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AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-144o of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 As used in sections 10-145 to 10-158a, inclusive:

4 (1) "Equivalent" means qualifications reasonably comparable to
5 those specifically listed as required for certification;

6 (2) "Initial educator certificate" means a license to teach issued on or
7 after July 1, 1989, to a person who has successfully met the preparation
8 and eligibility requirements specified by the State Board of Education
9 for entrance into a beginning educator program;

10 (3) "Beginning educator program" means the support and
11 assessment program established by the State Board of Education for
12 holders of initial educator certificates. The program shall be designed
13 to improve the quality of the first school years of teaching and to
14 determine whether holders of initial educator certificates have

15 achieved the level of competency, as defined by said board, to entitle
16 them to provisional educator certificates;

17 (4) "Provisional teaching certificate" or "provisional certificate"
18 means a license to teach during the provisional certification period,
19 issued prior to July 1, 1989, to a person who meets in full the
20 preparation requirements of the State Board of Education;

21 (5) "Provisional educator certificate" means a license to teach, issued
22 on or after July 1, 1989, to a person who (A) has successfully completed
23 a beginning educator program, if there is such a program for such
24 person's certification endorsement area, and not less than one school
25 year of successful teaching in a public school, (B) has completed at
26 least three years of successful teaching in a public or nonpublic school
27 approved by the State Board of Education or appropriate governing
28 body in another state within ten years prior to application for such
29 provisional educator certificate or (C) has successfully taught with a
30 provisional teaching certificate for the year immediately preceding
31 application for such provisional educator certificate as an employee of
32 a local or regional board of education or facility approved for special
33 education by the State Board of Education;

34 (6) "Standard teaching certificate" or "standard certificate" means a
35 license to teach issued prior to July 1, 1989, to one who has successfully
36 completed no less than three school years of satisfactory teaching
37 experience and fulfilled other requirements while holding a
38 provisional certificate or its equivalent;

39 (7) "Professional educator certificate" means a license to teach issued
40 on or after July 1, 1989, initially to a person who has successfully
41 completed not less than three school years of teaching in (A) prior to
42 July 1, 2004, a public school or nonpublic school approved by the State
43 Board of Education, and (B) on and after July 1, 2014, a public school so
44 approved while holding a provisional educator or provisional teaching
45 certificate and has successfully completed not fewer than thirty
46 semester hours of credit beyond a bachelor's degree. Said certificate

47 shall be continued every five years after issuance upon the successful
48 completion of not less than ninety hours of continuing education, in
49 accordance with subsection [(l)] (i) of section 10-145b, as amended by
50 this act, during each successive five-year period, except that for
51 certificates issued on and after July 1, 2014, the State Board of
52 Education may increase the number of hours required in regulations
53 adopted pursuant to said subsection (i). The successful completion of
54 continuing education units shall only be required for certified
55 employees of local and regional boards of education;

56 (8) "Temporary ninety-day certificate" means a license to teach
57 issued on or after July 1, 1988, to a person who completes an alternate
58 route to certification upon the request of a local or regional board of
59 education pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-145b, as amended by
60 this act. [Each such certificate may be reissued once upon the request
61 of a local or regional board of education during the 1988-1989 school
62 year and upon reissuance shall be effective until July 1, 1989.] Any
63 provision for the reissuance of such certificate after said school year
64 shall be pursuant to regulations adopted by the State Board of
65 Education;

66 (9) "One year" means one school year unless otherwise specified in
67 regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.

68 Sec. 2. Section 10-145a of the general statutes, as amended by section
69 8 of public act 08-160, is repealed and the following is substituted in
70 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

71 (a) The State Board of Education may, in accordance with section 10-
72 19 and such regulations and qualifications as it prescribes, issue
73 certificates of qualification to teach, to administer, to supervise or to
74 serve in other positions requiring certification pursuant to regulations
75 adopted by the State Board of Education in any public school in the
76 state and may revoke the same. Any such regulations shall provide
77 that the qualifications to maintain any administrator, supervisor or
78 special service certificate shall incorporate the continuing education

79 provisions of subsection [(1)] (i) of section 10-145b. The certificates of
80 qualification issued under this section shall be accepted by boards of
81 education in lieu of any other certificate, provided additional
82 qualifications may be required by a board of education, in which case
83 the state certificate shall be accepted for such subjects as it includes.

84 (b) [Any] Prior to July 1, 2014, any candidate in a program of teacher
85 preparation leading to professional certification shall be encouraged to
86 successfully complete an intergroup relations component of such a
87 program which shall be developed with the participation of both sexes,
88 and persons of various ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds.
89 Such intergroup relations program shall have the following objectives:
90 (1) The imparting of an appreciation of the contributions to American
91 civilization of the various ethnic, cultural and economic groups
92 composing American society and an understanding of the life styles of
93 such groups; (2) the counteracting of biases, discrimination and
94 prejudices; and (3) the assurance of respect for human diversity and
95 personal rights. The State Board of Education, the Board of Governors
96 of Higher Education, the Commission on Human Rights and
97 Opportunities and the Permanent Commission on the Status of
98 Women shall establish a joint committee composed of members of the
99 four agencies, which shall develop and implement such programs in
100 intergroup relations.

101 (c) [Any] Prior to July 1, 2014, any candidate in a program of teacher
102 preparation leading to professional certification shall be encouraged to
103 complete a (1) health component of such a program, which includes,
104 but need not be limited to, human growth and development, nutrition,
105 first aid, disease prevention and community and consumer health, and
106 (2) mental health component of such a program, which includes, but
107 need not be limited to, youth suicide, child abuse and alcohol and drug
108 abuse.

109 (d) [Any] Prior to July 1, 2014, any candidate in a program of
110 teacher preparation leading to professional certification shall be

111 encouraged to complete a school violence, bullying and suicide
112 prevention and conflict resolution component of such a program.

113 (e) On and after July 1, 1998, and prior to July 1, 2014, any candidate
114 in a program of teacher preparation leading to professional
115 certification shall complete a computer and other information
116 technology skills component of such program, as applied to student
117 learning and classroom instruction, communications and data
118 management.

119 (f) On and after July 1, 2006, and prior to July 1, 2014, any program
120 of teacher preparation leading to professional certification shall
121 include, as part of the curriculum, instruction in literacy skills and
122 processes that reflects current research and best practices in the field of
123 literacy training. Such instruction shall be incorporated into
124 requirements of student major and concentration.

125 (g) On and after July 1, 2006, and prior to July 1, 2014, any program
126 of teacher preparation leading to professional certification shall
127 include, as part of the curriculum, instruction in the concepts of second
128 language learning and second language acquisition and processes that
129 reflects current research and best practices in the field of second
130 language learning and second language acquisition. Such instruction
131 shall be incorporated into requirements of student major and
132 concentration.

133 (h) On and after July 1, 2014, any candidate in a program of teacher
134 preparation leading to professional certification shall be required to
135 complete training in competency areas contained in the professional
136 teaching standards approved by the State Board of Education.

137 Sec. 3. Section 10-145b of the general statutes is repealed and the
138 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

139 (a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper
140 application, shall issue an initial educator certificate to any person who

141 has graduated (1) from a four-year baccalaureate program of teacher
142 education as approved by said state board, or (2) from a four-year
143 baccalaureate program approved by said state board or from a college
144 or university accredited by the board of governors or regionally
145 accredited, provided such person has completed the applicable course
146 requirement specified in subsection (d) of this section and has taken
147 such teacher training equivalents as the State Board of Education shall
148 require and, unless such equivalents are taken at institutions outside of
149 this state, as the board of governors shall accredit. In addition, on and
150 after July 1, 1993, each applicant shall have completed a subject area
151 major as defined by the State Board of Education. Each such initial
152 educator certificate shall be valid for three years, except as provided in
153 subsection (c) of this section, and may be extended by the
154 Commissioner of Education for an additional year for good cause upon
155 the request of the superintendent in whose school district such person
156 is employed or upon the request of the assessment team reviewing
157 such person's performance.

158 (b) During the period of employment in a public school, a person
159 holding an initial educator certificate shall (1) be under the supervision
160 of the superintendent of schools or of a principal, administrator or
161 supervisor designated by such superintendent who shall regularly
162 observe, guide and evaluate the performance of assigned duties by
163 such holder of an initial certificate, and (2) participate in a beginning
164 educator program if there is such a program for such person's
165 certification endorsement area.

166 (c) (1) The State Board of Education, upon request of a local or
167 regional board of education, shall issue a temporary ninety-day
168 certificate to any applicant in the certification endorsement areas of
169 elementary education, middle grades education, secondary academic
170 subjects, special subjects or fields, special education, early childhood
171 education and administration and supervision when the following
172 conditions are met:

173 (A) The employing agent of a board of education makes a written
174 request for the issuance of such certificate and attests to the existence
175 of a special plan for supervision of temporary ninety-day certificate
176 holders;

177 (B) The applicant meets the following requirements, except as
178 otherwise provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision:

179 (i) Holds a bachelor's degree from an institution of higher education
180 accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher Education or
181 regionally accredited with a major either in or closely related to the
182 certification endorsement area in which the requesting board of
183 education is placing the applicant or, in the case of secondary or
184 special subject or field endorsement area, possesses at least the
185 minimum total number of semester hours of credit required for the
186 content area;

187 (ii) Has met the requirements pursuant to subsection (b) of section
188 10-145f, as amended by this act;

189 (iii) Presents a written application on such forms as the
190 Commissioner of Education shall prescribe;

191 (iv) Has successfully completed [a program of classroom
192 management and instructional methodology approved by the State
193 Board of Education and, within available appropriations, provided
194 under contract with an institution of higher education designated] an
195 alternate route to certification program provided by the Department of
196 Higher Education or other public institutions of higher education,
197 regional educational service centers or private teacher or administrator
198 training organizations and approved by the State Board of Education;

199 (v) Possesses an undergraduate college overall grade point average
200 of at least "B" or, if the applicant has completed at least twenty-four
201 hours of graduate credit, possesses a graduate grade point average of
202 at least "B"; and

203 (vi) Presents supporting evidence of appropriate experience
204 working with children; and

205 (C) The Commissioner of Education may waive the requirements of
206 subparagraphs (B)(v) or (B)(vi), or both, of this subdivision upon a
207 showing of good cause.

208 (2) A person serving under a temporary ninety-day certificate shall
209 participate in a beginning support and assessment program pursuant
210 to section 10-220a, as amended by this act, which is specifically
211 designed by the state Department of Education for holders of
212 temporary ninety-day certificates.

213 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
214 to the contrary, on and after July 1, 1989, the State Board of Education,
215 upon receipt of a proper application, shall issue an initial educator
216 certificate, which shall be valid for three years, to any person who has
217 taught successfully while holding a temporary ninety-day certificate
218 and meets the requirements pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant
219 to section 10-145d, as amended by this act.

220 [(d) On and after July 1, 1986, and prior to July 1, 1989, a person
221 who has graduated (1) from a four-year baccalaureate program of
222 teacher education as approved by the state board, or (2) from a four-
223 year baccalaureate program approved by the state board or from a
224 college or university accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher
225 Education or regionally accredited, provided such person has taken
226 such teacher training equivalents as the State Board of Education shall
227 require and, unless such equivalents are taken at institutions outside of
228 this state, as the Board of Governors of Higher Education shall
229 accredit, shall be issued upon proper application a provisional
230 teaching certificate by the state board which shall be valid for up to ten
231 years.]

232 [(e) In] (d) Prior to July 1, 2014, in order to be eligible to obtain a
233 [provisional teaching certificate, a] provisional educator certificate or

234 an initial educator certificate, each person shall be required to
235 complete a course of study in special education comprised of not fewer
236 than thirty-six hours, which shall include an understanding of the
237 growth and development of exceptional children, including
238 handicapped and gifted and talented children and children who may
239 require special education, and methods for identifying, planning for
240 and working effectively with special needs children in a regular
241 classroom. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the
242 contrary, each applicant for such certificates who has met all
243 requirements for certification except the completion of the course in
244 special education shall be entitled to a certificate (1) for a period not to
245 exceed one year, provided the applicant completed a teacher
246 preparation program either in the state prior to July 1, 1987, or outside
247 the state, or completed the necessary combination of professional
248 experience or coursework as required by the State Board of Education
249 or (2) for a period not to exceed two years if the applicant applies for
250 certification in an area for which a bachelor's degree is not required.
251 On and after July 1, 2014, in order to be eligible to obtain a provisional
252 educator certificate or an initial educator certificate, each person shall
253 have completed coursework or continuing education in competency
254 areas contained in the professional teaching standards approved by
255 the State Board of Education related to teaching students with diverse
256 learning needs, including students with disabilities, English language
257 learners, gifted and talented students and students with achievement
258 delays, unless otherwise provided in regulations adopted by the State
259 Board of Education.

260 [(f) During the period of employment, a person holding a
261 provisional teaching certificate pursuant to subsection (d) of this
262 section shall be under the direct supervision of the superintendent of
263 schools or of a principal, administrator or supervisor designated by
264 such superintendent who shall regularly observe, guide and evaluate
265 the performance of assigned duties by such holder of a provisional
266 teaching certificate as well as cooperate with and counsel such holder
267 in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-145a to 10-145d,

268 inclusive, and 10-146b.]

269 [(g)] (e) On and after July 1, 1989, the State Board of Education,
270 upon receipt of a proper application, shall issue a provisional educator
271 certificate to any person who (1) has successfully completed a
272 beginning educator program and one school year of successful
273 teaching as attested to by the superintendent, or the superintendent's
274 designee, in whose local or regional school district such person was
275 employed, (2) has completed at least three years of successful teaching
276 in a public school in another state or nonpublic school approved by the
277 State Board of Education or appropriate governing body in another
278 state within ten years prior to application for such provisional
279 educator certificate, as attested to by the superintendent, or the
280 superintendent's designee, in whose school district such person was
281 employed, or by the supervising agent of the nonpublic school in
282 which such person was employed, and has met preparation and
283 eligibility requirements for an initial educator certificate, or (3) [has
284 taught successfully in public schools in this state for the 1988-1989
285 school year under a temporary emergency permit and has met the
286 preparation and eligibility requirements for an initial educator
287 certificate, or (4)] has successfully taught with a provisional teaching
288 certificate for the year immediately preceding an application for a
289 provisional educator certificate as an employee of a local or regional
290 board of education or facility approved for special education by the
291 State Board of Education.

292 [(h) Prior to July 1, 1989, to qualify for a standard certificate, a
293 person who holds or has held a provisional teaching certificate
294 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall have completed thirty
295 credit hours of course work beyond the baccalaureate degree. Such
296 course work need not necessarily lead to a master's degree and may
297 include graduate or undergraduate courses. It shall consist of (1) a
298 planned program at an institution of higher education accredited by
299 the board of governors or regionally accredited or (2) an individual
300 program which is mutually determined or approved by the teacher

301 and the supervisory agent of the local or regional board of education
302 or by the supervisory agent of a nonpublic school approved by the
303 State Board of Education and which is designed to increase the ability
304 of the teacher to improve student learning. Such an individual
305 program may include course work taken at one or more institutions for
306 higher education approved by the board of governors and may include
307 in-service programs sponsored by local or regional boards of education
308 or nonpublic schools approved by the State Board of Education. Such
309 in-service programs shall have been approved by the joint
310 subcommittee of the Board of Governors of Higher Education and the
311 State Board of Education established pursuant to section 10-155b of the
312 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 1983.

313 (i) Unless otherwise provided in regulations adopted under section
314 10-145d, in not less than three years nor more than ten years after the
315 issuance of a provisional teaching certificate pursuant to subsection (d)
316 of this section and upon the statement of the employing board of
317 education or nonpublic school approved by the State Board of
318 Education that the person who holds or has held a provisional
319 certificate has a record of competency in the discharge of his or her
320 duties during such provisional period, the state board, upon receipt of
321 a proper application, shall issue to a person who holds or has held a
322 provisional certificate, a standard teaching certificate prior to July 1,
323 1989, and a professional educator certificate on or after said date. A
324 signed recommendation from the superintendent of schools for the
325 local or regional board of education or by the superintendent of a
326 nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Education shall be
327 evidence of competency. Such recommendation shall state that the
328 person who holds or has held a provisional teaching certificate has
329 successfully completed at least three school years of satisfactory
330 teaching for one or more local or regional boards of education or
331 approved nonpublic schools. Each applicant for a certificate pursuant
332 to this subsection shall provide to the Department of Education, in
333 such manner and form as prescribed by the commissioner, evidence
334 that the applicant has successfully completed coursework pursuant to

335 subsection (h) or (j) of this section, as appropriate.]

336 (f) Any person holding a standard or permanent certificate on July
337 1, 1989, shall be eligible to receive upon application a professional
338 educator certificate to replace said standard or permanent certificate.
339 On and after July 1, 1989, standard and permanent certificates shall no
340 longer be valid.

341 [(j)] (g) On or after July 1, 1989, and prior to July 1, 2014, to qualify
342 for a professional educator certificate, a person who holds or has held a
343 provisional educator certificate under subsection [(g)] (e) of this section
344 shall have completed thirty credit hours of course work beyond [the
345 baccalaureate] a bachelor's degree. It is not necessary that such course
346 work be taken for a master's degree and such work may include
347 graduate or undergraduate courses. [Such course work shall consist of
348 (1) a planned program at an institution of higher education accredited
349 by the board of governors or regionally accredited and shall be related
350 directly to the subject areas or grade levels for which the person holds
351 endorsement or shall be in an area or areas related to the person's
352 ability to provide instruction effectively or to meet locally determined
353 goals and objectives or (2) an individual program which is mutually
354 determined or approved by the teacher and the supervisory agent of
355 the local or regional board of education or by the supervisory agent of
356 a nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Education. Such
357 program shall be designed to increase the ability of the teacher to
358 improve student learning.] On and after July 1, 2014, to qualify for a
359 professional educator certificate, a person who holds or has held a
360 provisional educator certificate under subsection (d) of this section
361 shall have completed thirty semester hours of graduate credit at a
362 regionally accredited institution of higher education and ninety hours
363 of continuing education units, unless otherwise specified in
364 regulations adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to
365 subsection (i) of this section.

366 [(k)] (h) (1) Unless otherwise provided in regulations adopted under

367 section 10-145d, as amended by this act, in not less than three years or
368 more than eight years after the issuance of a provisional educator
369 certificate pursuant to subsection [(g)] (e) of this section and upon the
370 statement of the superintendent, or the designee of the superintendent,
371 in whose school district such certificate holder was employed, or the
372 supervisory agent of a nonpublic school approved by the State Board
373 of Education, in whose school such certificate holder was employed,
374 [that the provisional educator certificate holder and such
375 superintendent or supervisory agent have mutually determined or
376 approved an individual program pursuant to subdivision (2) of
377 subsection (j) of this section and upon the statement of such
378 superintendent or supervisory agent] that such certificate holder has a
379 record of competency in the discharge of such certificate holder's
380 duties during such provisional period, the state board upon receipt of
381 a proper application shall issue such certificate holder a professional
382 educator certificate. A signed recommendation from the
383 superintendent of schools, or the superintendent's designee, for the
384 local or regional board of education or from the supervisory agent of a
385 nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Education shall be
386 evidence of competency. Such recommendation shall state that the
387 person who holds or has held a provisional educator certificate has
388 successfully completed at least three school years of satisfactory
389 teaching for one or more local or regional boards of education or such
390 nonpublic schools. Each applicant for a certificate pursuant to this
391 subsection shall provide to the Department of Education, in such
392 manner and form as prescribed by the commissioner, evidence that the
393 applicant has successfully completed coursework pursuant to
394 subsection [(h) or (j)] (g) of this section, as appropriate.
395 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, on and after July 1,
396 2014, nonpublic school experience shall not be accepted for purposes
397 of issuing a professional educator certificate but may be accepted to
398 renew the provisional educator certificate.

399 (2) Upon receipt of a proper application, the State Board of
400 Education shall issue to a teacher from another state, territory or

401 possession of the United States or the District of Columbia or the
402 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico who (A) is nationally board certified by
403 an organization deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of
404 Education to issue such certifications, and (B) has taught in another
405 state, territory or possession of the United States or the District of
406 Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a minimum of
407 three years in the preceding ten years (i) a provisional educator
408 certificate with the appropriate endorsement, or (ii) if such teacher has,
409 prior to July 1, 2014, completed thirty credit hours of coursework
410 beyond [the baccalaureate] a bachelor's degree, [in accordance with
411 subdivision (1) of subsection (j) of this section] and on and after July 1,
412 2014, completed thirty semester hours of graduate credit, a
413 professional educator certificate with the appropriate endorsement,
414 subject to the provisions of subsection [(m)] (j) of this section relating
415 to denial of applications for certification.

416 [(l)] (i) (1) For certified employees of local and regional boards of
417 education, except as provided in this subdivision, each professional
418 educator certificate shall be valid for five years and continued every
419 five years thereafter upon the successful completion of professional
420 development activities which shall consist of not less than ninety hours
421 of continuing education, as determined by the local or regional board
422 of education in accordance with this section, or documented
423 completion of a national board certification assessment in the
424 appropriate endorsement area, during each successive five-year
425 period. Prior to July 1, 2014, (A) [Such] such continuing education
426 completed by certified employees with an early childhood nursery
427 through grade three or an elementary endorsement who hold a
428 position requiring such an endorsement shall include at least fifteen
429 hours of training in the teaching of reading and reading readiness and
430 assessment of reading performance, including methods of teaching
431 language skills necessary for reading, reading comprehension skills,
432 phonics and the structure of the English language during each five-
433 year period. (B) Such continuing education requirement completed by
434 certified employees with elementary, middle grades or secondary

435 academic endorsements who hold a position requiring such an
436 endorsement shall include at least fifteen hours of training in the use of
437 computers in the classroom during each five-year period unless such
438 employees are able to demonstrate technology competency, in a
439 manner determined by their local or regional board of education,
440 based on state-wide standards for teacher competency in the use of
441 technology for instructional purposes adopted pursuant to section 4d-
442 85. (C) Such continuing education completed by (i) the superintendent
443 of schools, and (ii) employees employed in positions requiring an
444 intermediate administrator or supervisory certificate, or the equivalent
445 thereof, and whose administrative or supervisory duties equal at least
446 fifty per cent of their assigned time, shall include at least fifteen hours
447 of training in the evaluation of teachers pursuant to section 10-151b, as
448 amended by this act, during each five-year period. (D) In the case of
449 certified employees with a bilingual education endorsement who hold
450 positions requiring such an endorsement (i) in an elementary school
451 and who do not hold an endorsement in elementary education, such
452 continuing education taken on or after July 1, 1999, shall only count
453 toward the ninety-hour requirement if it is in language arts, reading
454 and mathematics, and (ii) in a middle or secondary school and who do
455 not hold an endorsement in the subject area they teach, such
456 continuing education taken on or after July 1, 1999, shall only count
457 toward the ninety-hour requirement if it is in such subject area or
458 areas. On and after July 1, 2014, such continuing education shall be as
459 determined by the local or regional board of education in accordance
460 with this section and in accordance with priorities and needs related to
461 student outcomes as determined by the State Board of Education.
462 During each five-year period in which a professional educator
463 certificate is valid, a holder of such certificate who has not completed
464 the ninety hours of continuing education required pursuant to this
465 subdivision, and who has not been employed while holding such
466 certificate by a local or regional board of education for all or part of the
467 five-year period, shall, upon application, be reissued such certificate
468 for five years minus any period of time such holder was employed

469 while holding such certificate by a local or regional board of education,
470 provided there shall be only one such reissuance during each five-year
471 period in which such certificate is valid. A certified employee of a local
472 or regional board of education who is a member of the General
473 Assembly and who has not completed the ninety hours of continuing
474 education required pursuant to this subdivision for continuation of a
475 certificate, upon application, shall be reissued a professional educator
476 certificate for a period of time equal to six months for each year the
477 employee served in the General Assembly during the previous five
478 years. Continuing education hours completed during the previous five
479 years shall be applied toward such ninety-hour requirement which
480 shall be completed during the reissuance period in order for such
481 employee to be eligible to have a certificate continued. The cost of the
482 professional development activities required under this subsection for
483 certified employees of local or regional boards of education shall be
484 shared by the state and local or regional boards of education, except
485 for those activities identified by the State Board of Education as the
486 responsibility of the certificate holder. Each local and regional board of
487 education shall make available, annually, at no cost to its certified
488 employees not fewer than eighteen hours of professional development
489 activities for continuing education credit. Such activities may be made
490 available by a board of education directly, through a regional
491 educational service center or cooperative arrangement with another
492 board of education or through arrangements with any continuing
493 education provider approved by the State Board of Education. Local
494 and regional boards of education shall grant continuing education
495 credit for professional development activities which the certified
496 employees of the board of education are required to attend,
497 professional development activities offered in accordance with the
498 plan developed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-220a, or
499 professional development activities which the board may approve for
500 any individual certified employee. Each board of education shall
501 determine the specific professional development activities to be made
502 available with the advice and assistance of the teachers employed by

503 such board, including representatives of the exclusive bargaining unit
504 for such teachers pursuant to section 10-153b, and on and after July 1,
505 2014, in accordance with priorities and needs related to student
506 outcomes as determined by the State Board of Education. The time and
507 location for the provision of such activities shall be in accordance with
508 either an agreement between the board of education and the exclusive
509 bargaining unit pursuant to said section 10-153b or, in the absence of
510 such agreement or to the extent such agreement does not provide for
511 the time and location of all such activities, in accordance with a
512 determination by the board of education. The State Board of Education
513 may evaluate the professional development activities implemented on
514 and after July 1, 2014, and may, if it determines that such activities are
515 being implemented successfully, adopt regulations in accordance with
516 the provisions of chapter 54 to increase the ninety-hour requirement to
517 a number of hours not to exceed one hundred fifty.

518 (2) Each local and regional board of education shall attest to the
519 state Department of Education, in such form and at such time as the
520 commissioner shall prescribe, that professional development activities
521 for which continuing education credit is granted by the board: (A) Are
522 planned in response to identified needs, (B) are provided by qualified
523 instructional personnel, as appropriate, (C) have the requirements for
524 participation in the activity shared with participants before the
525 commencement of the activity, (D) are evaluated in terms of its
526 effectiveness and its contribution to the attainment of school or
527 district-wide goals, and (E) are documented in accordance with
528 procedures established by the State Board of Education. At the end of
529 each five-year period each professional educator shall attest to the state
530 Department of Education, in such form and at such time as the
531 commissioner shall prescribe, that the professional educator has
532 successfully completed ninety hours of continuing education.

533 (3) In the event that the state Department of Education notifies the
534 local or regional board of education that the provisions of subdivision
535 (2) of this subsection have not been met and that specific corrective

536 action is necessary, the local or regional board of education shall take
537 such corrective action immediately. The department shall not
538 invalidate continuing education credit awarded prior to such notice.

539 [(m)] (j) (1) The State Board of Education may revoke any certificate,
540 authorization or permit issued pursuant to sections 10-144o to 10-149,
541 inclusive, as amended by this act, for any of the following reasons: (A)
542 The holder of the certificate, authorization or permit obtained such
543 certificate, authorization or permit through fraud or misrepresentation
544 of a material fact; (B) the holder has persistently neglected to perform
545 the duties for which the certificate, authorization or permit was
546 granted; (C) the holder is professionally unfit to perform the duties for
547 which the certificate, authorization or permit was granted; (D) the
548 holder is convicted in a court of law of a crime involving moral
549 turpitude or of any other crime of such nature that in the opinion of
550 the board continued holding of a certificate, authorization or permit by
551 the person would impair the standing of certificates, authorizations or
552 permits issued by the board; or (E) other due and sufficient cause. The
553 State Board of Education shall revoke any certificate, authorization or
554 permit issued pursuant to said sections if the holder is found to have
555 intentionally disclosed specific questions or answers to students or
556 otherwise improperly breached the security of any administration of a
557 state-wide examination pursuant to section 10-14n. In any revocation
558 proceeding pursuant to this section, the State Board of Education shall
559 have the burden of establishing the reason for such revocation by a
560 preponderance of the evidence. Revocation shall be in accordance with
561 procedures established by the State Board of Education pursuant to
562 chapter 54.

563 (2) When the Commissioner of Education is notified, pursuant to
564 section 10-149a or 17a-101i that a person holding a certificate,
565 authorization or permit issued by the State Board of Education under
566 the provisions of sections 10-144o to 10-149, inclusive, as amended by
567 this act, has been convicted of (A) a capital felony, pursuant to section
568 53a-54b, (B) arson murder, pursuant to section 53a-54d, (C) a class A

569 felony, (D) a class B felony, except a violation of section 53a-122, 53a-
570 252 or 53a-291, (E) a crime involving an act of child abuse or neglect as
571 described in section 46b-120, or (F) a violation of section 53-21, 53-37a,
572 53a-49, 53a-60b, 53a-60c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b, 53a-73a, 53a-88, 53a-
573 90a, 53a-99, 53a-103a, 53a-181c, 53a-191, 53a-196, 53a-196c, 53a-216,
574 53a-217b or 21a-278 or subsection (a) of section 21a-277, any certificate,
575 permit or authorization issued by the State Board of Education and
576 held by such person shall be deemed revoked and the commissioner
577 shall notify such person of such revocation, provided such person may
578 request reconsideration pursuant to regulations adopted by the State
579 Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.
580 As part of such reconsideration process, the board shall make the
581 initial determination as to whether to uphold or overturn the
582 revocation. The commissioner shall make the final determination as to
583 whether to uphold or overturn the revocation.

584 (3) The State Board of Education may deny an application for a
585 certificate, authorization or permit for any of the following reasons: (A)
586 The applicant seeks to obtain a certificate, authorization or permit
587 through fraud or misrepresentation of a material fact; (B) the applicant
588 has been convicted in a court of law of a crime involving moral
589 turpitude or of any other crime of such nature that in the opinion of
590 the board issuance of a certificate, authorization or permit would
591 impair the standing of certificates, authorizations or permits issued by
592 the board; or (C) other due and sufficient cause. Any applicant denied
593 a certificate, authorization or permit shall be notified in writing of the
594 reasons for denial. Any applicant denied a certificate [, authorization
595 or permit] may request a review of such denial by the State Board of
596 Education in accordance with the regulations adopted by the State
597 Board of Education. The decision to deny issuance of a permit or
598 authorization pursuant to this subdivision is final and the applicant
599 may not request a review by the State Board of Education. Any
600 applicant denied a certificate, permit or authorization pursuant to this
601 subdivision may not reapply for three years after the date of the
602 notification of denial.

603 (4) A person whose certificate, permit or authorization has been
604 denied, suspended or revoked may not be employed in a public
605 school.

606 (5) Any local or regional board of education or private special
607 education facility approved by the commissioner shall report to the
608 commissioner when an employee, who holds a certificate, permit or
609 authorization, is dismissed for cause in accordance with section 10-151
610 or as defined in an applicable collective bargaining agreement.

611 [(n) Within thirty days after receipt of notification, any initial
612 educator certificate holder who is not granted a provisional educator
613 certificate, or any provisional certificate holder who is not granted a
614 standard certificate, or any provisional educator or provisional
615 teaching certificate holder who is not granted a professional educator
616 certificate, or any professional educator certificate holder who is not
617 granted a continuation, under the provisions of sections 10-145a to 10-
618 145d, inclusive, and 10-146b, may appeal to the State Board of
619 Education for reconsideration. Said board shall review the records of
620 the appropriate certification period, hold a hearing within sixty days if
621 such hearing is requested in writing and render a written decision
622 within thirty days. Any teacher aggrieved by the decision of said
623 board may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of
624 section 4-183 and such appeal shall be privileged with respect to
625 assignment thereof.]

626 [(o)] (k) For the purposes of this section "supervisory agent" means
627 the superintendent of schools or the principal, administrator or
628 supervisor designated by such superintendent to provide direct
629 supervision to a provisional certificate holder.

630 [(p)] (l) Upon application to the State Board of Education for the
631 issuance of any certificate in accordance with this section and section
632 10-145d, as amended by this act, there shall be paid to the board by or
633 on behalf of the applicant a nonreturnable fee of one hundred dollars
634 in the case of an applicant for an initial educator certificate, two

635 hundred dollars in the case of an applicant for a provisional educator
636 certificate and three hundred dollars in the case of an applicant for a
637 professional educator certificate, except that applicants for certificates
638 for teaching adult education programs mandated under subdivision
639 (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-69 shall pay a fee of fifty dollars;
640 persons eligible for a certificate or endorsement for which the fee is
641 less than that applied for shall receive an appropriate refund; persons
642 not eligible for any certificate shall receive a refund of the application
643 fee minus fifty dollars; and persons holding standard or permanent
644 certificates on July 1, 1989, who apply for professional certificates to
645 replace the standard or permanent certificates, shall not be required to
646 pay such a fee. Upon application to the State Board of Education for
647 the issuance of a subject area endorsement there shall be paid to the
648 board by or on behalf of such applicant a nonreturnable fee of fifty
649 dollars. With each request for a duplicate copy of any such certificate
650 or endorsement there shall be paid to the board a nonreturnable fee of
651 twenty-five dollars.

652 Sec. 4. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 10-145f of the
653 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
654 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

655 (a) No person shall be formally admitted to a State Board of
656 Education approved teacher preparation program until such person
657 has achieved satisfactory scores on [all components, in one
658 administration, or, on and after January 1, 1995, has achieved
659 satisfactory scores on all components of] the state reading, writing and
660 mathematics competency examination prescribed by and administered
661 under the direction of the [board] State Board of Education, or has
662 [achieved a combined score of one thousand or more on a Scholastic
663 Aptitude Test administered on or before March 31, 1995, or a
664 combined score of eleven hundred or more on a Scholastic Aptitude
665 Test administered on or after April 1, 1995, or an equivalent score as
666 determined by the board on a test deemed equivalent by the board,
667 provided, if the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the equivalent test was a

668 non-English-language version, the person shall demonstrate a
669 satisfactory level of English proficiency as determined by the board on
670 a test prescribed by the board. Such competency examination shall be
671 conducted at least twice during each year] qualified for a waiver of
672 such test based on criteria established by the State Board of Education.

673 (b) (1) [Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i) of section 10-
674 145b, any] Any person who does not hold a valid certificate pursuant
675 to section 10-145b, as amended by this act, shall (A) achieve
676 satisfactory scores on [all components, in one administration, or, on
677 and after January 1, 1995, satisfactory scores on all components of] the
678 state reading, writing and mathematics competency examination
679 prescribed by and administered under the direction of the [board]
680 State Board of Education, or [achieve a combined score of one
681 thousand or more on a Scholastic Aptitude Test administered on or
682 before March 31, 1995, or a combined score of eleven hundred or more
683 on a Scholastic Aptitude Test administered on or after April 1, 1995, or
684 an equivalent score as determined by the board on a test deemed
685 equivalent by the board, provided, if the Scholastic Aptitude Test or
686 the equivalent test is a non-English-language version, the person shall
687 demonstrate a satisfactory level of English proficiency as determined
688 by the board on a test prescribed by the board] has qualified for a
689 waiver of such test based on criteria approved by the State Board of
690 Education, and (B) achieve a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate
691 State Board of Education approved subject area assessment in order to
692 be eligible for a certificate pursuant to said section unless such
693 assessment has not been approved by the State Board of Education at
694 the time of application, in which case the applicant shall not be denied
695 a certificate solely because of the lack of an evaluation on such
696 assessment. A person who has three years of experience during the
697 ten-year period prior to the date of application for a certificate in a
698 school administration endorsement area shall not be required to meet
699 the state reading, writing and mathematics competency examination.

700 (2) Any person applying for an additional certification endorsement

701 shall achieve a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board
702 of Education approved subject area assessment in order to be eligible
703 for such additional endorsement, unless such assessment has not been
704 approved by the State Board of Education at the time of application, in
705 which case the applicant shall not be denied the additional
706 endorsement solely because of the lack of an evaluation on such
707 assessment. [The State Board of Education shall complete the
708 development of such area assessments for all appropriate
709 endorsements not later than December 1, 1990.]

710 (3) [(A)] On and after July 1, 1992, any teacher who held a valid
711 teaching certificate but whose certificate lapsed and who had
712 completed all requirements for the issuance of a new certificate
713 pursuant to section 10-145b, as amended by this act, except for filing
714 an application for such certificate, prior to the date on which the lapse
715 occurred, may file, within one year of the date on which the lapse
716 occurred, an application with the Commissioner of Education for the
717 issuance of such certificate. Upon the filing of such an application, the
718 commissioner may grant such certificate and such certificate shall be
719 retroactive to the date on which the lapse occurred, provided the
720 commissioner finds that the lapse of the certificate occurred as a result
721 of a hardship or extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the
722 applicant. If such teacher has attained tenure and is reemployed by the
723 same board of education in any equivalent unfilled position for which
724 the person is qualified as a result of the issuance of a certificate
725 pursuant to this subdivision, the lapse period shall not constitute a
726 break in employment for such person reemployed and shall be used
727 for the purpose of calculating continuous employment pursuant to
728 section 10-151. If such teacher has not attained tenure, the time
729 unemployed due to the lapse of a certificate shall not be counted
730 toward tenure, except that if such teacher is reemployed by the same
731 board of education as a result of the issuance of a certificate pursuant
732 to this subdivision, such teacher may count the previous continuous
733 employment immediately prior to the lapse towards tenure. Using
734 information provided by the Teachers' Retirement Board, the

735 Department of Education shall annually notify each local or regional
736 board of education of the name of each teacher employed by such
737 board of education whose provisional certificate will expire during the
738 period of twelve months following such notice. Upon receipt of such
739 notice the superintendent of each local and regional board of education
740 shall notify each such teacher in writing, at such teacher's last known
741 address, that the teacher's provisional certificate will expire. [(B)
742 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision to the contrary, for
743 any teacher employed by a local or regional board of education or on
744 authorized leave from such a board of education, during the 1987-1988
745 school year, (i) whose teaching certificate lapsed on or after January 15,
746 1988, (ii) who successfully completed the competency examination in
747 accordance with the provisions of this section subsequent to the date
748 on which the lapse occurred, (iii) whose teaching certificate was
749 reissued subsequent to the date on which the lapse occurred, and (iv)
750 who was reemployed by the same board of education during the 1988-
751 1989 school year, such lapse period shall not constitute a break in
752 employment for such teacher and shall be used for the purpose of
753 calculating continuous employment pursuant to section 10-151.]

754 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the
755 contrary, to be eligible for a certificate to teach subjects for which a
756 bachelor's degree is not required, any applicant who is otherwise
757 eligible for certification in such endorsement areas shall be entitled to a
758 certificate without having met the requirements of the competency
759 examination and subject area assessment pursuant to this subsection
760 for a period not to exceed two years, except that for a certificate to
761 teach skilled trades or trade-related or occupational subjects, the
762 commissioner may waive the requirement that the applicant take the
763 competency examination. The commissioner may, upon the showing
764 of good cause, extend the certificate.

765 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section and section 10-
766 145b, as amended by this act, the following persons shall be eligible for
767 a nonrenewable temporary certificate: (1) A person who has resided in

768 a state other than Connecticut during the year immediately preceding
769 application for certification in Connecticut and meets the requirements
770 for certification, excluding successful completion of the competency
771 examination and subject matter assessment, if such person holds
772 current teacher certification in a state other than Connecticut and has
773 completed at least one year of successful teaching in another state in a
774 public school or a nonpublic school approved by the appropriate state
775 board of education, (2) a person who has graduated from a teacher
776 preparation program at a college or university outside of the state and
777 regionally accredited, and meets the requirements for certification,
778 excluding successful completion of the competency examination and
779 subject matter assessment, and (3) a person hired by a charter school
780 after July first in any school year for a teaching position that school
781 year, provided the person hired after said date could reasonably be
782 expected to complete the requirements prescribed in subparagraphs
783 (B) and (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10-145b, [by
784 the commencement of the school year following the school year in
785 which such person held such temporary certificate] as amended by this
786 act. The nonrenewable temporary certificate shall be valid for one year
787 from the date it is issued. [Any board of education employing a person
788 who holds a nonrenewable temporary certificate issued pursuant to
789 the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall provide a
790 program to assist each such person who has not successfully
791 completed the competency examination by January fifteenth of the
792 school year in which such certificate was issued. Said program,
793 developed in consultation with the Department of Education, shall
794 include academic and classroom support service components. Each
795 such person who does not successfully complete said examination by
796 said January fifteenth shall participate in said program.]

797 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 10-145h of the
798 general statutes are repealed and the following are substituted in lieu
799 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

800 (b) On and after July 1, 2003, and before July 1, 2014, the State Board

801 of Education shall require persons seeking to become (1) elementary
802 level bilingual education teachers to be certified in elementary
803 education and bilingual education; and (2) secondary level bilingual
804 education teachers to be certified in both the subject area they will
805 teach and in bilingual education. Such dual certification requirement
806 may be met by earning a bachelor's degree in one field and meeting the
807 requirements for an endorsement in the other field.

808 (c) On and after July 1, 2000, and before July 1, 2014, the State Board
809 of Education shall require bilingual education teachers holding
810 provisional educator certificates to meet the requirements of this
811 subsection in order to qualify for a professional educator certificate to
812 teach bilingual education. (1) Such bilingual education teachers who
813 teach on the elementary level shall take fifteen credit hours in bilingual
814 education and fifteen credit hours in language arts, reading and
815 mathematics. (2) Such bilingual education teachers who teach on the
816 middle or secondary level shall take fifteen credit hours in bilingual
817 education and fifteen credit hours in the subject matter that they teach.
818 Such professional educator certificate shall be valid for bilingual
819 education and the grade level and content area of preparation.

820 (d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for the period
821 from July 1, 2005, to ~~July 1, 2009~~ June 30, 2014, the State Board of
822 Education shall require an applicant for certification as a bilingual
823 education teacher to demonstrate competency in English and the other
824 language of instruction as a condition of certification. Competency in
825 English shall be demonstrated by successful passage of the oral
826 proficiency test in English and an essential skills test approved by the
827 State Board of Education. Oral and written competency in the other
828 language shall be demonstrated by passage of an examination, if
829 available, of comparable difficulty as specified by the Department of
830 Education. If such an examination is not available, competency shall be
831 demonstrated by an appropriate alternative method as specified by the
832 department.

833 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, for the period
834 from July 1, 2005, to ~~July 1, 2009~~ June 30, 2014, the State Board of
835 Education shall require persons seeking to become (A) elementary
836 level bilingual education teachers to be certified in (i) bilingual
837 education and achieve a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate
838 State Board of Education approved assessment for elementary
839 education, or (ii) elementary education and have completed six
840 semester hours of credit in English as a second language course work
841 as approved by the State Board of Education, and (B) secondary level
842 bilingual education teachers to be certified in (i) bilingual education
843 and achieve a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board of
844 Education approved subject area assessment, or (ii) the subject area
845 they will teach and have completed six semester hours of credit in
846 English as a second language course work as approved by the State
847 Board of Education. Such certificates shall be valid for subject-specific
848 bilingual education. Certification in elementary bilingual education
849 shall be valid for grades kindergarten to eight, inclusive, and
850 certification in secondary subject-specific bilingual education shall be
851 valid for grades seven to twelve, inclusive.

852 Sec. 6. Section 10-145i of the general statutes is repealed and the
853 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

854 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-144o to 10-146b,
855 inclusive, as amended by this act, and 10-149, the State Board of
856 Education shall not issue or reissue any certificate, authorization or
857 permit pursuant to said sections if (1) the applicant for such certificate,
858 authorization or permit has been convicted of any of the following: (A)
859 A capital felony, as defined in section 53a-54b; (B) arson murder, as
860 defined in section 53a-54d; (C) any class A felony; (D) any class B
861 felony except a violation of section 53a-122, 53a-252 or 53a-291; (E) a
862 crime involving an act of child abuse or neglect as described in section
863 46b-120; or (F) a violation of section 53-21, 53-37a, 53a-49, 53a-60b, 53a-
864 60c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b, 53a-73a, 53a-88, 53a-90a, 53a-99, 53a-103a,
865 53a-181c, 53a-191, 53a-196, 53a-196c, 53a-216, 53a-217b or 21a-278 or a

866 violation of subsection (a) of section 21a-277, and (2) the applicant
867 completed serving the sentence for such conviction within the five
868 years immediately preceding the date of the application, except that
869 this section shall not apply to prevent the issuance or reissuance of any
870 certificate, authorization or permit based on a conviction of a crime
871 described in subdivision (1) of this section that served as the basis for
872 revocation of a certificate, authorization or permit pursuant to
873 subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 10-145b, as amended by this
874 act, when such certificate, authorization or permit was subsequently
875 reinstated pursuant to said subdivision.

876 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 10-146b of the general statutes is
877 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
878 *1, 2009*):

879 (a) Any person who holds a provisional educator [or provisional
880 teaching] certificate or held such certificate within one year of
881 application for extension of such certificate and is unable to complete
882 the requirements for a professional educator certificate within the
883 period required, or any person who holds a professional educator
884 certificate or held such certificate within one year of application for
885 extension of such certificate and is unable to complete the
886 requirements for continuation of such professional educator certificate
887 within the period required may appeal to [said board] the
888 commissioner for an extension of the applicable period for good cause,
889 [and said board, if it] If the commissioner finds a hardship exists in the
890 case of such person or [if it] finds an emergency situation because of a
891 shortage of certified teachers in the school district where such person is
892 employed, the commissioner may extend such certificate for no more
893 than twenty-four months, effective as of or retroactive to the expiration
894 date of such certificate, [such applicable period within which such
895 person shall complete such requirements for such time as to said board
896 seems reasonable,] provided not more than one extension shall be
897 granted to such person and, provided further, the record of such
898 person is satisfactory under the provisions of sections 10-145a to 10-

899 145d, inclusive, as amended by this act, and this section. For the
900 purposes of section 10-151, any lapse period pursuant to this section
901 shall not constitute a break in employment for such person if
902 reemployed and shall be used for the purpose of calculating
903 continuous employment.

904 Sec. 8. Section 10-146c of the general statutes is repealed and the
905 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

906 [The Interstate Agreement on Qualification of Educational
907 Personnel is hereby enacted into law and entered into by this state
908 with all states legally joining therein, in the form substantially as
909 follows:

910 Article I
911 Purpose, Findings, and Policy

912 1. The states party to this agreement, desiring by common action to
913 improve their respective school systems by utilizing the teacher or
914 other professional educational person wherever educated, declare that
915 it is the policy of each of them, on the basis of cooperation with one
916 another, to take advantage of the preparation and experience of such
917 persons wherever gained, thereby serving the best interests of society,
918 of education, and of the teaching profession. It is the purpose of this
919 agreement to provide for the development and execution of such
920 programs of cooperation as will facilitate the movement of teachers
921 and other professional educational personnel among the states party to
922 it, and to authorize specific interstate educational personnel contracts
923 to achieve that end.

924 2. The party states find that included in the large movement of
925 population among all sections of the nation are many qualified
926 educational personnel who move for family and other personal
927 reasons but who are hindered in using their professional skill and
928 experience in their new locations. Variations from state to state in

929 requirements for qualifying educational personnel discourage such
930 personnel from taking the steps necessary to qualify in other states. As
931 a consequence, a significant number of professionally prepared and
932 experienced educators is lost to our school systems. Facilitating the
933 employment of qualified educational personnel, without reference to
934 their states of origin, can increase the available educational resources.
935 Participation in this compact can increase the availability of
936 educational manpower.

937 Article II
938 Definitions

939 As used in this agreement and contracts made pursuant to it, unless
940 the context clearly requires otherwise:

941 1. "Educational personnel" means persons who must meet
942 requirements pursuant to state law as a condition of employment in
943 educational programs.

944 2. "Designated state official" means the education official of a state
945 selected by that state to negotiate and enter into, on behalf of his state,
946 contracts pursuant to this agreement.

947 3. "Accept", or any variant thereof, means to recognize and give
948 effect to one or more determinations of another state relating to the
949 qualifications of educational personnel in lieu of making or requiring a
950 like determination that would otherwise be required by or pursuant to
951 the laws of a receiving state.

952 4. "State" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States;
953 the District of Columbia; or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

954 5. "Originating state" means a state (and the subdivisions thereof, if
955 any) whose determination that certain educational personnel are
956 qualified to be employed for specific duties in schools is acceptable in
957 accordance with the terms of a contract made pursuant to Article III.

958 6. "Receiving state" means a state (and the subdivisions thereof)
959 which accept educational personnel in accordance with the terms of a
960 contract made pursuant to Article III.

961 Article III
962 Interstate Educational Personnel Contracts

963 1. The designated state official of a party state may make one or
964 more contracts on behalf of his state with one or more other party
965 states providing for the acceptance of educational personnel. Any such
966 contract for the period of its duration shall be applicable to and
967 binding on the states whose designated state officials enter into it, and
968 the subdivisions of those states, with the same force and effect as if
969 incorporated in this agreement. A designated state official may enter
970 into a contract pursuant to this article only with states in which he
971 finds that there are programs of education, certification standards or
972 other acceptable qualifications that assure preparation or qualification
973 of educational personnel on a basis sufficiently comparable, even
974 though not identical to that prevailing in his own state.

975 2. Any such contract shall provide for:

976 (a) Its duration.

977 (b) The criteria to be applied by an originating state in qualifying
978 educational personnel for acceptance by a receiving state.

979 (c) Such waivers, substitutions, and conditional acceptances as shall
980 aid the practical effectuation of the contract without sacrifice of basic
981 educational standards.

982 (d) Any other necessary matters.

983 3. No contract made pursuant to this agreement shall be for a term
984 longer than five years but any such contract may be renewed for like
985 or lesser periods.

986 4. Any contract dealing with acceptance of educational personnel on
987 the basis of their having completed an educational program shall
988 specify the earliest date or dates on which originating state approval of
989 the program or programs involved can have occurred. No contract
990 made pursuant to this agreement shall require acceptance by a
991 receiving state of any persons qualified because of successful
992 completion of a program prior to January 1, 1954.

993 5. The certification or other acceptance of a person who has been
994 accepted pursuant to the terms of a contract shall not be revoked or
995 otherwise impaired because the contract has expired or been
996 terminated. However, any certificate or other qualifying document
997 may be revoked or suspended on any ground which would be
998 sufficient for revocation or suspension of a certificate or other
999 qualifying document initially granted or approved in the receiving
1000 state.

1001 6. A contract committee composed of the designated state officials of
1002 the contracting states or their representatives shall keep the contract
1003 under continuous review, study means of improving its
1004 administration, and report no less frequently than once a year to the
1005 heads of the appropriate education agencies of the contracting states.

1006 **Article IV**
1007 **Approved and Accepted Programs**

1008 1. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to repeal or
1009 otherwise modify any law or regulation of a party state relating to the
1010 approval of programs of educational preparation having effect solely
1011 on the qualification of educational personnel within that state.

1012 2. To the extent that contracts made pursuant to this agreement deal
1013 with the educational requirements for the proper qualification of
1014 educational personnel, acceptance of a program of educational
1015 preparation shall be in accordance with such procedures and
1016 requirements as may be provided in the applicable contract.

1017 Article V
1018 Interstate Cooperation

1019 The party states agree that:

1020 1. They will, so far as practicable, prefer the making of multilateral
1021 contracts pursuant to Article III of this agreement.

1022 2. They will facilitate and strengthen cooperation in interstate
1023 certification and other elements of educational personnel qualification
1024 and for this purpose shall cooperate with agencies, organizations, and
1025 associations interested in certification and other elements of
1026 educational personnel qualification.

1027 Article VI
1028 Agreement Evaluation

1029 The designated state officials of any party states may meet from
1030 time to time as a group to evaluate progress under the agreement, and
1031 to formulate recommendations for changes.

1032 Article VII
1033 Other Arrangements

1034 Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to prevent or inhibit
1035 other arrangements or practices of any party state or states to facilitate
1036 the interchange of educational personnel.

1037 Article VIII
1038 Effect and Withdrawal

1039 1. This agreement shall become effective when enacted into law by
1040 two states. Thereafter it shall become effective as to any state upon its
1041 enactment of this agreement.

1042 2. Any party state may withdraw from this agreement by enacting a
1043 statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect

1044 until one year after the Governor of the withdrawing state has given
1045 notice in writing of the withdrawal to the Governors of all other party
1046 states.

1047 3. No withdrawal shall relieve the withdrawing state of any
1048 obligation imposed upon it by a contract to which it is a party. The
1049 duration of contracts and the methods and conditions of withdrawal
1050 therefrom shall be those specified in their terms.

1051 Article IX
1052 Construction and Severability

1053 This agreement shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the
1054 purposes thereof. The provisions of this agreement shall be severable
1055 and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this agreement is
1056 declared to be contrary to the constitution of any state or of the United
1057 States, or the application thereof to any government, agency, person,
1058 or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this
1059 agreement and the applicability thereof to any government, agency,
1060 person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this agreement
1061 shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state participating
1062 therein, the agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to the
1063 state affected as to all severable matters.] The Commissioner of
1064 Education, or the commissioner's designee, as agent for the state may
1065 establish or join interstate agreements to facilitate the certification of
1066 qualified educators, provided candidates for certification, at a
1067 minimum, hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited
1068 college or university, fulfill assessment requirements as approved by
1069 the State Board of Education and meet all conditions as mandated by
1070 such interstate agreement.

1071 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is
1072 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1073 *1, 2009*):

1074 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-

1075 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil
1076 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or
1077 professional educator certificate. [Such] Prior to July 1, 2014, such
1078 program shall provide such teachers, administrators and pupil
1079 personnel with information on (1) the nature and the relationship of
1080 drugs, as defined in subdivision (17) of section 21a-240, and alcohol to
1081 health and personality development, and procedures for discouraging
1082 their abuse, (2) health and mental health risk reduction education
1083 which includes, but need not be limited to, the prevention of risk-
1084 taking behavior by children and the relationship of such behavior to
1085 substance abuse, pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, including
1086 HIV-infection and AIDS, as defined in section 19a-581, violence, child
1087 abuse and youth suicide, (3) the growth and development of
1088 exceptional children, including handicapped and gifted and talented
1089 children and children who may require special education, including,
1090 but not limited to, children with attention-deficit hyperactivity
1091 disorder or learning disabilities, and methods for identifying, planning
1092 for and working effectively with special needs children in a regular
1093 classroom, (4) school violence prevention and conflict resolution, (5)
1094 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other emergency life saving
1095 procedures, (6) computer and other information technology as applied
1096 to student learning and classroom instruction, communications and
1097 data management, (7) the teaching of the language arts, reading and
1098 reading readiness for teachers in grades kindergarten to three,
1099 inclusive, and (8) second language acquisition in districts required to
1100 provide a program of bilingual education pursuant to section 10-17f.
1101 The State Board of Education, within available appropriations and
1102 utilizing available materials, shall assist and encourage local and
1103 regional boards of education to include: (A) Holocaust education and
1104 awareness; (B) the historical events surrounding the Great Famine in
1105 Ireland; (C) African-American history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E)
1106 Native American history; (F) personal financial management; and (G)
1107 topics approved by the state board upon the request of local or
1108 regional boards of education as part of in-service training programs

1109 pursuant to this subsection. On and after July 1, 2014, each local or
1110 regional board of education shall provide an in-service training
1111 program for its teachers, administrators and pupil personnel, which
1112 shall be determined by the local or regional board of education in
1113 accordance with subsection (i) of section 10-145b, as amended by this
1114 act, and in accordance with priorities and needs related to student
1115 outcomes as determined by the State Board of Education.

1116 Sec. 10. Section 10-221d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1117 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

1118 (a) On and after July 1, 1994, each local and regional board of
1119 education shall (1) require each applicant for a position in a public
1120 school to state whether such person has ever been convicted of a crime
1121 or whether criminal charges are pending against such person at the
1122 time of such person's application, (2) require, subject to the provisions
1123 of subsection (d) of this section, each person hired by the board after
1124 July 1, 1994, to submit to state and national criminal history records
1125 checks within thirty days from the date of employment and may
1126 require, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, any
1127 person hired prior to said date to submit to state and national criminal
1128 history records checks, and (3) require each worker (A) placed within a
1129 school under a public assistance employment program, [or] (B)
1130 employed by a provider of supplemental services pursuant to the No
1131 Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, or (C) in a nonpaid, noncertified
1132 position completing preparation requirements for the issuance of an
1133 educator certificate pursuant to chapter 166, who performs a service
1134 involving direct student contact to submit to state and national
1135 criminal history records checks within thirty days from the date such
1136 worker begins to perform such service. The criminal history records
1137 checks required by this subsection shall be conducted in accordance
1138 with section 29-17a. If the local or regional board of education receives
1139 notice of a conviction of a crime which has not previously been
1140 disclosed by such person to the board, the board may (i) terminate the
1141 contract of a certified employee, in accordance with the provisions of

1142 section 10-151, and (ii) dismiss a noncertified employee provided such
1143 employee is notified of the reason for such dismissal, is provided the
1144 opportunity to file with the board, in writing, any proper answer to
1145 such criminal conviction and a copy of the notice of such criminal
1146 conviction, the answer and the dismissal order are made a part of the
1147 records of the board. In addition, if the local or regional board of
1148 education receives notice of a conviction of a crime by a person (1)
1149 holding a certificate, authorization or permit issued by the State Board
1150 of Education, [or] (2) employed by a provider of supplemental
1151 services, or (3) in a nonpaid, noncertified position completing
1152 preparation requirements for the issuance of an educator certificate
1153 pursuant to chapter 106, the local or regional board of education shall
1154 send such notice to the State Board of Education. The supervisory
1155 agent of a private school may require any applicant for a position in
1156 such school or any employee of such school to submit to state and
1157 national criminal history records checks in accordance with the
1158 procedures described in this subsection.

1159 (b) If a local or regional board of education, endowed or
1160 incorporated academy approved by the State Board of Education
1161 pursuant to section 10-34, or special education facility approved by the
1162 State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-76d requests, a
1163 regional educational service center shall arrange for the fingerprinting
1164 of any person required to submit to state and national criminal history
1165 records checks pursuant to this section or for conducting any other
1166 method of positive identification required by the State Police Bureau of
1167 Identification or the Federal Bureau of Investigation and shall forward
1168 such fingerprints or other positive identifying information to the State
1169 Police Bureau of Identification which shall conduct criminal history
1170 records checks in accordance with section 29-17a. Such regional
1171 educational service centers shall provide the results of such checks to
1172 such local or regional board of education, endowed or incorporated
1173 academy or special education facility. Such regional educational
1174 service centers shall provide such results to any other local or regional
1175 board of education or regional educational service center upon the

1176 request of such person.

1177 (c) State and national criminal history records checks for substitute
1178 teachers completed within one year prior to the date of employment
1179 with a local or regional board of education and submitted to the
1180 employing board of education shall meet the requirements of
1181 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. A local or regional
1182 board of education shall not require substitute teachers to submit to
1183 state and national criminal history records checks pursuant to
1184 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section if they are continuously
1185 employed by such local or regional board of education. For purposes
1186 of this section, substitute teachers shall be deemed to be continuously
1187 employed by a local or regional board of education if they are
1188 employed at least one day of each school year by such local or regional
1189 board of education.

1190 (d) (1) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a person
1191 required to submit to a criminal history records check pursuant to the
1192 provisions of subsection (d) of section 14-44.

1193 (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a student
1194 employed by the local or regional school district in which the student
1195 attends school.

1196 (3) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section requiring state
1197 and national criminal history records checks shall, at the discretion of a
1198 local or regional board of education, apply to a person employed by a
1199 local or regional board of education as a teacher for a noncredit adult
1200 class or adult education activity, as defined in section 10-67, who is not
1201 required to hold a teaching certificate pursuant to section 10-145b for
1202 his or her position.

1203 (e) The State Board of Education shall submit, periodically, a
1204 database of applicants for an initial issuance of certificate,
1205 authorization or permit pursuant to sections 10-144o to 10-149,
1206 inclusive, to the State Police Bureau of Identification. The State Police

1207 Bureau of Identification shall conduct a state criminal history records
1208 check against such database and notify the State Board of Education of
1209 any such applicant who has a criminal conviction. The State Board of
1210 Education shall not issue a certificate, authorization or permit until it
1211 receives and evaluates the results of such check and may deny an
1212 application in accordance with the provisions of subsection [(m)] (j) of
1213 section 10-145b.

1214 (f) The State Board of Education shall submit, periodically, a
1215 database of all persons who hold certificates, authorizations or permits
1216 to the State Police Bureau of Identification. The State Police Bureau of
1217 Identification shall conduct a state criminal history records check
1218 against such database and shall notify the State Board of Education of
1219 any such person who has a criminal conviction. The State Board of
1220 Education may revoke the certificate, authorization or permit of such
1221 person in accordance with the provisions of subsection [(m)] (j) of
1222 section 10-145b.

1223 Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 10-223e of the general statutes is
1224 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1225 *1, 2009*):

1226 (c) (1) Any school or school district identified as in need of
1227 improvement pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and requiring
1228 corrective action pursuant to the requirements of the No Child Left
1229 Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, shall be designated and listed as a low
1230 achieving school or school district and shall be subject to intensified
1231 supervision and direction by the State Board of Education.

1232 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this title or any regulation
1233 adopted pursuant to said statutes, except as provided in subdivision
1234 (3) of this subsection, in carrying out the provisions of subdivision (1)
1235 of this subsection, the State Board of Education shall take any of the
1236 following actions to improve student performance and remove the
1237 school or district from the list of schools or districts designated and
1238 listed as a low achieving school or district pursuant to said subdivision

1239 (1), and to address other needs of the school or district: (A) Require an
1240 operations audit to identify possible programmatic savings and an
1241 instructional audit to identify any deficits in curriculum and
1242 instruction or in the learning environment of the school or district; (B)
1243 require the local or regional board of education for such school or
1244 district to use state and federal funds for critical needs, as directed by
1245 the State Board of Education; (C) provide incentives to attract highly
1246 qualified teachers and principals; (D) direct the transfer and
1247 assignment of teachers and principals; (E) require additional training
1248 and technical assistance for parents and guardians of children
1249 attending the school or a school in the district and for teachers,
1250 principals, and central office staff members hired by the district; (F)
1251 require the local or regional board of education for the school or
1252 district to implement model curriculum, including, but not limited to,
1253 recommended textbooks, materials and supplies approved by the
1254 Department of Education; (G) identify schools for reconstitution, as
1255 may be phased in by the commissioner, as state or local charter
1256 schools, schools established pursuant to section 10-74g, or schools
1257 based on other models for school improvement, or for management by
1258 an entity other than the local or regional board of education for the
1259 district in which the school is located; (H) direct the local or regional
1260 board of education for the school or district to develop and implement
1261 a plan addressing deficits in achievement and in the learning
1262 environment as recommended in the instructional audit; (I) assign a
1263 technical assistance team to the school or district to guide school or
1264 district initiatives and report progress to the Commissioner of
1265 Education; (J) establish instructional and learning environment
1266 benchmarks for the school or district to meet as it progresses toward
1267 removal from the list of low achieving schools or districts; (K) provide
1268 funding to any proximate district to a district designated as a low
1269 achieving school district so that students in a low achieving district
1270 may attend public school in a neighboring district; (L) direct the
1271 establishment of learning academies within schools that require
1272 continuous monitoring of student performance by teacher groups; (M)

1273 require local and regional boards of education to (i) undergo training
1274 to improve their operational efficiency and effectiveness as leaders of
1275 their districts' improvement plans, and (ii) submit an annual action
1276 plan to the Commissioner of Education outlining how, when and in
1277 what manner their effectiveness shall be monitored; [or] (N) require
1278 local and regional boards of education to submit to the Department of
1279 Education professional development and teacher evaluation plans
1280 developed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-220a and section 10-
1281 151b for review and approval; or (O) any combination of the actions
1282 described in this subdivision or similar, closely related actions.

1283 (3) If a directive of the State Board of Education pursuant to
1284 subparagraph (C), (D), (E) or (L) of subdivision (2) of this subsection or
1285 a directive to implement a plan pursuant to subparagraph (H) of said
1286 subdivision affects working conditions, such directive shall be carried
1287 out in accordance with the provisions of sections 10-153a to 10-153n,
1288 inclusive.

1289 (4) The Comptroller shall, pursuant to the provisions of section 10-
1290 262i, withhold any grant funds that a town is otherwise required to
1291 appropriate to a local or regional board of education due to low
1292 academic achievement in the school district pursuant to section 10-
1293 262h. Said funds shall be transferred to the Department of Education
1294 and shall be expended by the department on behalf of the identified
1295 school district. Said funds shall be used to implement the provisions of
1296 subdivision (2) of this subsection and to offset such other local
1297 education costs that the Commissioner of Education deems
1298 appropriate to achieve school improvements. These funds shall be
1299 awarded by the commissioner to the local or regional board of
1300 education for such identified school district upon condition that said
1301 funds shall be spent in accordance with the directives of the
1302 commissioner.

1303 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101i of the general statutes is
1304 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

1305 1, 2009):

1306 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, after an
1307 investigation has been completed and the Commissioner of Children
1308 and Families, based upon the results of the investigation, has
1309 reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused by a school
1310 employee who holds a certificate, permit or authorization issued by
1311 the State Board of Education, and the commissioner has recommended
1312 that such employee be placed on the child abuse and neglect registry
1313 established pursuant to section 17a-101k, the commissioner shall, not
1314 later than five working days after such finding, notify the employing
1315 superintendent of such finding and shall provide records, whether or
1316 not created by the department, concerning such investigation to the
1317 superintendent who shall suspend such school employee. The
1318 commissioner shall provide such notice whether or not the child was a
1319 student in the employing school or school district. Such suspension
1320 shall be with pay and shall not result in the diminution or termination
1321 of benefits to such employee. Within seventy-two hours after such
1322 suspension the superintendent shall notify the local or regional board
1323 of education and the Commissioner of Education, or the
1324 commissioner's representative, of the reasons for and conditions of the
1325 suspension. The superintendent shall disclose such records to the
1326 Commissioner of Education and the local or regional board of
1327 education or its attorney for purposes of review of employment status
1328 or the status of such employee's certificate, permit or authorization.
1329 The suspension of a school employee employed in a position requiring
1330 a certificate shall remain in effect until the board of education acts
1331 pursuant to the provisions of section 10-151. If the contract of
1332 employment of such certified school employee is terminated, the
1333 superintendent shall notify the Commissioner of Education, or the
1334 commissioner's representative, within seventy-two hours after such
1335 termination. Upon receipt of such notice from the superintendent, the
1336 Commissioner of Education may commence certification revocation
1337 proceedings pursuant to the provisions of subsection [(m)] (j) of
1338 section 10-145b. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and

1339 1-211, information received by the Commissioner of Education, or the
 1340 commissioner's representative, pursuant to this section shall be
 1341 confidential subject to regulations adopted by the State Board of
 1342 Education under section 10-145g.

1343 Sec. 13. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 20-195o of the
 1344 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 1345 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

1346 (2) A person licensed pursuant to this chapter who holds a
 1347 professional educator certificate that is endorsed for school social work
 1348 and issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to sections 10-
 1349 144o to 10-149, inclusive, may satisfy the continuing education
 1350 requirements contained in regulations adopted pursuant to this section
 1351 by successfully completing professional development activities
 1352 pursuant to subsection [(l)] (i) of section 10-145b, provided the number
 1353 of continuing education hours completed by such person is equal to
 1354 the number of hours per registration period required by such
 1355 regulations. For purposes of this subdivision, "registration period"
 1356 means the one-year period during which a license has been renewed in
 1357 accordance with section 19a-88 and is current and valid.

1358 Sec. 14. Sections 10-145e, 10-146d and 10-146e of the general statutes
 1359 are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2009*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-144o
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-145a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-145b
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-145f(a) to (c)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-145h(b) to (d)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-145i
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-146b(a)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-146c
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-220a(a)

Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-221d
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-223e(c)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	17a-101i(a)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	20-195o(c)(2)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the certification and professional development requirements for educators.

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