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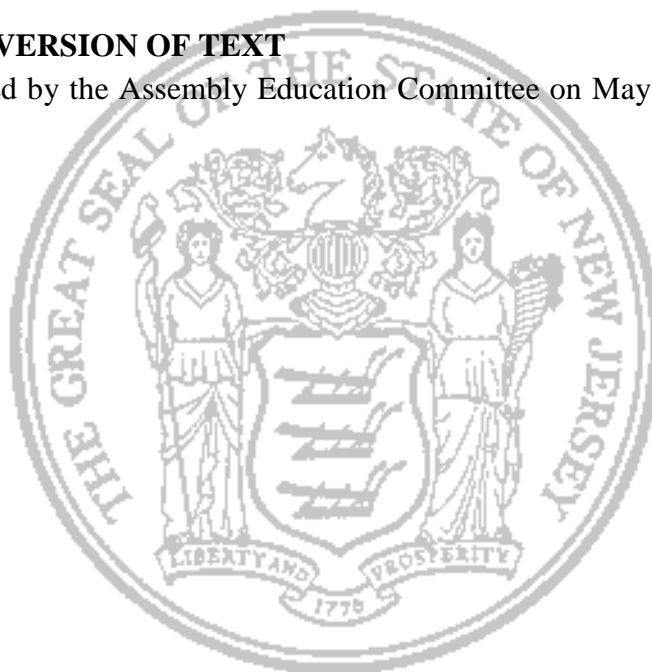
**Senators Cunningham, Johnson, Lagana, Zwicker, A.M.Bucco, Diegnan,
Madden, Gopal, Gill, Durr, Sarlo and Stanfield**

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

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on May 19, 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 ¹or a
 11 certificate of eligibility¹ 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 ¹or a certificate of eligibility. An
 15 educator preparation program ²**[shall]** ²may ²require candidates to
 16 complete a 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 ²**[Commissioner of Education¹]** commissioner approved
 20 professional education accreditation body of the educator
 21 preparation program².

22 b. ¹**[An]** A certificate of eligibility with advanced standing¹
 23 educator preparation program¹, or a certificate of eligibility
 24 educator preparation program¹, shall not consider whether a
 25 candidate has completed a Commissioner of Education approved
 26 performance-based assessment when making a determination as to
 27 whether to recommend a candidate for certificate of eligibility with
 28 advanced standing certification ¹or certificate of eligibility
 29 certification¹ to the Commissioner of Education.

30 c. As used in this section ¹**[**, “certificate”:
 31 “Certificate of eligibility” means ²**[a]** an instructional²
 32 certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State Board of
 33 Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and
 34 applicable test requirements for teacher certification.

35 “Certificate¹ of eligibility with advanced standing” means ²**[a]**
 36 an instructional² certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State
 37 Board of Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and
 38 test requirements for teacher certification and complete an educator
 39 preparation program.

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 41 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:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted March 7, 2022.

²Assembly AED committee amendments adopted May 19, 2022.