



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 384

February Session, 2012

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AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PREPARATION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2012*) The State Board of Education, in
2 consultation with the Board of Regents for Higher Education, shall
3 study issues concerning teacher preparation, including, but not limited
4 to, requiring (1) every student enrolled in a program of teacher
5 preparation leading to a professional certificate to spend a minimum
6 number of hours student teaching, beginning in the student's first year
7 in such program and continuing every year thereafter that such
8 student is enrolled in such program, including, but not limited to, a
9 certain number of hours working with special education and gifted
10 students, (2) any candidate entering such a program of teacher
11 preparation to possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of
12 3.00, (3) any candidate entering such a program of teacher preparation
13 to meet the requirements of the academic program in the subject area
14 in which such student plans to teach, and (4) each institution of higher
15 education offering such a program of teacher preparation to annually
16 provide each candidate in such program with information regarding
17 subject and geographic areas in which a teacher shortage exists, as
18 determined by the Commissioner of Education in accordance with
19 section 10-8b of the general statutes, and encourage each such
20 candidate to take teaching jobs in such subject and geographic areas.
21 Not later than April 1, 2013, the State Board of Education shall report

22 on such study and deliver a comprehensive set of recommendations
23 regarding such issues to the Department of Education, the Board of
24 Regents for Higher Education and, in accordance with the provisions
25 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the joint standing committee of
26 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
27 education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*