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SYNOPSIS
Prohibits State Board of Education from requiring completion of performance-based assessment as condition of eligibility for certificate of eligibility with advanced standing.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.

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AN ACT concerning performance-based assessments for teacher
candidates and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the
New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
contrary, the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate
for a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing to complete a
Commissioner of Education approved performance-based
assessment, including, but not limited to, the edTPA, as a condition
of eligibility for a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing.
b. An educator preparation program shall not consider whether a
candidate has completed a Commissioner of Education approved
performance-based assessment when making a determination as to
whether to recommend a candidate for certificate of eligibility with
advanced standing certification to the Commissioner of Education.
c. As used in this section, “certificate of eligibility with
advanced standing” means a certificate with lifetime validity issued
by the State Board of Examiners to candidates who meet degree,
academic, and test requirements for teacher certification and
complete an educator preparation program.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Under current State Board of Education regulations, in order to
be eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility with advanced
standing (CEAS) a candidate must pass a Commissioner of
Education approved performance-based assessment, currently the
edTPA.

This bill provides that the State Board of Education is prohibited
from requiring a candidate for a CEAS to complete a Commissioner
of Education approved performance-based assessment in order to be
eligible for CEAS certification. Additionally, the bill prohibits an
educator preparation program from considering whether a candidate
for a CEAS has completed a Commissioner of Education approved
performance-based assessment when making a determination as to
whether to recommend a candidate for CEAS certification.