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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires educator preparation program to report passing rates of students who complete certain tests and to disseminate information on test fee waiver programs, and permits collection of student fee for certain testing costs.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on March 25, 2021.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/28/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning educator preparation programs and  
2 supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. Each educator preparation program shall annually report  
9 to the Department of Education on the first-time and overall test  
10 pass rates of candidates for an instructional certificate, for each test  
11 required for instructional certification.

12 b. Each educator preparation program shall annually publish  
13 the first-time and overall test pass rates of its students on its  
14 website.

15 c. Each educator preparation program shall annually  
16 disseminate information to its students on the availability of fee  
17 waivers for tests required for instructional certification.

18 d. Each educator preparation program shall include in its  
19 <sup>1</sup>~~tuition and fees bill an optional lab~~ fee that a student may opt to pay and which shall<sup>1</sup> be applied towards  
20 the cost of the student completing the tests required for instructional  
21 certification. Testing fees for students preparing for employment as  
22 an educator in a subject area in which there is a shortage of teachers  
23 in the State, as determined by the department, shall be paid by the  
24 educator preparation program.

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26 e. As used in this act, a “test required for instructional  
27 certification” means Praxis Core tests, or their successor tests, and  
28 Praxis Subject Assessments, or their successor tests.

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30 2. The department shall annually compile the test pass rates of  
31 candidates for an instructional certificate submitted pursuant to  
32 subsection a. of section 1 of this act into a comparative profile of all  
33 educator preparation programs. The profile shall be made available  
34 for public inspection on the department’s website.

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36 3. The test pass rates submitted to the department pursuant to  
37 subsection a. of section 1 of this act shall be included within the  
38 documentation required for the Commissioner of Education’s  
39 periodic review of educator preparation programs.

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41 <sup>1</sup>4. Any policy or contract entered into after the effective date of  
42 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) by  
43 the State, or any political subdivision thereof, regarding a test  
44 required for instructional certification shall provide for the  
45 dissemination of fee waivers to low-income students.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted March 25, 2021.

1     As used in this section:

2     "Annual adjusted gross income" means:

3     (1) for a dependent student, the annual adjusted gross income of  
4     the student's parent or legal guardian, as reported on the student's  
5     Free Application for Federal Student Aid or other financial aid  
6     form; and

7     (2) for an independent student, the annual adjusted gross income  
8     of the student and, if applicable, the spouse of the student, as  
9     reported on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
10    or other financial aid form, and

11    "Low-income student" means a student with an annual adjusted  
12    gross income of \$65,000 or less.<sup>1</sup>

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14    <sup>1</sup>**[4.] 5.**<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect in the first full academic  
15    year following the date of enactment.