
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 6, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in certification of teachers, further
6 providing for provisional vocational education certificate.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1204.2 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended to read:

12 Section 1204.2. [Provisional] Vocational [Education]
13 Instructional Certificate.--(a) The Secretary of Education may
14 grant a [provisional vocational education] certificate under
15 this section to every person who presents to the Department of
16 Education satisfactory evidence of good moral character and who
17 has completed such work in vocational education as may be
18 required by the standards of the State Board of Education[,

1 which certificate shall entitle the individual to teach for
2 eight annual school terms].

3 (b) In addition to other requirements promulgated by the
4 State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall
5 require an applicant to present evidence of at least four (4)
6 years of wage-earning experience in the occupation to be taught
7 in order for the Secretary of Education to grant the applicant a
8 Vocational Intern Certificate under 22 Pa. Code § 49.151
9 (relating to eligibility and criteria).

10 (c) Notwithstanding any other requirement promulgated by the
11 State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall not
12 require an applicant to have completed more than eighteen (18)
13 credit hours in an approved program of vocational teacher
14 education in order for the Secretary of Education to grant the
15 applicant a Vocational Instructional I Certificate under 22 Pa.
16 Code § 49.142 (relating to Vocational Instructional I), which
17 certificate shall entitle the individual to teach for eight (8)
18 annual school terms.

19 (d) Notwithstanding any other requirement promulgated by the
20 State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall not
21 require an applicant to have completed more than sixty (60)
22 total credit hours in an approved program of vocational teacher
23 education in order for the Secretary of Education to grant the
24 applicant a Vocational Instructional II Certificate under 22 Pa.
25 Code § 49.143 (relating to Vocational Instructional II). Credit
26 hours in an approved program of vocational teacher education
27 completed by the applicant toward the fulfillment of the
28 requirements for a Vocational Instructional I Certificate shall
29 be counted toward the total credit hours required for a
30 Vocational Instructional II Certificate.

1 (e) The Department of Education shall form a professional
2 advisory committee for the purposes of reviewing vocational
3 instructional certification program guidelines every five (5)
4 years to ensure that the requirements for program design and
5 delivery pertain to the professional responsibilities of a
6 vocational educator. The professional advisory committee shall,
7 at a minimum, include representatives whose primary
8 responsibility is teaching occupational skills in State-approved
9 vocational education programs.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.