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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 441

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 1220, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making insertions as shown by underline and deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

§ 1220. Standard certificate.

(a) The Department shall issue a standard certificate to an applicant who meets the requirements for licensure and has acquired the prescribed knowledge, skill, or education to practice in a particular area, to teach a particular subject or to instruct a particular category of students. Where applicable and available, an applicant for a standard certificate must have achieved a passing score on an examination of content knowledge, such as Praxis II. This requirement shall apply to all applicants teaching special education in a "core content area," as defined in § 1210 of this title, in secondary schools.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall issue a standard certificate to an applicant who:

(1) Meets the requirements for licensure and holds a valid and current license or certificate from another state;

or

(2) Meets the requirements for a Meritorious New Teacher candidate designation adopted pursuant to § 1203 of this title.

(c) ~~[Repealed.]~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall issue a standard certificate, with the exception of all special education, specialist, and administrator certifications, to an applicant who meets one of the following:

(1) Has a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and a score on the applicable examination of content knowledge, such as Praxis II, that is within 2 standard errors of measurement of the designated passing score.

(2) Has a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49 on a 4.0 scale, a score on the applicable examination of content knowledge, such as Praxis II, that is within 2 standard errors of measurement of the designated passing score, and has completed at least one of the following:

- 23 a. Earned a minimum score of 38 on ETS' PPAT or 15 rubric EdTPA Assessments.
- 24 b. Earned a minimum score of 33 on a 13 rubric EdTPA Assessment.
- 25 c. Earned a minimum score of 46 on an 18 rubric EdTPA Assessment.
- 26 d. Completed a micro credential approved by the Professional Standards Board in the content area for the
- 27 standard certificate sought.
- 28 e. Earned a grade of A or S after completing a yearlong residency.

29 Section 2. This Act expires 1 year after its enactment into law, unless otherwise provided by a subsequent act of

30 the General Assembly.

SYNOPSIS

This Act provides an alternative means for an educator to demonstrate competency and achieve a standard certificate beyond simply passing a content exam, such as the Praxis II. For those who are within 2 standard errors of measurement of the passing score, a certificate will be issued if the applicant has either (i) a GPA of 3.5 or higher; or (ii) a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49 and demonstrated competency through micro-credentialing, successful completion of a residency, or passing scores on performance assessments. Special education, administrator, and specialist certifications are not available through this alternate measure.

This Act sunsets 1 year after its enactment unless extended through a subsequent act of the General Assembly.