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SYNOPSIS

Grants reciprocity to teachers with certain out-of-state certificates.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on September 24, 2020.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/19/2020)

1 AN ACT granting reciprocity to teachers with certain out-of-state
 2 certificates and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the
 3 New Jersey 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. The State Board of Examiners shall issue an instructional
 9 certificate of eligibility to an out-of-state candidate who:

10 a. (1) holds the equivalent of a valid certificate of eligibility or
 11 a valid provisional certificate issued by another state in a subject or
 12 grade level also offered in New Jersey; or (2) holds an emergency
 13 certificate issued by another state in an appropriate subject or grade
 14 level;

15 b. has passed a subject-matter test to receive his out-of-state
 16 endorsement or passed the appropriate New Jersey subject-matter
 17 test;

18 c. has passed a performance assessment that is approved by the
 19 state in which the certificate was issued, or, if the out-of-state
 20 candidate did not take or pass a state-approved performance
 21 assessment, the candidate shall 'be issued an instructional
 22 certificate of eligibility but shall' pass a New Jersey approved
 23 performance assessment 'prior to the issuance of a standard
 24 instructional certificate'; **['and']**¹

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

29 e. has been in good standing during his teaching experience
 30 under the out-of-state certificate as documented in such manner as
 31 determined by the State Board of Education¹.

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 33 2. If the out-of-state candidate has not completed an approved
 34 educator preparation program the candidate shall enroll in a New
 35 Jersey approved educator preparation program and complete any
 36 remaining college credits or coursework prior to the issuance of a
 37 standard instructional certificate.

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 39 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.