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#### Administrative Code Citation

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N.J.A.C. 13:28-6.31

#### Text

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##### Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

##### Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:1-15 and 45:5B-1 et seq.

Petitioner: Association of Cosmetology & Hairstyling Schools of New Jersey, Inc.

**Take notice** that on March 9, 2024, the Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling (Board) received a petition for rulemaking from the Association of Cosmetology & Hairstyling Schools of New Jersey, Inc. (Association), requesting that the Board amend the regulation governing the curriculum for the teacher-training course, N.J.A.C. 13:28-6.31. Specifically, the petitioner asks the Board to increase the number of hours required for the teacher-training course by 100.

Currently, the Board's teacher-training course curriculum requires students to complete a minimum of 500 hours of instruction and clinical practice in designated subject areas. The petitioner asserts that most of the schools that are part of their Association offer 600-hour programs instead in order to meet the minimum number of hours required for students to be eligible for Pell Grants and other Federal student

aid. The petitioner states that students need this Federal financial aid in order to be able to afford their education. However, starting July 1, 2024, programs such as this one, which exceed the number of hours required by their state's laws, will no longer be eligible for Federal student aid. Due to a rule change last year by the United States Department of Education, programs will need to be equal in length to their state's minimum hours requirements to remain eligible for Federal funding. The petitioner, therefore, requests that the minimum hours required by the Board's rule be increased to 600 hours. The petitioner contends that in addition to keeping these programs eligible for Federal student aid, the added 100 hours will fulfill a need for additional teacher training. The petitioner proposes that the additional hours be devoted to classroom management, technology in the classroom, and distance education training, and have outlined a summary of what these subjects would cover.

In accordance with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, a copy of this notice has been mailed to the petitioner, and the Executive Director of the [page=621] Board will subsequently mail to the petitioner, and file with the Office of Administrative Law, a notice of action on the petition.

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