

ASSEMBLY, No. 146

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman WOLFE and Assemblywoman BARK

1 AN ACT concerning teaching certificates and supplementing chapter
2 26 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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7 1. The State Board of Examiners shall review the standards for
8 teaching certificates adopted by the National Board for Professional
9 Teaching Standards. In those cases in which the standards required by
10 the national board for a certificate meet or exceed the requirements of
11 the State board for that certificate or endorsement, the State board
12 shall, upon request, issue a certificate or endorsement to a person who
13 holds a certificate issued by another state and a certificate issued by
14 the national board.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill requires the State Board of Examiners to review the
22 standards for teaching certificates adopted by the National Board for
23 Professional Teaching Standards. In those cases in which the
24 standards required by the national board for a certificate meet or
25 exceed the requirements of the State board for that certificate or
26 endorsement, the State board would, upon request, issue a certificate
27 or endorsement to a person who holds a certificate issued by another
28 state and a certificate issued by the national board.

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30 The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards recently
31 certified its first 81 teachers from 23 states, among whom were three
32 teachers from New Jersey. A teacher may receive one of 30 different
33 professional certificates from the national board after undergoing a
34 rigorous one-year application and testing process. This bill will permit
the waiver of New Jersey certification for teachers who have

1 certification from another state and a certificate from the national
2 board.

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7 Permits issuance of State teaching certificate to teacher who holds
8 certificate from certain national board.