrolled in a regionally accredited institution of higher education and applying between the effective date of the bill and June 30, 2023, to have a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits completed at the institution at the time of applying for the substitute credential. The candidate would also be required to be at least 20 years of age. Nothing in the bill would be construed to restrict school districts from establishing additional criteria for the employment of substitute teachers.

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Education to examine issues and develop recommendations as to whether the application timeline should be extended to allow candidates for a substitute teacher credential to continue presenting a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits after June 30, 2023. The commissioner would then issue a final report of findings and recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education.

In addition, this bill also amends existing law to provide that the position of a teacher who is absent for an extended time period will not be filled by one or more individuals holding a substitute credential for more than 20 school days. The bill further amends existing law to provide that, during a public health emergency declared by the Governor, a vacant or absent position may be filled by a holder of a substitute credential for up to 40 school days and for an additional 20 school days upon written application to the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee, demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher within the 40-day time limit and that the individuals are periodically monitored and supported by the credential holder's supervisor.

This bill also amends existing law to provide that the position of a teacher who is absent for an extended time period would not be filled in any school year by one or more individuals employed as substitute teachers and holding a certificate of eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing issued by the State Board of Examiners and working in an area not authorized by their credentials for more than 20 school days. The bill further amends existing law to provide that, during a public health emergency declared by the Governor, a vacant or absent position may be filled by a holder of a certificate of eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing and working in an area not authorized by their credentials for up to 40 school days and for an additional 20 school days upon written application to the Commissioner of Education demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher within the 40-day time limit and that the individuals are periodically monitored and supported by the credential holder's supervisor.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 5295, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2832

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2832 with committee amendments.

State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:9B-7.3 require a candidate for a substitute teacher credential to have at least 60 semester-hour credits completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education at the time of applying for the substitute credential. As amended, this bill allows a student, who is at least 20 of years of age and is enrolled in a regionally accredited institution of higher education, to have a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits completed at the institution at the time of applying for the substitute credential.

The committee amended the bill to require that a candidate applying for a substitute teacher credential under the bill be at least 20 years of age. The amendments also clarify that nothing in the bill restricts school districts from establishing additional criteria for the employment of such substitute teachers.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2832

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator RUIZ)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 11, 2021

These Assembly amendments:

1. specify that students enrolled in institutions of higher education who have completed 30 semester-hour credits are allowed to serve as substitute teachers only if they apply between the effective date of the bill and June 30, 2023;
2. require the Commissioner of Education to examine issues and develop recommendations as to whether the timeline should be extended; and
3. increase the coverage provided by substitute teachers by extending the amount of time those individuals may teach in the same classroom during public health emergencies.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5295

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

SYNOPSIS

Allows student enrolled in institution of higher education who has completed 30 semester-hour credits to serve as substitute teacher.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/22/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning substitute teachers and supplementing chapter
2 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6

7 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
8 a candidate for a substitute teacher credential who is enrolled in a
9 regionally accredited institution of higher education shall present a
10 minimum of 30 semester-hour credits completed at the institution at
11 the time of applying for the substitute credential.

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:9B-7.3
19 require a candidate for a substitute teacher credential to have at
20 least 60 semester-hour credits completed at a regionally accredited
21 institution of higher education at the time of applying for the
22 substitute credential. This bill allows a student enrolled in a
23 regionally accredited institution of higher education to have a
24 minimum of 30 semester-hour credits completed at the institution at
25 the time of applying for the substitute credential.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5295

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2021

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5295 with committee amendments.

State Board of Education regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:9B-7.3 require a candidate for a substitute teacher credential to have at least 60 semester-hour credits completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education at the time of applying for the substitute credential. As amended, this bill allows a candidate for a substitute teacher credential who is enrolled in a regionally accredited institution of higher education and applying between the effective date of the bill and June 30, 2023, to have a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits completed at the institution at the time of applying for the substitute credential. The candidate would also be required to be at least 20 years of age. Nothing in the bill would be construed to restrict school districts from establishing additional criteria for the employment of substitute teachers.

The bill also requires the Commissioner of Education to examine issues and develop recommendations as to whether the application timeline should be extended to allow candidates for a substitute teacher credential to continue presenting a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits after June 30, 2023. The commissioner would then issue a final report of findings and recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education.

In addition, this bill also amends existing law to provide that the position of a teacher who is absent for an extended time period will not be filled by one or more individuals holding a substitute credential for more than 20 school days. The bill further amends existing law to provide that, during a public health emergency declared by the Governor, a vacant or absent position may be filled by a holder of a substitute credential for up to 40 school days and for an additional 20 school days upon written application to the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee, demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher within the 40-day time limit and that the individuals are periodically monitored and supported by the credential holder's supervisor.

This bill also amends existing law to provide that the position of a teacher who is absent for an extended time period would not be filled

in any school year by one or more individuals employed as substitute teachers and holding a certificate of eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing issued by the State Board of Examiners and working in an area not authorized by their credentials for more than 20 school days. The bill further amends existing law to provide that, during a public health emergency declared by the Governor, a vacant or absent position may be filled by a holder of a certificate of eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing and working in an area not authorized by their credentials for up to 40 school days and for an additional 20 school days upon written application to the Commissioner of Education demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher within the 40-day time limit and that the individuals are periodically monitored and supported by the credential holder's supervisor.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2832 (2R), which was reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- provide that a candidate for a substitute teacher credential is required to present a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education if applying for the credential between the effective date of the bill and June 30, 2023;
- specify that a candidate applying for a substitute teacher credential under this bill be at least 20 years of age;
- clarify that nothing in this bill would be construed to restrict school districts from establishing additional criteria for the employment of substitute teachers;
- require the Commissioner of Education to examine issues and develop recommendations as to whether the timeline established under this bill should be extended to allow candidates for a substitute teacher credential to continue presenting a minimum of 30 semester-hour credits after June 30, 2023;
- require the commissioner to issue a final report of findings and recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education no later than one year after the application period expires on June 30, 2023;
- amend existing law to provide that the position of a teacher who is absent for an extended time period shall not be filled in any school year by one or more individuals holding a substitute credential for more than 20 total school days;
- amend existing law to provide that , during a public health emergency declared by the Governor, a vacant or absent position may be filled by a holder of a substitute credential

for up to 40 school days and for an additional 20 school days upon written application to the Commissioner of Education demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher within the 40-day time limit and that the individuals are periodically monitored and supported by the credential holder's supervisor;

- amends existing law to provide that the position of a teacher who is absent for an extended time period would not be filled in any school year by one or more individuals employed as substitute teachers and holding a certificate of eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing issued by the State Board of Examiners and working in an area not authorized by their credentials for more than 20 school days; and
- amends existing law to provide that, during a public health emergency declared by the Governor, a vacant or absent position may be filled by a holder of a certificate of eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing and working in an area not authorized by their credentials for up to 40 school days and for an additional 20 school days upon written application to the Commissioner of Education demonstrating the district's inability to hire an appropriately certified teacher within the 40-day time limit and that the individuals are periodically monitored and supported by the credential holder's supervisor.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/11/2021

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

S-767/A-4552 (Gopal, Greenstein/Houghtaling, Benson, Tully) – Exempts New Jersey Infrastructure Bank projects from certain local bond requirements

S-942/A-2890 (Singleton/Lopez, Chiaravalloti, Timberlake) – Requires certain standards for professional and occupational boards considering applicants with criminal history records

S-1937/A-1597 (Madden, Sweeney/Mejia, Timberlake, Vainieri Huttie) – Establishes Task Force to Promote Employment by State Agencies of People with Disabilities

S-2486/A-4264 (Sweeney/Taliaferro, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttie) – Establishes Clayton Model Pilot Program in DOE to provide school-based social emotional learning to students in grades kindergarten through five at certain public schools

S-2728/A-4835 (Sweeney, A.M. Bucco/Verrelli, Burzichelli, Wirths) – Adds two members to State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) Contractors

S-2832/A-5295 (Ruiz, Beach/Quijano, Lampitt) – Allows student enrolled in institution of higher education who has completed 30 semester-hour credits to serve as substitute teacher; extends time period substitute teacher may serve during public health emergency

S-3145/A-2308 (Greenstein, Pou/Vainieri Huttie, Johnson, Downey) – Concerns names required on applications for professional and occupational licensure

S-3198/A-5078 (Codey, Gopal/Dancer, Caputo) – Extends time outstanding parimutuel ticket may be claimed from six months to 12 months; allows additional time to claim outstanding parimutuel tickets and unclaimed cash vouchers due to Public Health Emergency

S-3234/A-5149 (Singleton, A.M. Bucco/Greenwald, Benson, Johnson) – Allows deduction from tax of certain expenses when taxpayer's federal paycheck protection program loan is forgiven and excludes those forgiven loans from gross income tax

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

S-853/A-5064 (Sweeney, Beach/Verrelli, Giblin, Danielsen) – **CONDITIONAL** – "New Jersey Buy American Act"; requires certain State agency highway and bridge construction contracts to include iron and steel products made in U.S.

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S-890/A-1061 (Pou, Codey/Jasey, Johnson, Verrelli) – **CONDITIONAL** – Requires DOH and DHS to identify and take appropriate steps to secure federal sources of funding to support maternal mental health

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S-1676/A-3326 (Smith, Vitale/Conaway, Reynolds-Jackson, Vainieri Huttle) – CONDITIONAL – Allows hospitals to construct housing and provide wrap-around services for individuals who are homeless or housing insecure

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