

CHAPTER 6

AN ACT concerning special education and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:26-2.23 Special education requirements for instructional certificate.

1. In addition to any other requirements adopted by the State Board of Education for teacher preparation programs, the State board shall 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.

C.18A:26-2.24 Credit hours in autism spectrum disorder required.

2. In addition to any other requirements adopted by the State Board of Education for teacher preparation programs, the State Board of Education shall require that the preparation program for an instructional certificate with a teacher of students with disabilities endorsement shall include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder and comprehensive evidence-based instructional practices to address the educational strengths and needs of students with autism.

C.18A:26-2.25 Rules, regulations.

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

4. This act shall take effect in the first full academic year following enactment.

Approved February 6, 2017.