

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3172

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator GOPAL)

ADOPTED: JUNE 20, 2023

Senate Bill No. 3172 requires the State Board of Education to authorize a route to teacher certification for candidates who possess a Montessori teaching credential.

These Senate floor amendments clarify that the provisions of the bill apply to candidates seeking a certificate of eligibility with a preschool through grade three endorsement or an elementary school (kindergarten through grade six) endorsement. Through the amendments, the Montessori certification supplants the 50 pre-service hours required through the alternative route, in addition to the educational requirements of the provisional teacher program. The amendments specify that in order to obtain a provisional or standard instructional certificate, a candidate seeking a certificate of eligibility with a preschool through grade three endorsement or an elementary school (kindergarten through six) endorsement who meets the criteria established under this bill is not required to complete:

- 50 hours of pre-professional experience or credits of preschool through grade three pedagogy;
- 350 hours of credits or coursework after employment if the candidate is seeking an elementary school (kindergarten through grade six) endorsement; or
- 24 credits after employment if the candidate is seeking a preschool through grade three endorsement.