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Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

To Be Proposed:

February 11, 2026

Resolved, That in accordance with Section 10-150c(b)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Board of Education hereby approves the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board's proposed amendment of Public Act 24-41, Section 51, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____, this eleventh day of February, Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Signed: _____
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary
State Board of Education

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To: State Board of Education
From: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education
Date: February 11, 2026
Subject: Adoption of CEPCB’s Legislative Proposal Regarding Sunsetting Regulations

**Adopt Legislative Proposal
CEPCB’s 2026 Language for Sunsetting Regulations**

Introduction

This proposal is submitted by the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board pursuant to Section 10-150c(b)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), which provides in pertinent part: “Any such standard or proposal developed by the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board shall be submitted to the State Board of Education for review. The State Board of Education shall approve or reject any such standard or proposal not later than sixty days after receipt of such standard or proposal. If such standard or proposal is approved, such standard or proposal shall be implemented.” At its January 14, 2026, meeting, the Legislation and Policy Development Committee members who were in attendance voted unanimously to refer this to the full State Board as required by Section 10-150c(b)(1), for its consideration.

The Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board (CEPCB) was established by Public Act 24-41 and is now codified at C.G.S. §§10-150b, *et seq.* In accordance with Section 10-150b(a), the CEPCB is responsible for modernizing and aligning educator preparation and certification to ensure that policies are optimized to attract and retain effective and diverse professionals for employment in the state's public schools.

The Rational for Adopting this Proposal

Various regulations were included among the regulations to sunset on July 1, 2026, via Section 51 of Public Act 24-41. Without a mechanism designed to prevent essential regulations from sunset prior to the passage of replacement regulations would prove disastrous for the educator profession. The following excerpt as delineated by PA 24-41 outlines the magnitude of regulations set to sunset on July 1, 2026, and the necessity to adopt this important stop-gap procedure. Text highlighted in red reflects the proposed amendment to the statute.

Public Act 24-41 is modified as follows:

Sec. 51. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, sections 10-145d-9(b) to 10-145d-9(e), inclusive, 10-145d-9(g)(1), 10-145d-9(i),

10-145d-10(a) to 10-145d-10(b)(9), inclusive, 10-145d-10(c) to 10-145d-10(g), inclusive, 10-145d-11, 10-145d-400a(a) to 10-145d-400a(d), inclusive, 10-145d-401(a), 10-145d-401(c), 10-145d-402, 10-145d-403(b), 10-145d-403(g), 10-145d-404 to 10-145d-406, inclusive, 10-145d-407(a), 10-145d-407(b), 10-145d-407(d), 10-145d-407(f), 10-145d-407(h), 10-145d-407(i), 10-145d-409 to 10-145d-415, inclusive, 10-145d-417, 10-145d-419, 10-145d-420(f), 10-145d-421(b), 10-145d-422, 10-145d-423(a), 10-145d-426, 10-145d-427, 10-145d-434, 10-145d-435(b), 10-145d-436 to 10-145d-438, inclusive, 10-145d-441 to 10-145d-453, inclusive, 10-145d-472 to 10-145d-474, inclusive, 10-145d-476 to 10-145d-479, inclusive, 10-145d-481, 10-145d-482(c), 10-145d-482(d), 10-145d-483, 10-145d-484, 10-145d-535 to 10-145d-537, inclusive, 10-145d-539 to 10-145d-542, inclusive, 10-145d-608 and 10-145d-10-145d-609 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies are repealed.

Regulations or sections of regulations whose replacement language is in the regulation approval process will remain in effect until their replacements are approved.

Conclusion

The proposed regulatory amendment above, if adopted would sustain the authority and operation of the regulations designated to sunset in the event that updated replacement regulations have not completed the formal regulatory process prior to July 1, 2026.

Prepared by: Jen Rodriguez, Chair
Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board