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Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

To Be Proposed:

April 1, 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 10-145d-615 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____, this first day of April, 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: April 1, 2026

Subject: Adoption of Connecticut Educator and Preparation Board's Proposed Revision of RSCA Section 10-145d-615

Introduction

This proposal is submitted by the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board (CEPCB), 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 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." CEPCB's proposed amendment is a technical change in the language of regulation §10-145d-615 that sets forth the procedure by which educators who seek an additional one year extension to the duration of an initial educator certificate beyond the ten years provided by statute: may be achieved upon the showing of good cause, approval of the Commissioner or commissioner's designee, and at the request of the employing agent. At its March 4, 2026, meeting, the State Board of Education's (SBE) Legislation and Policy Development Committee (LPDC) voted unanimously to refer with a positive recommendation the proposed changes to the legislative language and regulation of Connecticut State Agencies to the full State Board for its review and consideration as required under Section 10-150c(b)(1).

Background

The CEPCB, established by C.G.S. §10-150b(b), is granted the authority to develop standards and proposals for regulations and legislative language regarding educator preparation and certification. At the LPDC's February 11, 2026, meeting, Jen Rodriguez, Chair of the CEPCB, presented this proposed revision of Section 10-145d-615 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA). During discussion with Ms. Rodriguez, members of the LPDC, in consultation with staff of the Connecticut State Department of Education's Certification Unit, requested emendations to the CEPCB's proposed revision of Section 10-145d-615. Consequently, the LPDC tabled the proposed revision in order to enable Ms. Rodriguez to raise it with the CEPCB at its next meeting. At its Special Meeting on February 20, 2026, the CEPCB approved the LPDC's proposed amendments to the CEPCB's regulatory revision, and it then once again came before the LPDC at its March 4, 2026, meeting. At that March 4, 2026, meeting, the LPDC voted unanimously to refer this proposed regulation as revised with a positive recommendation to the full Board.

Conclusion

Upon approval by vote of the State Board, the proposed changes to RCSA §10-145d-615, the CEPCB will begin to initiate the proposed changes through the formal regulation process.

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

Attachment

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- **Original:** The duration of an initial educator certificate may be extended for an additional year by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee for good cause upon the request of the employing agent or upon the request of the assessment team reviewing such person's performance provided the commissioner or Commissioner' designee may not grant such extension more than three times to any person.
- **Amend to or allow to sunset:** The duration of an initial educator certificate may be extended for an additional year by the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee for good cause upon the request of the employing agent. ~~or upon the request of the assessment team reviewing such person's performance provided the commissioner or Commissioner' designee may not grant such extension more than three times to any person.~~