



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 50

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF THE TEACHING OF
READING.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Education shall, within available appropriations, implement an
3 assessment in the area of reading for candidates for teacher
4 certification who seek an initial educator certificate with an
5 endorsement that includes elementary education, early childhood
6 nursery through grade three education or comprehensive special
7 education. The assessment shall evaluate a candidate's research-based
8 knowledge for assessing and teaching reading as described in the
9 report by the Early Reading Success Panel established pursuant to
10 section 10-221j of the general statutes. The State Board of Education,
11 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-145f of the general statutes, as
12 amended by this act, shall establish a passing score for each
13 assessment. On and after July 1, 2009, the State Board of Education
14 shall require a candidate who seeks certification with an endorsement
15 in elementary education or early childhood nursery through grade
16 three education to achieve such score in order to be certified pursuant
17 to section 10-145b of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. On
18 and after July 1, 2010, the State Board of Education shall require a
19 candidate who seeks certification with an endorsement in
20 comprehensive special education to achieve such score in order to be

21 certified pursuant to said section 10-145b.

22 (b) Not later than December 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Education
23 shall submit a report on assessments developed pursuant to subsection
24 (a) of this section to the joint standing committees of the General
25 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
26 and education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
27 the general statutes

28 Sec. 2. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-145f of
29 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
30 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

31 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i) of section 10-
32 145b, any person who does not hold a valid certificate pursuant to
33 section 10-145b shall (A) achieve satisfactory scores on all components,
34 in one administration, or, on and after January 1, 1995, satisfactory
35 scores on all components of the state reading, writing and mathematics
36 competency examination prescribed by and administered under the
37 direction of the board, or achieve a combined score of one thousand or
38 more on a Scholastic Aptitude Test administered on or before March
39 31, 1995, or a combined score of eleven hundred or more on a
40 Scholastic Aptitude Test administered on or after April 1, 1995, or an
41 equivalent score as determined by the board on a test deemed
42 equivalent by the board, provided, if the Scholastic Aptitude Test or
43 the equivalent test is a non-English-language version, the person shall
44 demonstrate a satisfactory level of English proficiency as determined
45 by the board on a test prescribed by the board, and (B) achieve a
46 satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board of Education
47 approved subject area assessment in order to be eligible for a certificate
48 pursuant to said section unless such assessment has not been approved
49 by the State Board of Education at the time of application, in which
50 case the applicant shall not be denied a certificate solely because of the
51 lack of an evaluation on such assessment. For purposes of this
52 subdivision, on and after July 1, 2009, for certificates with
53 endorsements in elementary education or early childhood education

54 nursery through grade three education, and on and after July 1, 2010,
55 for certificates with endorsements in comprehensive special education,
56 such State Board of Education approved subject area assessments shall
57 include an assessment of the teaching of reading pursuant to section 1
58 of this act.

59 (2) Any person applying for an additional certification endorsement
60 shall achieve a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board
61 of Education approved subject area assessment in order to be eligible
62 for such additional endorsement, unless such assessment has not been
63 approved by the State Board of Education at the time of application, in
64 which case the applicant shall not be denied the additional
65 endorsement solely because of the lack of an evaluation on such
66 assessment. The State Board of Education shall complete the
67 development of such area assessments for all appropriate
68 endorsements not later than December 1, 1990. For purposes of this
69 subdivision, on and after July 1, 2009, for certificates with
70 endorsements in elementary education or early childhood education
71 nursery through grade three education, and on and after July 1, 2010,
72 for certificates with endorsements in comprehensive special education,
73 such State Board of Education approved subject area assessments shall
74 include an assessment of the teaching of reading pursuant to section 1
75 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2009	10-145f(b)(1) and (2)

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