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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 Public Act 24-41, Section 51, 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 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:** March 4, 2026

**Subject:** Adoption of Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board's  
Legislative Proposal Reissuance of Initial Certification with Time Served

**Introduction**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-150c, the CEPCB shall be 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 Legislation and Policy Development Committee voted unanimously to refer to the full State Board of Education, for its review and consideration, a proposal for an alternate pathway to certification.

**The Rational for Adopting this Proposal**

Pursuant to C.G.S. §10-145bb (2), an aspiring educator may acquire an initial educator certificate via the successful completion of an alternate route to certification program. This alternate pathway to certification will further enable aspiring educators to enter the profession via a modernized pathway.

**Conclusion**

Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board 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

Section 1. Section 10-145b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2026):

(a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper application, shall issue an initial educator certificate to any person who (1) holds a bachelor's degree or an advanced degree from an institution of higher education that is regionally accredited or has received an equivalent accreditation, and (2) has successfully completed one of the pathways described in section 10-145bb. In addition, on and after July 1, 2018, each applicant shall have completed a subject area major as defined by the State Board of Education, except (A) as provided in section 10-145l, or (B) where an applicant achieves a satisfactory evaluation on an appropriate State Board of Education approved subject area assessment or has completed advanced coursework in a relevant subject area. Any such initial educator certificate issued prior to July 1, 2025, that has not expired on or before July 1, 2025, shall be extended to be valid for a period of ten years from the date of issuance, and any such initial educator certificate issued on and after July 1, 2025, shall be valid for ten years and may be extended by the Commissioner of Education for an additional year for good cause upon the request of the superintendent in whose school district such person is employed or upon the request of the assessment team reviewing such person's performance, provided the commissioner may not grant such extension more than three times to any person. The commissioner may, upon application, reissue an initial educator certificate to any person who holds, but has not served under, an initial educator certificate, if such person can demonstrate that he or she satisfies the preparation and eligibility requirements that were in place at the time such initial educator certificate was originally issued to such person. The commissioner may, upon application, reissue an initial educator certificate for a length of ten years minus the time served to any person who holds and has served under an initial educator certificate for a time period less than ten years.