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SENATE BILL 129

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE TEACHING
CERTIFICATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-2-8.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
Chapter 33, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-2-8.7. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. --

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
the state board shall require ~~[any]~~ a person seeking
certification in elementary and secondary education to
complete the following minimum requirements in the college of
arts and sciences:

(1) twelve hours in English;

(2) twelve hours in history, including
American history and western civilization;

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1 (3) six hours in mathematics;

2 (4) six hours in government, economics or
3 sociology;

4 (5) twelve hours in science, including
5 biology, chemistry, physics, geology, zoology and botany; and

6 (6) six hours in fine arts.

7 B. The state board shall require, prior to
8 certification, no less than fourteen weeks of student
9 teaching, a portion of which shall occur in the first thirty
10 credit hours taken in the college of education and shall be
11 under the direct supervision of a certified school instructor
12 and a portion of which shall occur in the student's senior
13 year with the student teacher being directly responsible for
14 the classroom.

15 C. Nothing in this section shall preclude the
16 state board from establishing or accepting equivalent
17 requirements for purposes of reciprocal certification or
18 minimum requirements for alternative certification. The state
19 board may waive the requirements of Subsections A and B of
20 this section if it determines that an applicant is otherwise
21 qualified by reason of his education or training.

22 D. The requirements in Subsections A and B of this
23 section shall apply to students first entering a college or
24 university beginning in the fall of 1986.

25 E. Vocational teacher preparatory programs may be

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1 exempt from Subsections A and B of this section upon a
2 determination by the state board that other certification
3 requirements are more appropriate for vocational teacher
4 preparatory programs. "

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