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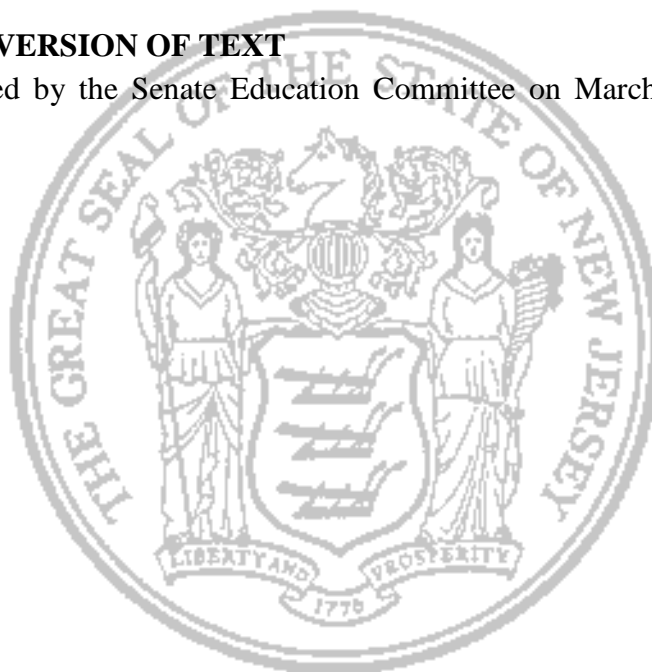
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**SYNOPSIS**

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**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on March 7, 2022, with amendments.



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

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

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 8 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the  
 9 contrary, the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate  
 10 for a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing <sup>1</sup>or a  
 11 certificate of eligibility<sup>1</sup> to complete a Commissioner of Education  
 12 approved performance-based assessment, including, but not limited  
 13 to, the edTPA, as a condition of eligibility for a certificate of  
 14 eligibility with advanced standing <sup>1</sup>or a certificate of eligibility. An  
 15 educator preparation program shall require candidates to complete a  
 16 performance-based assessment approved by the educator  
 17 preparation program. The performance-based assessment approved  
 18 by the educator preparation program shall meet requirements set by  
 19 the Commissioner of Education<sup>1</sup>.

20 b. <sup>1</sup>**[An]** A certificate of eligibility with advanced standing<sup>1</sup>  
 21 educator preparation program<sup>1</sup>, or a certificate of eligibility  
 22 educator preparation program<sup>1</sup>, shall not consider whether a  
 23 candidate has completed a Commissioner of Education approved  
 24 performance-based assessment when making a determination as to  
 25 whether to recommend a candidate for certificate of eligibility with  
 26 advanced standing certification <sup>1</sup>or certificate of eligibility  
 27 certification<sup>1</sup> to the Commissioner of Education.

28 c. As used in this section <sup>1</sup>**[**, “certificate”**]**:  
 29 “Certificate of eligibility” means a certificate with lifetime  
 30 validity issued by the State Board of Examiners to candidates who  
 31 meet degree, academic, and applicable test requirements for teacher  
 32 certification.

33 “Certificate<sup>1</sup> of eligibility with advanced standing” means a  
 34 certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State Board of  
 35 Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and test  
 36 requirements for teacher certification and complete an educator  
 37 preparation program.

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 39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted March 7, 2022.