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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
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**AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-220 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (b) The board of education of each local or regional school district  
5 shall, with the participation of parents, students, school administrators,  
6 teachers, citizens, local elected officials and any other individuals or  
7 groups such board shall deem appropriate, prepare a statement of  
8 educational goals for such local or regional school district. The  
9 statement of goals shall be consistent with state-wide goals pursuant to  
10 subsection (c) of section 10-4. Each local or regional board of education  
11 shall [develop] annually establish student objectives for the school year  
12 which relate directly to the statement of educational goals prepared  
13 pursuant to this subsection and which identify specific expectations for  
14 students in terms of skills, knowledge and competence.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-145f of the general statutes is  
16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

17 1, 2011):

18 (b) (1) Any person who does not hold a valid certificate pursuant to  
19 section 10-145b shall (A) achieve satisfactory scores on the state  
20 reading, writing and mathematics competency examination prescribed  
21 by and administered under the direction of the State Board of  
22 Education, or qualify for a waiver of such test based on criteria  
23 approved by the State Board of Education, and (B) achieve a  
24 satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board of Education  
25 approved subject area assessment in order to be eligible for a certificate  
26 pursuant to said section unless such assessment has not been approved  
27 by the State Board of Education at the time of application, in which  
28 case the applicant shall not be denied a certificate solely because of the  
29 lack of an evaluation on such assessment. A person who holds a valid  
30 school administrator certificate in another state that is at least  
31 equivalent to an initial educator certificate, pursuant to section 10-  
32 145b, as determined by the State Board of Education, and has  
33 successfully completed three years of experience as a school  
34 administrator in a public school in another state or in a nonpublic  
35 school approved by the appropriate state board of education during  
36 the ten-year period prior to the date of application for a certificate in a  
37 school administration endorsement area shall not be required to meet  
38 the state reading, writing and mathematics competency examination.

39 (2) Any person applying for an additional certification endorsement  
40 shall achieve a satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board  
41 of Education approved subject area assessment in order to be eligible  
42 for such additional endorsement, unless such assessment has not been  
43 approved by the State Board of Education at the time of application, in  
44 which case the applicant shall not be denied the additional  
45 endorsement solely because of the lack of an evaluation on such  
46 assessment.

47 (3) On and after July 1, 1992, any teacher who held a valid teaching  
48 certificate but whose certificate lapsed and who had completed all

49 requirements for the issuance of a new certificate pursuant to section  
50 10-145b, except for filing an application for such certificate, prior to the  
51 date on which the lapse occurred, may file, within one year of the date  
52 on which the lapse occurred, an application with the Commissioner of  
53 Education for the issuance of such certificate. Upon the filing of such  
54 an application, the commissioner may grant such certificate and such  
55 certificate shall be retroactive to the date on which the lapse occurred,  
56 provided the commissioner finds that the lapse of the certificate  
57 occurred as a result of a hardship or extenuating circumstances beyond  
58 the control of the applicant. If such teacher has attained tenure and is  
59 reemployed by the same board of education in any equivalent unfilled  
60 position for which the person is qualified as a result of the issuance of  
61 a certificate pursuant to this subdivision, the lapse period shall not  
62 constitute a break in employment for such person reemployed and  
63 shall be used for the purpose of calculating continuous employment  
64 pursuant to section 10-151. If such teacher has not attained tenure, the  
65 time unemployed due to the lapse of a certificate shall not be counted  
66 toward tenure, except that if such teacher is reemployed by the same  
67 board of education as a result of the issuance of a certificate pursuant  
68 to this subdivision, such teacher may count the previous continuous  
69 employment immediately prior to the lapse towards tenure. Using  
70 information provided by the Teachers' Retirement Board, the  
71 Department of Education shall annually notify each local or regional  
72 board of education of the name of each teacher employed by such  
73 board of education whose provisional certificate will expire during the  
74 period of twelve months following such notice. Upon receipt of such  
75 notice the superintendent of each local and regional board of education  
76 shall notify each such teacher in writing, at such teacher's last known  
77 address, that the teacher's provisional certificate will expire.

78 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the  
79 contrary, to be eligible for a certificate to teach subjects for which a  
80 bachelor's degree is not required, any applicant who is otherwise  
81 eligible for certification in such endorsement areas shall be entitled to a  
82 certificate without having met the requirements of the competency

83 examination and subject area assessment pursuant to this subsection  
84 for a period not to exceed two years, except that for a certificate to  
85 teach skilled trades or trade-related or occupational subjects, the  
86 commissioner may waive the requirement that the applicant take the  
87 competency examination. The commissioner may, upon the showing  
88 of good cause, extend the certificate.

89 (5) On and after July 1, 2011, any person applying for a certification  
90 in the endorsement area of elementary education shall achieve a  
91 satisfactory evaluation on the appropriate State Board of Education  
92 approved mathematics assessment in order to be eligible for such  
93 elementary education endorsement.

94 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) On or before January 1, 2012,  
95 the Department of Education shall develop a uniform system of  
96 accounting for school expenditures that includes a chart of accounts for  
97 each individual school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional  
98 board of education, regional educational service center, regional  
99 vocational-technical school system or state charter school.

100 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2012, and each school  
101 year thereafter, all local and regional boards of education, regional  
102 educational service centers, the regional vocational-technical school  
103 system and state charter schools shall (1) maintain all school financial  
104 accounts in compliance with the uniform system of accounting for  
105 school expenditures developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
106 section, (2) annually file the chart of accounts required pursuant to  
107 such uniform system of accounting for school expenditures with the  
108 Department of Education, and (3) make such chart of accounts  
109 available on the Internet web site for the local or regional board of  
110 education, regional educational service center, the regional vocational-  
111 technical school system or state charter school.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-220(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-145f(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require local and regional boards of education to annually establish student goals and objectives for the school year; to require all applicants for certification in the endorsement area of elementary education to pass a mathematics examination approved by the State Board of Education; and to require the Department of Education to develop a uniform system of accounting for school expenditures that includes a chart of accounts for each individual school in a school district.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*