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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits State Board of Education from requiring completion of performance-based assessment as condition of eligibility for certificate of eligibility with advanced standing.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning performance-based assessments for teacher
2 candidates 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. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
9 contrary, the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate
10 for a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing to complete a
11 Commissioner of Education approved performance-based
12 assessment, including, but not limited to, the edTPA, as a condition
13 of eligibility for a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing.

14 b. An educator preparation program shall not consider whether a
15 candidate has completed a Commissioner of Education approved
16 performance-based assessment when making a determination as to
17 whether to recommend a candidate for certificate of eligibility with
18 advanced standing certification to the Commissioner of Education.

19 c. As used in this section, “certificate of eligibility with
20 advanced standing” means a certificate with lifetime validity issued
21 by the State Board of Examiners to candidates who meet degree,
22 academic, and test requirements for teacher certification and
23 complete an educator preparation program.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 Under current State Board of Education regulations, in order to
31 be eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility with advanced
32 standing (CEAS) a candidate must pass a Commissioner of
33 Education approved performance-based assessment, currently the
34 edTPA.

35 This bill provides that the State Board of Education is prohibited
36 from requiring a candidate for a CEAS to complete a Commissioner
37 of Education approved performance-based assessment in order to be
38 eligible for CEAS certification. Additionally, the bill prohibits an
39 educator preparation program from considering whether a candidate
40 for a CEAS has completed a Commissioner of Education approved
41 performance-based assessment when making a determination as to
42 whether to recommend a candidate for CEAS certification.