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SENATE BILL 17

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - 2ND SPECIAL SESSION, 2000

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION: PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE TEACHING
CERTIFICATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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;
- (3) six hours in mathematics;
- (4) six hours in government, economics or

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1 sociology;

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

4 (6) six hours in fine arts.

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

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

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

23 E. Vocational teacher preparatory programs may be
24 exempt from Subsections A and B of this section upon a
25 determination by the state board that other certification
requirements are more appropriate for vocational teacher
preparatory programs."

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Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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