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SYNOPSIS

Removes obstacles to teacher certification for certain teachers; repeals law establishing alternative certificate of eligibility.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on May 13, 2024.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2024)

1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification ¹**[and]** ¹ supplementing
2 chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes¹, and
3 repealing P.L.2023, c.180¹.
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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**[1. a. As used in this act:**

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

13 “Certificate of eligibility with advanced standing” means a
14 certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State Board of
15 Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and test
16 requirements for teacher certification and complete an educator
17 preparation program.

18 “Provisional certificate” means a certificate issued by the State
19 Board of Examiners to candidates who hold either a certificate of
20 eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing and
21 are employed as part of a State-approved district training program
22 or residency leading to standard certification.

23 “Standard instructional certificate” means a permanent certificate
24 issued to a person who has met all teacher certification
25 requirements.

26 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
27 the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate seeking a
28 certificate of eligibility, a certificate of eligibility with advanced
29 standing, a provisional certificate, or a standard instructional
30 certificate to complete a Commissioner of Education-approved test
31 of basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills including, but not
32 limited to, the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test, in
33 order to obtain a certificate of eligibility, a certificate of eligibility
34 with advanced standing, a provisional certificate, or a standard
35 instructional certificate.]¹
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37 ¹**[2. This act shall take effect immediately.]¹**
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39 ¹1. a. Notwithstanding P.L.2021, c.420 (C.18A:26-34), or any
40 other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the State Board of
41 Education shall not require a candidate seeking any instructional
42 certificate, except in the case of a limited certificate of eligibility or
43 a limited certificate of eligibility with advanced standing
44 established pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 224 (C.18A:26-2b et seq.), to

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 floor amendments adopted May 13, 2024.

1 complete a Commissioner of Education-approved test of basic
2 reading, writing, and mathematics skills including, but not limited
3 to, the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test, in order to
4 obtain an instructional certificate.

5 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
6 the State Board of Education shall be prohibited from requiring a
7 commissioner-approved educator preparation program to require the
8 completion of a commissioner-approved test of basic reading,
9 writing, and mathematics skills including, but not limited to, the
10 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test, as a condition for
11 admission.¹

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13 ¹2. The State Board of Education shall, in accordance with the
14 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
15 seq.). adopt rules and regulations as necessary to implement this
16 act.¹

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18 ¹3. P.L.2023, c.180 (C.18A:26-34.1 et seq.) is repealed.¹

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20 ¹4. Section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
21 Legislature as this bill) shall take effect on the first day of the
22 seventh month next following the date of enactment. Sections 2 and
23 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
24 bill) shall take effect immediately.¹