

HOUSE BILL 2747

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Explanation of Section 6-187.C.2

1. Any teacher who became certified to teach elementary education prior to July 1, 2010, may be certified in early childhood education by passing the early childhood subject area exam by July 1, 2012.*
2. Any teacher who became certified to teach early childhood education prior to July 1, 2010, may be certified in elementary education by passing the elementary subject area exam by July 1, 2012.*
3. Any teacher who became certified to teach through completion of an accredited teacher preparation program prior to July 1, 2010, may be certified in special education upon meeting the requirements provided in law and by passing the mild/ moderate and/or severe/ profound subject area exam(s) by July 1, 2012.**
4. Any teacher who became certified to teach through the Troops to Teachers program prior to July 1, 2010, may be certified in special education by passing the mild/moderate and /or severe/profound subject area exam(s) by July 1, 2012.**

***Initial** certification in elementary education, early childhood education, and special education requires completion of a program approved by the OCTP.

***After** July 1, 2012, certification in elementary education, early childhood education, and special education will require completion of a program approved by the OCTP.

****Special note:** teachers taking these exam(s) must still meet the definition of highly qualified special education teacher to serve students at their respective level; and may require registry training to serve specific special education populations.