

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 57, *approved April 19, 2021*
Senate, No. 2831 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT ²**[**granting reciprocity to teachers with certain out-of-state
2 certificates**]** directing the DOE to establish an Alternate Route
3 Interstate Reciprocity Pilot Program² and supplementing chapter
4 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 ²1. The Department of Education shall establish a five-year
10 Alternate Route Interstate Reciprocity Pilot Program. The
11 department shall:

12 a. following two complete years of program implementation,
13 publish a progress report on the success of the program up to that
14 point in time; and

15 b. establish criteria for participating New Jersey Certificate of
16 Eligibility educator preparation programs. The selected educator
17 preparation programs shall:

18 (1) accept an out-of-state candidate who meets the requirements
19 of section 3 of this act;

20 (2) accept a candidate's earned credits from a prior educator
21 preparation program for any participating out-of-state candidate
22 who has not yet completed their educator preparation program; and

23 (3) provide the department with ongoing data regarding the
24 progress and success of all participating candidates and any
25 candidate data necessary for a comparative progress report.²

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27 ²**[**1. The**]** 2. For the purposes of the Alternate Route Interstate
28 Reciprocity Pilot Program established pursuant to section 1 of this
29 act, the² State Board of Examiners shall issue an instructional
30 certificate of eligibility to an out-of-state candidate who:

31 a. ²**[**(1)**]**² holds the equivalent of a valid certificate of
32 eligibility or a valid provisional certificate issued by another state in
33 a subject or grade level also offered in New Jersey; ²**[**or (2) holds
34 an emergency certificate issued by another state in an appropriate
35 subject or grade level;**]**²

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[**thus**]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted September 24, 2020.

²Senate floor amendments adopted January 11, 2021.

1 b. has passed a subject-matter test to receive ²~~his~~ the
2 candidate's² out-of-state endorsement or passed the appropriate
3 New Jersey subject-matter test;

4 c. has passed a performance assessment that is approved by the
5 state in which the certificate was issued, or, if the out-of-state
6 candidate did not take or pass a state-approved performance
7 assessment, the candidate shall ¹be issued an instructional
8 certificate of eligibility but shall¹ pass a New Jersey approved
9 performance assessment ¹prior to the issuance of a standard
10 instructional certificate¹; ¹~~and~~¹

11 d. has at least one year of effective teaching experience as
12 documented by a letter from the candidate's former supervisor,
13 principal, or employing school district's human resource officer ¹;
14 and

15 e. has been in good standing during ²~~his~~ the candidate's²
16 teaching experience under the out-of-state certificate as documented
17 in such manner as determined by the State Board of Education¹

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19 ²~~2.~~ ^{3.}² If the out-of-state candidate has not completed an
20 approved educator preparation program the candidate shall enroll in
21 a New Jersey approved educator preparation program and complete
22 any remaining college credits or coursework prior to the issuance of
23 a standard instructional certificate.

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25 ²~~4.~~ A certificate of eligibility out-of-state candidate who is
26 enrolled in the pilot program and who meets all other requirements
27 for issuance of a standard certificate pursuant to State Board of
28 Education regulations shall be eligible for a standard certificate. A
29 certificate of eligibility candidate who successfully completes the
30 pilot program may apply for up to one year of effective teaching
31 experience earned out-of-state, as documented by a letter from the
32 candidate's former supervisor, principal, or employing school
33 district's human resource officer, to satisfy the requirement that the
34 candidate earn at least two summative evaluation ratings within
35 three consecutive years of teaching.²

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37 ²~~5.~~ At the conclusion of the five-year pilot program, the
38 Department of Education shall submit a report evaluating the
39 effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor, the Legislature
40 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), and the
41 State Board of Education. The report shall include an analysis of
42 the impact of the pilot program and shall include the department's
43 recommendation on the feasibility of continuing the program.²

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45 ²~~3.~~ ^{6.}² This act shall take effect immediately.

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3 Requires DOE to establish Alternate Route Interstate Reciprocity
4 Pilot Program.