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LCO No. 375

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BILINGUAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-145h of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2008*):

4 (d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for the period
5 from July 1, 2005, to July 1, [2008] 2011, the State Board of Education
6 shall require an applicant for certification as a bilingual education
7 teacher to demonstrate competency in English and the other language
8 of instruction as a condition of certification. Competency in English
9 shall be demonstrated by successful passage of the oral proficiency test
10 in English and an essential skills test approved by the State Board of
11 Education. Oral and written competency in the other language shall be
12 demonstrated by passage of an examination, if available, of
13 comparable difficulty as specified by the Department of Education. If
14 such an examination is not available, competency shall be
15 demonstrated by an appropriate alternative method as specified by the
16 department.

17 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, for the period
18 from July 1, 2005, to July 1, [2008] 2011, the State Board of Education
19 shall require persons seeking to become (A) elementary level bilingual
20 education teachers to be certified in (i) bilingual education and achieve
21 a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board of Education
22 approved assessment for elementary education, or (ii) elementary
23 education and have completed six semester hours of credit in English
24 as a second language course work as approved by the State Board of
25 Education, and (B) secondary level bilingual education teachers to be
26 certified in (i) bilingual education and achieve a satisfactory evaluation
27 on the appropriate State Board of Education approved subject area
28 assessment, or (ii) the subject area they will teach and have completed
29 six semester hours of credit in English as a second language course
30 work as approved by the State Board of Education. Such certificates
31 shall be valid for subject-specific bilingual education. Certification in
32 elementary bilingual education shall be valid for grades kindergarten
33 to eight, inclusive, and certification in secondary subject-specific
34 bilingual education shall be valid for grades seven to twelve, inclusive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-145h(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the pilot program for the issuance of bilingual educator certificates by three years.

[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.]