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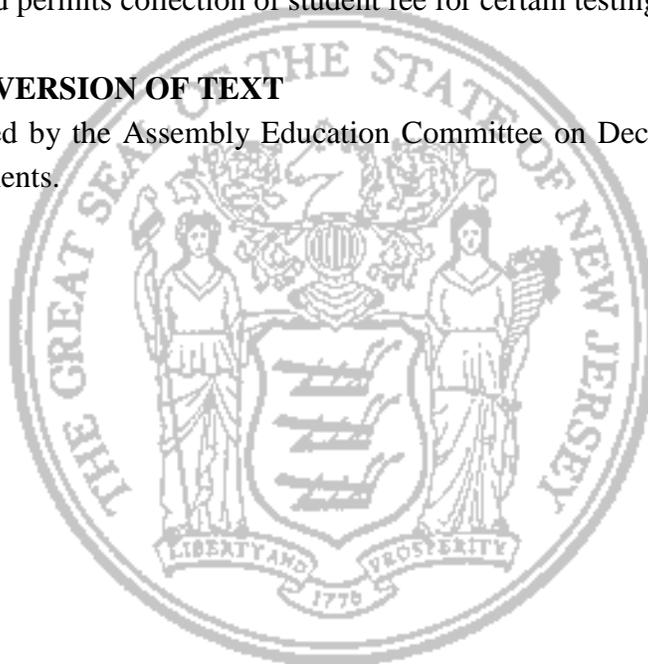
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SYNOPSIS

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 reported by the Assembly Education Committee on December 9, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

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 ¹**[student fees a separate fee to]** tuition and fees bill an optional lab
 20 fee that a student may opt to pay and which shall¹ be applied
 21 towards the cost of the student completing the tests required for
 22 instructional certification. ²**[Testing fees for students preparing for**
 23 **employment as an educator in a subject area in which there is a**
 24 **shortage of teachers in the State, as determined by the department,**
 25 **shall be paid by the educator preparation program.]²**

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 ¹4. 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

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 March 25, 2021.

²Assembly AED committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.

1 dissemination of fee waivers to low-income students.

2 As used in this section:

3 "Annual adjusted gross income" means:

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

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

12 "Low-income student" means a student with an annual adjusted
13 gross income of \$65,000 or less.¹

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15 ¹**[4.] 5.**¹ This act shall take effect in the first full academic
16 year following the date of enactment.