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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend Section 1261, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through
2 and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 1261. Requirements for the alternative routes for teacher licensure and certification program [Effective until Apr.
4 20, 2018]

5 (b) There is hereby established an alternative routes for teacher licensure and certification program which is
6 intended to provide essential knowledge and skills to teachers participating in the alternative routes for teacher licensure
7 and certification program through the following phases of training:

8 (1) A seminar/practicum of no less than 120 hours' duration which takes place prior to the time at which the
9 teacher participating in the alternative routes for teacher licensure and certification program takes full responsibility for
10 a classroom. This seminar/practicum shall provide such formal instruction or equivalent professional development as
11 shall be required by an alternative routes for teacher licensure and certification program established by regulation of
12 the Standards Board and the State Board of Education under § 1203 of this title or established by law, in the essential
13 areas for professional study listed in subsection (c) of this section. It shall introduce basic teaching skills through
14 supervised teaching experiences with students. The seminar and practicum components of the experience shall be
15 integrated and shall include an orientation to the policies, organization and curriculum of the employing district or
16 charter school. A teacher entering a Delaware school through the Teach For America or a teacher residency program
17 shall be considered in compliance with this requirement if such teacher has completed the 200-hour preservice training
18 provided by Teach For America or the preservice training requirements provided by the teacher residency program. A
19 teacher candidate who will participate in the alternative routes for teacher licensure and certification program hired
20 after July 1 of a school year will fulfill the 120 hour seminar/practicum requirement prior to the start of the following
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SYNOPSIS

This Act authorizes teacher candidates who will participate in the “alternative routes” for teacher licensure and certification program hired after July 1 of a school year to fulfill the 120 hour seminar/practicum requirement prior to the start of the following school year.