SYNOPSIS
Requires educator preparation program to report passing rates of students who complete certain tests and to disseminate information on test fee waiver programs, and permits collection of student fee for certain testing costs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on December 9, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)
AN ACT concerning educator preparation programs and
supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. Each educator preparation program shall annually report
to the Department of Education on the first-time and overall test
pass rates of candidates for an instructional certificate, for each test
required for instructional certification.
b. Each educator preparation program shall annually publish
the first-time and overall test pass rates of its students on its
website.
c. Each educator preparation program shall annually
disseminate information to its students on the availability of fee
waivers for tests required for instructional certification.
d. Each educator preparation program shall include in its
1[student fees a separate fee to] tuition and fees bill an optional lab
fee that a student may opt to pay and which shall be applied
towards the cost of the student completing the tests required for
instructional certification. 2[Testing fees for students preparing for
employment as an educator in a subject area in which there is a
shortage of teachers in the State, as determined by the department,
shall be paid by the educator preparation program.] 2

e. As used in this act, a “test required for instructional
certification” means Praxis Core tests, or their successor tests, and
Praxis Subject Assessments, or their successor tests.

2. The department shall annually compile the test pass rates of
candidates for an instructional certificate submitted pursuant to
subsection a. of section 1 of this act into a comparative profile of all
educator preparation programs. The profile shall be made available
for public inspection on the department’s website.

3. The test pass rates submitted to the department pursuant to
subsection a. of section 1 of this act shall be included within the
documentation required for the Commissioner of Education’s
periodic review of educator preparation programs.

4. Any policy or contract entered into after the effective date of
P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) by
the State, or any political subdivision thereof, regarding a test
required for instructional certification shall provide for the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
1Senate floor amendments adopted March 25, 2021.
2Assembly AED committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.
dissemination of fee waivers to low-income students.

As used in this section:

"Annual adjusted gross income" means:

(1) for a dependent student, the annual adjusted gross income of the student's parent or legal guardian, as reported on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid or other financial aid form; and

(2) for an independent student, the annual adjusted gross income of the student and, if applicable, the spouse of the student, as reported on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid or other financial aid form, and

"Low-income student" means a student with an annual adjusted gross income of $65,000 or less.¹

This act shall take effect in the first full academic year following the date of enactment.