



General Assembly

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**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 person with specialized training, experience or
20 expertise in the field of manufacturing, allied health, computer
21 technology, engineering or any of the construction trades. Such permit
22 shall authorize such 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 person 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 a period of such employment, a person holding a career
36 and technical pathways instructor permit shall be under the supervision
37 of 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

