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Public Act No. 22-38

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (h) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(2) Each professional educator certificate shall be valid for [~~five~~] ten years and continued every [~~five~~] ten years thereafter.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(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 completed (A) an educator preparation program approved by the State Board of Education or the appropriate governing body in the state in which the institution of higher education is located, or (B) an alternate route to certification program approved by the State Board of Education or the appropriate

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governing body in the state in which such alternate route to certification program is located, and satisfies the requirements for a temporary ninety-day certificate, pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, or a resident teacher certificate, pursuant to section 10-145m. 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 (i) as provided in section 10-145l, or (ii) 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. Each such initial educator certificate shall be valid for three years, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, 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. 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.

Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(e) On and after July 1, 1989, the State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper application, shall issue a provisional educator certificate to any person who (1) has successfully completed a beginning educator program and one school year of successful teaching as attested to by the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in whose local or regional school district such person was employed, (2) has completed at least three years of successful teaching in a public school in another state or a nonpublic school approved by the State Board of

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Education or appropriate governing body in another state within ten years prior to application for such provisional educator certificate, as attested to by the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, in whose school district such person was employed, or by the supervising agent of the nonpublic school in which such person was employed, and has met preparation and eligibility requirements for an initial educator certificate, or (3) has successfully taught with a provisional teaching certificate for the year immediately preceding an application for a provisional educator certificate as an employee of a local or regional board of education or facility approved for special education by the State Board of Education. The commissioner may, upon application, reissue a provisional educator certificate to any person who holds a provisional 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 provisional educator certificate was originally issued to such person.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10-25b of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(a) Not later than January 1, [2023] 2024, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Education Resource Center, shall develop a model curriculum for grades kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, that may be used by local and regional boards of education.

Sec. 5. Section 375 of public act 21-2 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(a) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Department of Education, in consultation with the State Education Resource Center, shall submit a progress report on the development of the model curriculum for grades

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kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, described in section 10-25b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

(b) Not later than January 15, [2023] 2024, the department, in consultation with the State Education Resource Center, shall submit a description of the model curriculum developed pursuant to section [374 of this act] 10-25b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, which includes the scope and sequence and course objective, and a report on the development and review of such course to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

Sec. 6. Section 10-266w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) For each fiscal year, each local and regional board of education having at least one school building designated as a severe need school shall be eligible to receive a grant to assist in providing school breakfasts to all students in each eligible severe need school, provided any local or regional board having at least one school building so designated shall participate in the federal school breakfast program, pursuant to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, P.L. 111-296, on behalf of all severe need schools in the district with grades eight or under in which at least eighty per cent of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to said federal law and regulations. For purposes of this section, "severe need school" means a school in which (1) the school is participating, or is about to participate, in a breakfast program, and (2) twenty per cent or more of the lunches served to students at the school in the fiscal year two years prior to the grant year were served free or at a reduced price.

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(b) Grants under this section shall be contingent on documented direct costs of a school breakfast program which exceed the federal aid and cash income received by a school breakfast program. Eligible boards of education shall submit applications, on behalf of each of their severe need schools, for grants under this section to the Commissioner of Education. Applications shall be submitted in such form and at such times as the commissioner shall prescribe.

(c) Within the limits of available funds, the amount to which each eligible local or regional board of education is entitled for each fiscal year under this section shall be the sum of (1) three thousand dollars for each severe need school in the school district which provides a school breakfast program prorated per one hundred eighty days of the school year; and (2) ten cents per breakfast served in each severe need school. If the amount due eligible boards of education exceeds the amount of funds available, the grants calculated under subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be reduced proportionately. In each fiscal year, grants calculated under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be paid in October, and grants calculated under subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be paid in equal installments in January and May. Based on verification of the data used to calculate such grants, any underpayment or overpayment may be calculated and adjusted by the Department of Education in any subsequent year's grant.

(d) Each local and regional board of education participating in the grant program shall prepare a financial statement of expenditures that shall be submitted to the department annually, at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Education prescribes. If the commissioner finds that any school breakfast grant recipient uses such grant for purposes that are not in conformity with the purposes of this section, the commissioner shall require repayment of the grant to the state.

(e) The Commissioner of Education may temporarily waive any

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provision of this section or modify any requirements relating to the eligibility for participation in the grant program in response to any changes in federal law or waivers issued by the United States Department of Agriculture to ensure that local and regional boards of education participating in a federal breakfast program continue to receive such grants.

Sec. 7. Section 10-215b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The State Board of Education is authorized to expend in each fiscal year, within available appropriations, an amount equal to (1) the money required pursuant to the matching requirements of said federal laws and shall disburse the same in accordance with said laws, and (2) ten cents per lunch served in the prior school year in accordance with said laws by any local or regional board of education, the Technical Education and Career System or governing authority of a state charter school, interdistrict magnet school or endowed academy approved pursuant to section 10-34 that participates in the National School Lunch Program and certifies pursuant to section 10-215f that the nutrition standards established by the Department of Education pursuant to section 10-215e shall be met.

(b) The State Board of Education shall prescribe the manner and time of application by such board of education, the Technical Education and Career System, such governing authority or controlling authority of the nonpublic schools for such funds, provided such application shall include the certification that any funds received pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be used for the program approved. The State Board of Education shall determine the eligibility of the applicant to receive such grants pursuant to regulations provided in subsection (c) of this section and shall certify to the Comptroller the amount of the grant for which the board of education, the Technical Education and Career System, the governing authority or the controlling authority of a

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nonpublic school is eligible. Upon receipt of such certification, the Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer in the amount, at the time and to the payee so certified.

(c) The State Board of Education may adopt such regulations as may be necessary in implementing sections 10-215 to 10-215b, inclusive.

(d) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a procedure for monitoring compliance by boards of education, the Technical Education and Career System, or governing authorities with certifications submitted in accordance with section 10-215f and may adjust grant amounts pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section based on failure to comply with said certification.

(e) The Commissioner of Education may temporarily waive any provision or modify any requirements of this section or section 10-215, 10-215a, 10-215e or 10-215f, in response to any changes in federal law or waivers issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, to ensure that local and regional boards of education continue to receive the funds described in this section.

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