

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 216, *approved January 12, 2026*
Senate, No. 4515 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification and amending P.L.2021,
2 c.420.

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

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2021, c.420 (C.18A:26-34) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
10 contrary, the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate
11 for or the holder of a certificate of eligibility in a career and
12 technical education endorsement or a certificate of eligibility with
13 advance standing in a career and technical education endorsement
14 to complete a Commissioner-approved test of basic reading,
15 writing, and mathematics skills in order to obtain a standard
16 certificate, including, but not limited to, the Praxis Core Academic
17 Skills for Educators test, if the candidate can demonstrate
18 proficiency in the use of English language and mathematics through
19 an alternate measure.

20 (2) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
21 the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate for a
22 certificate of eligibility in a career and technical education
23 endorsement to complete an educator preparation program which
24 exceeds 200-hours of instruction or one academic year.

25 b. As used in this section:

26 "Alternate measure" means any demonstration of basic skills
27 proficiency, other than a test, that is approved by the Department of
28 Education, including, but not limited to: a portfolio of work
29 products as approved by the superintendent of a candidate's
30 employing school district; obtainment of an occupational license or
31 certification; or an industry certificate or registration.

32 "Certificate of eligibility" means a certificate with lifetime
33 validity issued by the State Board of Examiners to candidates who
34 meet degree, academic, and applicable test requirements for teacher
35 certification.

36 "Certificate of eligibility with advanced standing" means a
37 certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State Board of
38 Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and test

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 December 18, 2025.

1 requirements for teacher certification and complete an educator
2 preparation program.
3 (cf: P.L.2021, c.420, s.1)

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5 2. This act shall take effect **'[immediately]** on the first day of
6 the seventh month next following the date of enactment¹.

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11 Limits certain requirements for certification of career and
12 technical education teachers.