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SYNOPSIS

Removes obstacles to teacher certification for certain teachers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification and supplementing chapter
2 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. As used in this act:

8 “Certificate of eligibility” means a certificate with lifetime
9 validity issued by the State Board of Examiners to candidates who
10 meet degree, academic, and applicable test requirements for teacher
11 certification.

12 “Certificate of eligibility with advanced standing” means a
13 certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State Board of
14 Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and test
15 requirements for teacher certification and complete an educator
16 preparation program.

17 “Provisional certificate” means a certificate issued by the State
18 Board of Examiners to candidates who hold either a certificate of
19 eligibility or a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing and
20 are employed as part of a State-approved district training program
21 or residency leading to standard certification.

22 “Standard instructional certificate” means a permanent certificate
23 issued to a person who has met all teacher certification
24 requirements.

25 b. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
26 the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate seeking a
27 certificate of eligibility, a certificate of eligibility with advanced
28 standing, a provisional certificate, or a standard instructional
29 certificate to complete a Commissioner of Education-approved test
30 of basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills including, but not
31 limited to, the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test, in
32 order to obtain a certificate of eligibility, a certificate of eligibility
33 with advanced standing, a provisional certificate, or a standard
34 instructional certificate.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill eliminates the requirement that a teacher candidate
42 complete a basic skills test. Specifically, this bill eliminates the
43 requirement that a candidate seeking a certificate of eligibility, a
44 certificate of eligibility with advanced standing, a provisional
45 certificate, or a standard instructional certificate complete a
46 Commissioner of Education-approved test of basic reading, writing,

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- 1 and mathematics skills, including, but not limited to, the Praxis
- 2 Core Academic Skills for Educators test, in order to obtain any of
- 3 these certificates.