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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING VISITING INTERNATIONAL TEACHER PERMITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The State Board of
2 Education shall, upon the request of a local or regional board of
3 education, issue an international teacher permit in a subject shortage
4 area pursuant to section 10-8b of the general statutes, provided the
5 conditions for issuance of such permit pursuant to the provisions of
6 subsections (b) and (c) of this section are met. Such permits shall be
7 issued for one year and may be renewed for a period of up to one year,
8 upon the request of the local or regional board of education, provided
9 the permit shall not be renewed more than twice in the two years
10 subsequent to the initial issuance.

11 (b) The local or regional board of education requesting the issuance
12 of an international teacher permit shall attest to the existence of a plan
13 for the supervision of the teacher.

14 (c) The teacher shall:

15 (1) Hold a J-1 visa issued by the United States Department of State;

16 (2) Be in the United States to teach (A) in accordance with a
17 memorandum of understanding between Connecticut and the country
18 from which the teacher is entering, or (B) as part of the Exchange
19 Visitor Program administered by the United States Department of
20 State Fulbright Teacher Exchange Branch;

21 (3) Hold the equivalent of a bachelor's degree, or higher, from a
22 regionally accredited institution of higher education, as determined by
23 a foreign credentialing agency recognized by the Commissioner of
24 Education, with a major in or closely related to the certification
25 endorsement area in which the teacher is to teach, or have successfully
26 completed the teacher assessment for the appropriate subject area, as
27 approved by the State Board of Education;

28 (4) Have completed, in the country from which the teacher is
29 entering, the equivalent of a regionally accredited teacher preparation
30 program; and

31 (5) Have achieved the level of oral proficiency in English as
32 determined by an examination approved by the Commissioner of
33 Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a durational permit to qualify certain visiting international teachers to teach in subject shortage areas in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]