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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 or certificate of eligibility.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Education Committee.
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 or a certificate of eligibility to complete a Commissioner of Education approved performance-based assessment, including, but not limited to, the edTPA, as a condition of eligibility with advanced standing or a certificate of eligibility. An educator preparation program may require candidates to complete a performance-based assessment approved by the educator preparation program. The performance-based assessment approved by the educator preparation program shall meet requirements set by the commissioner approved professional education accreditation body of the educator preparation program.

b. A certificate of eligibility with advanced standing educator preparation program, or a certificate of eligibility 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 or certificate of eligibility certification to the Commissioner of Education.

c. As used in this section:

“Certificate of eligibility” means an instructional certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State Board of Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and applicable test requirements for teacher certification.

“Certificate of eligibility with advanced standing” means an instructional 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.