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**Connecticut State Board of Education
Hartford**

To Be Proposed:

March 4, 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 Section 10-145bb(a)(2) of Connecticut General Statutes, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____, this fourth day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Signed: _____
Charlene 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: March 4, 2026

Subject: Adoption of Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board's
Legislative Proposal - Initial Certification via Alternate Routes

Introduction

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-150c, the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board (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. At its February 11, 2026, meeting, the State Board of Education's Legislation and Policy Development Committee voted unanimously to refer to the full State Board for its review and consideration a proposal for an alternate pathway to certification (Attachment 1).

The Rational for Adopting this Proposal

Pursuant to C.G.S. §10-145bb(a)(2), an aspiring educator may acquire an initial educator certificate via the successful completion of an alternate route to certification program. The CEPCB's proposed revision of Section 10-145bb(a)(2) would expand the forms of these alternate pathways to certification, thereby further enabling aspiring educators to enter the profession via a modernized pathway.

Conclusion

The CEPCB has deliberated and determined that the proposed legislative amendment satisfies the statutorily imposed charge to modernize and align educator preparation in the state to promote the attraction of effective and diverse educators to the state's public schools.

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

Attachment 1

Title 10 - Education and Culture

Chapter 166 - Teachers and Superintendents

Section 10-145bb. - Pathways to professional certification. Universal Citation:

CT Gen Stat § 10-145bb. (2024)

- a) The State Board of Education shall issue, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-145b, an initial educator certificate to any person who successfully satisfies one of the following pathways to professional certification:
- (1) Successful completion of an educator preparation program approved by the State Board of Education.
 - (2) Successful completion of an alternate route to certification program pursuant to section 10-145p, 10-145t, 10-145w or 10-155d, including any student teaching, residency, service under a temporary 90-certificate, or other requirements of the program.
 - (3) Is an educator from another state and meets the requirements set forth in subsections (c) and (f) of section 10-145f, section 10-146c or section 10-146i.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the State Board of Education may waive any of the requirements of this section and issue an initial educator certificate to any person who presents a combination of education and experience that the state board determines is the equivalent of the education and experience required under this section.