

CHAPTER 180
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AN ACT concerning teacher certification 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:*

C.18A:26-34.1 Alternative certificate of eligibility, teacher candidate.

1. a. The State Board of Education shall authorize the issuance of an alternative certificate of eligibility to a teacher candidate who meets all other eligibility requirements to receive a certificate of eligibility, except for the requirement to achieve a minimum score on a Commissioner of Education-approved test of basic reading, writing, and mathematical skills and all other alternative basic skills requirements or exceptions.

b. The holder of an alternative certificate authorized pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be eligible to receive a standard certificate from the State Board of Education upon completion of four years of continuous employment as a teacher in a school district, charter school, renaissance school project, or approved private school for students with disabilities, provided that the teacher completes all applicable requirements for the standard certificate.

C.18A:26-34.2 Alternative certificate holder, additional qualifications, acquisition of tenure, not required.

2. A teaching staff member issued a certificate pursuant to section 1 of this act shall not be required to meet any additional qualifications towards the acquisition of tenure other than those specified by law for all candidates for tenure. Employment accrued using an alternative certificate of eligibility shall be applied in the same manner towards eligibility for tenure as employment accrued using a certificate of eligibility.

C.18A:26-34.3 Rules, regulations.

3. Within 30 days after the effective date of this act, and notwithstanding the provisions of the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the contrary, the State Board of Education shall, immediately upon filing proper notice with the Office of Administrative Law, adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved November 27, 2023.