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**Raised Bill No. 612**

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATORS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (26) of section 10-183b of the 2008 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (26) "Teacher" means (A) any teacher, permanent substitute teacher,  
5 principal, assistant principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or  
6 superintendent employed by the public schools in a professional  
7 capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State  
8 Board of Education, provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate  
9 shall be for the position in which the person is then employed, (B)  
10 certified personnel who provide health and welfare services for  
11 children in nonprofit schools, as provided in section 10-217a of the  
12 2008 supplement to the general statutes, under an oral or written  
13 agreement, (C) any person who is engaged in teaching or supervising  
14 schools for adults if the annual salary paid for such service is equal to  
15 or greater than the minimum salary paid for a regular, full-time  
16 teaching position in the day schools in the town where such service is  
17 rendered, (D) a member of the professional staff of the State Board of

18 Education or of the Board of Governors of Higher Education or any of  
19 its constituent units, (E) any person who is employed by a local or  
20 regional board of education in a position requiring a business  
21 administrator certification, except such persons possessing such  
22 certification on July 1, 2008, who elect not to participate in the system,  
23 and [(E)] (F) a member of the staff of the State Education Resource  
24 Center established pursuant to section 10-4q employed in a  
25 professional capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by  
26 the State Board of Education. A "permanent substitute teacher" is one  
27 who serves as such for at least ten months during any school year.

28 Sec. 2. Section 10-145d of the 2008 supplement to the general  
29 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
30 (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

31 (a) The State Board of Education shall, pursuant to chapter 54, adopt  
32 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of  
33 sections 10-144o, 10-145a to 10-145d, inclusive, of the 2008 supplement  
34 to the general statutes, 10-145f and 10-146b of the 2008 supplement to  
35 the general statutes. Such regulations shall provide for (1) the  
36 establishment of an appeal panel to review any decision to deny the  
37 issuance of a certificate authorized under [said] section 10-145b; (2) the  
38 establishment of requirements for subject area endorsements; (3) the  
39 extension of the time to complete requirements for certificates under  
40 [said] section 10-145b; (4) the establishment of requirements for  
41 administrator and supervisor certificates; (5) the composition of, and  
42 the procedures to be utilized by, the assessment teams in  
43 implementing the beginning educator program; (6) procedures and  
44 criteria for issuing certificates to persons whose certificates have lapsed  
45 or persons with non-public-school or out-of-state teaching experience;  
46 (7) the criteria for defining a major course of study; (8) a requirement  
47 that on and after July 1, 1993, in order to be eligible to obtain an initial  
48 educator certificate with an elementary endorsement, each person be  
49 required to complete a survey course in United States history  
50 comprised of not fewer than three semester hours; and (9) a

51 requirement that on and after July 1, 2004, in order to be eligible to  
52 obtain an initial educator certificate with an early childhood nursery  
53 through grade three or an elementary endorsement, each person be  
54 required to complete a comprehensive reading instruction course  
55 comprised of not less than six semester hours. Such regulations may  
56 provide for exceptions to accommodate specific certification  
57 endorsement areas.

58 (b) The State Board of Education shall, pursuant to chapter 54, adopt  
59 regulations to provide standards for the certification of school business  
60 administrators. Such regulations shall make provision for certification  
61 requirements to be met by either (1) completion of prescribed courses  
62 of study, or (2) such other experience as the state board shall deem  
63 appropriate for the position of school business administrator. Any  
64 person serving in the position of school business administrator on July  
65 1, 1983, shall be considered as having met all requirements for  
66 certification. The regulations shall also contain standards to certify  
67 individuals who hold certification from a state other than Connecticut.

68 [(c) Any individual certified as a school business administrator after  
69 July 1, 1983, pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of  
70 Education in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this  
71 section shall not be deemed to be eligible for membership in the  
72 teachers' retirement system solely by reason of such certification,  
73 provided any such individual who holds a regular teacher's certificate  
74 issued by the State Board of Education shall not be excluded from  
75 membership in said system.]

76 [(d)] (c) Any individual certified as a school business administrator  
77 pursuant to regulations adopted by the state board in accordance with  
78 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, shall not be deemed to  
79 be included in the definition of "teacher" in subdivision (2) of  
80 subsection (a) of section 10-151 solely by reason of such certification,  
81 provided any such individual who holds a regular teacher's certificate  
82 issued by the State Board of Education and is employed as a teacher,

83 principal, supervisor or school superintendent shall not be excluded  
84 from such definition.

85 [(e)] (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt regulations, in  
86 accordance with chapter 54, to provide standards for the certification  
87 of computer science teachers. Such regulations shall make provision  
88 for certification requirements to be met by either (1) completion of  
89 prescribed courses of study, or (2) such other experience as the state  
90 board shall deem appropriate.

91 [(f)] (e) An endorsement to teach elementary education grades one  
92 to six, inclusive, shall be valid for grades kindergarten to six, inclusive,  
93 and an endorsement to teach comprehensive special education grades  
94 one to twelve, inclusive, shall be valid for grades kindergarten to  
95 twelve, inclusive.

96 [(g)] (f) For the purposes of issuance of certificates, permits and  
97 authorizations by the State Board of Education under the provisions of  
98 sections 10-144o to 10-149, inclusive, teaching experience in approved  
99 nonpublic schools shall include teaching experience in birth-to-three  
100 programs approved by the Department of Developmental Services.

101 [(h)] (g) Not later than June 1, 2008, the State Board of Education  
102 shall, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, adopt  
103 regulations to provide standards for the certification of marital and  
104 family therapists employed by local or regional boards of education.  
105 Such regulations shall include certification requirements to be met by  
106 (1) licensure as a marital and family therapist under section 20-195c of  
107 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and (2) such other  
108 experience as the State Board of Education deems appropriate for the  
109 position of marital and family therapist in a school system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	10-183b(26)

Sec. 2	July 1, 2008	10-145d
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit school business administrators to be considered a teacher under the teachers' retirement system and permit current administrators to opt-out of the system.

*[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.]*