

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 896

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2022

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 896 (1R) with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill provides that the State Board of Education is prohibited from requiring a candidate for a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS) or a certificate of eligibility (CE) to complete a Commissioner of Education approved performance-based assessment in order to be eligible for CEAS or CE certification. This bill permits educator preparation programs to require that CEAS and CE candidates complete a performance-based assessment. An educator preparation program performance-based assessment will meet requirements set by the commissioner approved professional education accreditation body for the educator preparation program. Additionally, the bill prohibits a CEAS educator preparation program, or a CE educator preparation program, from considering whether a candidate for a CEAS or a CE has completed a commissioner approved performance-based assessment when making a determination as to whether to recommend a candidate for CEAS or CE certification.

Under current State Board of Education regulations, all CEAS and CE candidates are required to pass a commissioner approved performance-based assessment, currently the edTPA.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 677 and 3562, which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to permit, instead of require, educator preparation programs to require that candidates for CEAS or CE certification take a performance-based assessment. The committee also amended the bill to state that the performance-based assessment required by an educator preparation program will meet the requirements set by the Commissioner of Education-approved professional education accreditation body for the educator preparation program.