

By Mr. D'Amico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 199) of Gerard D'Amico for legislation to establish certain regulations for teacher certification. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REGULATIONS FOR  
TEACHER CERTIFICATION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The Board of Education, as authorized by chapter 71, sec-  
2 tion 38G of the General Laws, is hereby directed to promul-  
3 gate the following regulations: No teacher, either elementary  
4 or secondary or reading specialist, shall receive permanent  
5 certification unless he has attained a minimum standard of  
6 pre-service training and education. Such standards will include  
7 the completion of nine hours of reading education for elemen-  
8 tary teachers in children's literature, word recognition tech-  
9 niques, approaches to beginning reading instruction, indi-  
10 vidualizing instruction for different learners, and teaching the  
11 comprehension skills or their equivalents as determined by the  
12 Board of Education. The standards for teachers of secondary  
13 education will include the completion or six hours of reading  
14 education in the theory of reading, instructional techniques  
15 for content reading, principles and practices of secondary  
16 reading instruction, and diagnosis and the disabled learner  
17 or their equivalent as determined by the Board of Education.  
18 Reading specialists must complete thirty hours of reading  
19 education including those required of elementary and second-  
20 ary teachers or their equivalent as determined by the Board  
21 of Education.

22 This section shall not apply to any individual who has re-  
23 ceived provisional certification prior to the issuance of regula-  
24 tions by the Department of Education.

