



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 612**

February Session, 2008

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**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2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  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29 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  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, 10-145f and 10-146b of  
34 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. Such regulations shall  
35 provide for (1) the establishment of an appeal panel to review any  
36 decision to deny the issuance of a certificate authorized under [said]  
37 section 10-145b; (2) the establishment of requirements for subject area  
38 endorsements; (3) the extension of the time to complete requirements  
39 for certificates under [said] section 10-145b; (4) the establishment of  
40 requirements for administrator and supervisor certificates; (5) the  
41 composition of, and the procedures to be utilized by, the assessment  
42 teams in implementing the beginning educator program; (6)  
43 procedures and criteria for issuing certificates to persons whose  
44 certificates have lapsed or persons with non-public-school or out-of-  
45 state teaching experience; (7) the criteria for defining a major course of  
46 study; (8) a requirement that on and after July 1, 1993, in order to be  
47 eligible to obtain an initial educator certificate with an elementary  
48 endorsement, each person be required to complete a survey course in  
49 United States history comprised of not fewer than three semester  
50 hours; and (9) a requirement that on and after July 1, 2004, in order to  
51 be eligible to obtain an initial educator certificate with an early  
52 childhood nursery through grade three or an elementary endorsement,  
53 each person be required to complete a comprehensive reading

54 instruction course comprised of not less than six semester hours. Such  
55 regulations may provide for exceptions to accommodate specific  
56 certification endorsement areas.

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

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

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

84 [(e)] (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt regulations, in  
85 accordance with chapter 54, to provide standards for the certification

86 of computer science teachers. Such regulations shall make provision  
 87 for certification requirements to be met by either (1) completion of  
 88 prescribed courses of study, or (2) such other experience as the state  
 89 board shall deem appropriate.

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

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

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

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-183b(26) |
| Sec. 2  | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | 10-145d     |

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In section 2 the reference to the 2008 supplement to the general statutes following the string citation was deleted for clarity.

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*Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO C/R*

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