

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3172

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 27, 2022

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3172.

This bill requires the State Board of Education to authorize a route to teacher certification for candidates who possess a Montessori teaching credential. To be eligible for this route to teacher certification, a candidate must, at minimum:

(1) hold a Montessori teaching credential issued by the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, or an institution accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education;

(2) hold a bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited institution of higher education; and

(3) meet the applicable test requirements for a certificate of eligibility.

Candidates who meet the requirements for eligibility set forth in this bill will not be required to complete a State approved educator preparation program prior to certification.

Also under the bill, upon completion of the certification requirements, a candidate will be issued a certificate of eligibility by the Board of Examiners. This bill defines "certificate of eligibility" as a certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State Board of Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and applicable test requirements for teacher certification.