



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 273**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE STATUTES GOVERNING  
TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND THE CREATION OF A CAREER AND  
TECHNICAL PATHWAYS INSTRUCTOR PERMIT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Education shall  
2 conduct a review of the statutes and regulations relating to teacher  
3 certification. Such review shall identify obsolete provisions, evaluate  
4 existing requirements for effectiveness and analyze whether any such  
5 statutes or regulations create a barrier to entry or undue hardship for  
6 the recruitment or retention of teaching candidates, including  
7 reciprocity with other states and Puerto Rico, or addressing the  
8 academic needs of students in the state. The department may seek input  
9 and recommendations from stakeholder groups while conducting such  
10 review. Not later than January 1, 2023, the department shall submit a  
11 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
12 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
13 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
14 of the general statutes.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) For the school years  
16 commencing July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023, the State Board of Education,  
17 upon the request of a local or regional board of education or a regional

18 educational service center, may issue a career and technical pathways  
19 instructor permit to any applicant with specialized training, experience  
20 or expertise in the field of manufacturing, allied health, computer  
21 technology, engineering or any of the construction trades. Such permit  
22 shall authorize a person to hold a part-time position of not more than  
23 twenty classroom instructional hours per week as a teacher of a class in  
24 such person's area of specialized training, experience or expertise. Such  
25 applicant shall (1) hold (A) an associate degree or a bachelor's degree in  
26 the field of manufacturing, allied health, computer technology,  
27 engineering or any of the construction trades, from an institution of  
28 higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher  
29 Education or Office of Higher Education or regionally accredited, or (B)  
30 a credential, as defined in section 10a-34h of the general statutes, in the  
31 field of manufacturing, allied health, computer technology, engineering  
32 or any of the construction trades; and (2) have a minimum of two years  
33 of work experience in the field of manufacturing, allied health,  
34 computer technology, engineering or any of the construction trades.

35 (b) During the period of employment, a person holding a career and  
36 technical pathways instructor permit shall be under the supervision of  
37 the superintendent of schools or of a principal, administrator or  
38 supervisor designated by such superintendent who shall regularly  
39 observe, guide and evaluate the performance of assigned duties by such  
40 holder of a career and technical pathways instructor permit.

41 (c) Each such career and technical pathways instructor permit shall  
42 be valid for the school years commencing July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023.

43 (d) Any board of education or regional educational service center  
44 employing a person who holds a career and technical pathways  
45 instructor permit issued under this section shall provide a program to  
46 assist each such person. Such program, developed in consultation with  
47 the Department of Education, shall include academic and classroom  
48 support service components.

49 (e) No person holding a career and technical pathways instructor

50 permit shall fill a position that will result in the displacement of any  
51 person holding a teaching certificate under section 10-145b of the  
52 general statutes who is already employed at such school.

53 (f) Any person holding a career and technical pathways instructor  
54 permit pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be eligible for  
55 membership in the teachers' retirement system solely by reason of such  
56 permit, provided any such person who holds a regular teacher's  
57 certificate issued by the State Board of Education shall not be excluded  
58 from membership in said system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

**APP**