



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

Raised Bill No. 273

LCO No. 2593



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER CERTIFICATION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Education shall
2 conduct a review of the statutes and regulations relating to teacher
3 certification. Such review shall identify obsolete provisions, evaluate
4 existing requirements for effectiveness and analyze whether any such
5 statutes or regulations create a barrier to entry or undue hardship for
6 the recruitment or retention of teaching candidates, including
7 reciprocity with other states and Puerto Rico, or addressing the
8 academic needs of students in the state. The department may seek input
9 and recommendations from stakeholder groups while conducting such
10 review. Not later than January 1, 2023, the department shall submit a
11 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
12 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
13 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
14 of the general statutes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Education to conduct a review of the teacher certification statutes and regulations and to make recommendations on how such statutes and recommendations can be amended to eliminate obsolete requirements and update existing provisions to adapt to the academic needs of students in the twenty-first century and provide the flexibility needed to recruit and certify teachers in Connecticut.

[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.]