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SENATE BILL 395

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING READING COURSES FOR
TEACHER 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. The state board shall require any person
seeking certification in elementary ~~and~~ or 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;

(3) six hours in mathematics;

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

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

5 (6) six hours in fine arts.

6 B. In addition to the requirements specified in
7 Subsection A of this section, the state board shall require
8 that a person seeking standard or alternative elementary
9 certification shall have completed six hours of reading
10 courses, and a person seeking standard or alternative
11 secondary certification shall have completed three hours of
12 reading courses in subject matter content.

13 [~~B.~~] C. The state board shall require, prior to
14 certification, no less than fourteen weeks of student
15 teaching, a portion of which shall occur in the first thirty
16 credit hours taken in the college of education and shall be
17 under the direct supervision of a certified school instructor
18 and a portion of which shall occur in the student's senior
19 year with the student teacher being directly responsible for
20 the classroom.

21 [~~C.~~] D. Nothing in this section shall preclude the
22 state board from establishing or accepting equivalent
23 requirements for purposes of reciprocal certification or
24 minimum requirements for alternative certification.

25 [~~D.~~— The requirements in Subsections A and B of

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1 ~~this section shall apply to students first entering a college~~
2 ~~or university beginning in the fall of 1986.]~~

3 E. Vocational teacher preparatory programs may be
4 exempt from Subsections A [~~and B~~] through C of this section
5 upon a determination by the state board that other
6 certification requirements are more appropriate for vocational
7 teacher preparatory programs. "

8 Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--APPLICABLE STUDENTS. --
9 The requirements in Subsection B of Section 22-2-8.7 NMSA 1978
10 shall apply to students first entering a college or university
11 beginning in the fall of 2001.