

CHAPTER 171

AN ACT concerning teacher certification in health and physical 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:26-2.28 Health and physical education endorsement.

1. a. In addition to any other eligibility requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed by a board of education to teach health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six, a person shall possess a health and physical education endorsement to the instructional certificate.

b. In addition to any other eligibility requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed by a board of education to teach physical education in grades kindergarten through six, a person shall possess a physical education endorsement to the instructional certificate.

c. In addition to any other eligibility requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education, in order to be appointed by a board of education to teach health in grades kindergarten through six, a person shall possess a health endorsement to the instructional certificate or a school nurse endorsement to the educational services certificate.

d. The provisions of subsections a., b., and c. of this section shall not be applicable to a person who teaches SDA district kindergarten students pursuant to a contract between the SDA district and a licensed child care center or other provider.

As used in this subsection, "SDA district" means an SDA district as defined in section 3 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-3).

e. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, a person who holds an elementary school endorsement to the instructional certificate prior to the effective date of this act, may be appointed by a board of education to teach health and physical education, physical education, or health in grades kindergarten through six, in accordance with any other requirements established by the State board.

2. This act shall take effect in the 2019-2020 school year.

Approved July 19, 2019.