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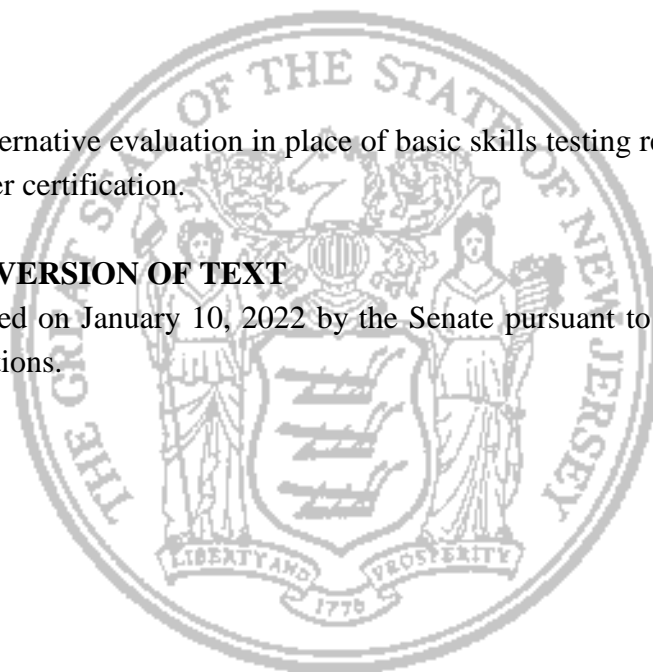
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and Assemblyman Freiman**

SYNOPSIS

Allows alternative evaluation in place of basic skills testing requirements for certain teacher certification.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on January 10, 2022 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



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

1 AN ACT concerning teacher certification and supplementing chapter
2 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
8 contrary, the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate
9 for or the holder of a certificate of eligibility in a career and
10 technical education endorsement or a certificate of eligibility with
11 advance standing in a career and technical education endorsement
12 to complete a Commissioner-approved test of basic reading,
13 writing, and mathematics skills in order to obtain a standard
14 certificate, including, but not limited to, the Praxis Core Academic
15 Skills for Educators test, if the candidate can demonstrate
16 proficiency in the use of English language and mathematics
17 through an alternate measure.

18 b. As used in this section:

19 “Alternate measure” means any demonstration of basic skills
20 proficiency, other than a test, that is approved by the Department of
21 Education, including, but not limited to: a portfolio of work
22 products as approved by the superintendent of a candidate’s
23 employing school district; obtainment of an occupational license or
24 certification; or an industry certificate or registration.

25 “Certificate of eligibility” means a certificate with lifetime
26 validity issued by the State Board of Examiners to candidates who
27 meet degree, academic, and applicable test requirements for teacher
28 certification.

29 “Certificate of eligibility with advanced standing” means a
30 certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State Board of
31 Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and test
32 requirements for teacher certification and complete an educator
33 preparation program.

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35 2. This act shall take effect ¹**[immediately]** in the first full school
36 year following enactment¹.

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 amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations January 10, 2022.