



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE  
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-3a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There shall be a Department of Education which shall serve as  
4 the administrative arm of the State Board of Education. The  
5 department shall be under the direction of the Commissioner of  
6 Education, whose appointment shall be recommended to the Governor  
7 by the State Board of Education for a term of four years to be  
8 coterminous with the term of the Governor. Such appointment shall be  
9 in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-7, inclusive. For  
10 any appointment made on or after the effective date of this section, the  
11 Commissioner of Education shall be a qualified person with a master's  
12 degree or higher in an education-related field, five or more years'  
13 experience as a teacher in this state or another state and three or more  
14 years' experience as an administrator of a school or school district in  
15 this state or another state. The Commissioner of Education shall be the  
16 administrative officer of the department and shall administer,

17 coordinate and supervise the activities of the department in  
18 accordance with the policies established by the board.

19 (b) The State Board of Education shall organize the Department of  
20 Education into such bureaus, divisions and other units as may be  
21 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department,  
22 and may, from time to time, create, abolish, transfer or consolidate  
23 within the department any bureau, division or other unit as may be  
24 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of said board. Upon  
25 such organization or reorganization the board shall adopt regulations  
26 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54. The board may create such  
27 advisory boards as it deems necessary for the efficient conduct of the  
28 business of the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-3a

**ED**      *Joint Favorable*