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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (h) of section 10-145b of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (2) Each professional educator certificate shall be valid for [five] ten
5 years and continued every [five] ten years thereafter.

6 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is
7 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
8 *2022*):

9 (a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper
10 application, shall issue an initial educator certificate to any person who
11 (1) holds a bachelor's degree or an advanced degree from an institution
12 of higher education that is regionally accredited or has received an
13 equivalent accreditation, and (2) has completed (A) an educator

14 preparation program approved by the State Board of Education or the
15 appropriate governing body in the state in which the institution of
16 higher education is located, or (B) an alternate route to certification
17 program approved by the State Board of Education or the appropriate
18 governing body in the state in which such alternate route to certification
19 program is located, and satisfies the requirements for a temporary
20 ninety-day certificate, pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, or a
21 resident teacher certificate, pursuant to section 10-145m. In addition, on
22 and after July 1, 2018, each applicant shall have completed a subject area
23 major as defined by the State Board of Education, except (i) as provided
24 in section 10-145l, or (ii) where an applicant achieves a satisfactory
25 evaluation on an appropriate State Board of Education approved subject
26 area assessment or has completed advanced coursework in a relevant
27 subject area. Each such initial educator certificate shall be valid for three
28 years, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, and may be
29 extended by the Commissioner of Education for an additional year for
30 good cause upon the request of the superintendent in whose school
31 district such person is employed or upon the request of the assessment
32 team reviewing such person's performance. The commissioner may,
33 upon application, reissue an initial educator certificate to any person
34 who holds, but has not served under, an initial educator certificate, if
35 such person can demonstrate that he or she satisfies the preparation and
36 eligibility requirements that were in place at the time such initial
37 educator certificate was originally issued to such person.

38 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
40 *2022*):

41 (e) On and after July 1, 1989, the State Board of Education, upon
42 receipt of a proper application, shall issue a provisional educator
43 certificate to any person who (1) has successfully completed a beginning
44 educator program and one school year of successful teaching as attested
45 to by the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in whose
46 local or regional school district such person was employed, (2) has

47 completed at least three years of successful teaching in a public school
48 in another state or a nonpublic school approved by the State Board of
49 Education or appropriate governing body in another state within ten
50 years prior to application for such provisional educator certificate, as
51 attested to by the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in
52 whose school district such person was employed, or by the supervising
53 agent of the nonpublic school in which such person was employed, and
54 has met preparation and eligibility requirements for an initial educator
55 certificate, or (3) has successfully taught with a provisional teaching
56 certificate for the year immediately preceding an application for a
57 provisional educator certificate as an employee of a local or regional
58 board of education or facility approved for special education by the
59 State Board of Education. The commissioner may, upon application,
60 reissue a provisional educator certificate to any person who holds a
61 provisional educator certificate, if such person can demonstrate that he
62 or she satisfies the preparation and eligibility requirements that were in
63 place at the time such provisional educator certificate was originally
64 issued to such person.

65 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10-25b of the 2022 supplement to the
66 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
67 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

68 (a) Not later than January 1, [2023] 2024, the Department of
69 Education, in collaboration with the State Education Resource Center,
70 shall develop a model curriculum for grades kindergarten to grade
71 eight, inclusive, that may be used by local and regional boards of
72 education.

73 Sec. 5. Section 375 of public act 21-2 of the June special session is
74 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
75 *2022*):

76 (a) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Department of Education, in
77 consultation with the State Education Resource Center, shall submit a
78 progress report on the development of the model curriculum for grades

79 kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, described in section 10-25b of the
80 general statutes, as amended by this act, to the joint standing committee
81 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
82 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
83 general statutes.

84 (b) Not later than January 15, [2023] 2024, the department, in
85 consultation with the State Education Resource Center, shall submit a
86 description of the model curriculum developed pursuant to section [374
87 of this act] 10-25b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, which
88 includes the scope and sequence and course objective, and a report on
89 the development and review of such course to the joint standing
90 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
91 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
92 of the general statutes.

93 Sec. 6. Section 10-266w of the general statutes is repealed and the
94 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

95 (a) For each fiscal year, each local and regional board of education
96 having at least one school building designated as a severe need school
97 shall be eligible to receive a grant to assist in providing school breakfasts
98 to all students in each eligible severe need school, provided any local or
99 regional board having at least one school building so designated shall
100 participate in the federal school breakfast program, pursuant to the
101 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, P.L. 111-296, on behalf of all
102 severe need schools in the district with grades eight or under in which
103 at least eighty per cent of the lunches served are served to students who
104 are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to said federal
105 law and regulations. For purposes of this section, "severe need school"
106 means a school in which (1) the school is participating, or is about to
107 participate, in a breakfast program, and (2) twenty per cent or more of
108 the lunches served to students at the school in the fiscal year two years
109 prior to the grant year were served free or at a reduced price.

110 (b) Grants under this section shall be contingent on documented

111 direct costs of a school breakfast program which exceed the federal aid
112 and cash income received by a school breakfast program. Eligible
113 boards of education shall submit applications, on behalf of each of their
114 severe need schools, for grants under this section to the Commissioner
115 of Education. Applications shall be submitted in such form and at such
116 times as the commissioner shall prescribe.

117 (c) Within the limits of available funds, the amount to which each
118 eligible local or regional board of education is entitled for each fiscal
119 year under this section shall be the sum of (1) three thousand dollars for
120 each severe need school in the school district which provides a school
121 breakfast program prorated per one hundred eighty days of the school
122 year; and (2) ten cents per breakfast served in each severe need school.
123 If the amount due eligible boards of education exceeds the amount of
124 funds available, the grants calculated under subdivision (2) of this
125 subsection shall be reduced proportionately. In each fiscal year, grants
126 calculated under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be paid in
127 October, and grants calculated under subdivision (2) of this subsection
128 shall be paid in equal installments in January and May. Based on
129 verification of the data used to calculate such grants, any underpayment
130 or overpayment may be calculated and adjusted by the Department of
131 Education in any subsequent year's grant.

132 (d) Each local and regional board of education participating in the
133 grant program shall prepare a financial statement of expenditures that
134 shall be submitted to the department annually, at such time and in such
135 manner as the Commissioner of Education prescribes. If the
136 commissioner finds that any school breakfast grant recipient uses such
137 grant for purposes that are not in conformity with the purposes of this
138 section, the commissioner shall require repayment of the grant to the
139 state.

140 (e) The Commissioner of Education may temporarily waive any
141 provision of this section or modify any requirements relating to the
142 eligibility for participation in the grant program in response to any
143 changes in federal law or waivers issued by the United States

144 Department of Agriculture to ensure that local and regional boards of
145 education participating in a federal breakfast program continue to
146 receive such grants.

147 Sec. 7. Section 10-215b of the general statutes is repealed and the
148 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

149 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to expend in each fiscal
150 year, within available appropriations, an amount equal to (1) the money
151 required pursuant to the matching requirements of said federal laws
152 and shall disburse the same in accordance with said laws, and (2) ten
153 cents per lunch served in the prior school year in accordance with said
154 laws by any local or regional board of education, the Technical
155 Education and Career System or governing authority of a state charter
156 school, interdistrict magnet school or endowed academy approved
157 pursuant to section 10-34 that participates in the National School Lunch
158 Program and certifies pursuant to section 10-215f that the nutrition
159 standards established by the Department of Education pursuant to
160 section 10-215e shall be met.

161 (b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe the manner and time
162 of application by such board of education, the Technical Education and
163 Career System, such governing authority or controlling authority of the
164 nonpublic schools for such funds, provided such application shall
165 include the certification that any funds received pursuant to subsection
166 (a) of this section shall be used for the program approved. The State
167 Board of Education shall determine the eligibility of the applicant to
168 receive such grants pursuant to regulations provided in subsection (c)
169 of this section and shall certify to the Comptroller the amount of the
170 grant for which the board of education, the Technical Education and
171 Career System, the governing authority or the controlling authority of a
172 nonpublic school is eligible. Upon receipt of such certification, the
173 Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer in the amount, at the
174 time and to the payee so certified.

175 (c) The State Board of Education may adopt such regulations as may

176 be necessary in implementing sections 10-215 to 10-215b, inclusive.

177 (d) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a procedure for
 178 monitoring compliance by boards of education, the Technical Education
 179 and Career System, or governing authorities with certifications
 180 submitted in accordance with section 10-215f and may adjust grant
 181 amounts pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section
 182 based on failure to comply with said certification.

183 (e) The Commissioner of Education may temporarily waive any
 184 provision or modify any requirements of this section or section 10-215,
 185 10-215a, 10-215e or 10-215f, in response to any changes in federal law or
 186 waivers issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, to
 187 ensure that local and regional boards of education continue to receive
 188 the funds described in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-145b(h)(2)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-145b(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-145b(e)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-25b(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	PA 21-2 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 375
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	10-266w
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	10-215b

ED *Joint Favorable*