



Agency Legislative Proposal – 2020 Session

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2020 Modification to Resident Educator Certification

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Title of Proposal

An Act Concerning the Resident Educator Certificate

Statutory References

- **C.G.S. 10-145m – Resident Educator Certificate**

Proposal Summary

The proposal recommends expanding access to Connecticut’s Resident Educator Certificate (10-145m) by removing GPA & testing barriers and expanding access to state board approved Masters of Teaching (MAT) programs.



PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

The Connecticut State Department of Education, in particular, the Bureau of Educator Standards & Certification is committed to maintaining high standards of expectation for all teachers while working to reduce barriers into the teaching profession.

The Connecticut Resident Educator Certificate, as prescribed in 10-145m, is a viable pathway into the profession for many aspiring educators. Under the supervision and mentorship of a veteran educator or building administrator, the Resident Educator Certificate authorizes an aspiring educator to be gainfully employed as the teacher of record while simultaneously enrolled in a State Board of Education approved preparation program leading to certification.

This proposal expands both access to and the possible expansion of utilization of Connecticut's Resident Educator Certificate as a viable pathway to the profession for candidates enrolled in both Alternate Route to Certification (ARC) and traditional Masters of Teaching (MAT) certification programs.

- **Origin of Proposal** **New Proposal** **Resubmission**
- **Fiscal Impact** (please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)

Municipal (please include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation) NONE
State NONE
Federal NONE
Additional notes on fiscal impact:



Section 10-145m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*).

Sec. 10-145m. Resident teacher certificate. (a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper application, shall issue a resident teacher certificate to any applicant in the certification endorsement areas of elementary education, middle grades education, secondary academic subjects, special subjects or fields, special education, early childhood education and administration and supervision, who (1) holds a bachelor's degree from an institution of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education or regionally accredited, ~~[(2) possesses a minimum undergraduate college cumulative grade point average of 3.00]~~ (2) completed a major or 30 semester hours of content specific credit or has achieved a qualifying score, as determined by the State Board of Education, on the appropriate State Board of Education approved subject area assessment, and ~~[(4)]~~ (3) is enrolled in an alternate route to certification program or post-bachelor program leading to certification approved by the State Board of Education, that meets the guidelines established by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ~~[No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110]~~.

(b) Each such resident teacher certificate shall be valid for two years, and may be extended by the Commissioner of Education for an additional one year for good cause upon the request of the superintendent of schools for the school district employing such person.

(c) During the period of employment in a public school, a person holding a resident teacher certificate shall be the teacher of record and be under the supervision of the superintendent of schools or of a principal, administrator or supervisor designated by such superintendent who shall regularly observe, guide and evaluate the performance of assigned duties by such holder of a resident teacher certificate.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-145b, on and after July 1, 2009, the State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper application, shall issue an initial educator certificate, which shall be valid for three years, to any person who (1) successfully completed an alternate route to certification program, approved by the State Board of Education, that meets the guidelines established by the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, (2) taught successfully as the teacher of record while holding a resident teacher certificate, and (3) meets the requirements established in subsection (b) of section 10-145f.



Required Agency Approvals

Bureau Chief/Manager

Date

Chief Officer

Date

*Note: For CTHSS, this should be Board Chair and Superintendent.

*Note: Forms must have both signatures to be reviewed by Legal Director for consideration.

Legal Director

Date