

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 professional employees, further
6 providing for definitions.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1101 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended November 30, 1971 (P.L.546, No.144), is amended to read:

12 Section 1101. Definitions.--As used in this article,
13 (1) The term "professional employe" shall include those who
14 are certificated as teachers, supervisors, supervising
15 principals, principals, assistant principals, vice-principals,
16 directors of vocational education, dental hygienists, visiting
17 teachers, home and school visitors, school social workers,
18 school counselors, child nutrition program specialists, school
19 librarians, school secretaries the selection of whom is on the
20 basis of merit as determined by eligibility lists and school

1 nurses.

2 (1.1) The term "school social worker" shall include those
3 who hold a license in good standing as a licensed social worker
4 or a licensed clinical social worker in accordance with the act
5 of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the "Social Workers,
6 Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act,"
7 and are certificated to practice clinical social work, marriage
8 and family therapy, professional counseling, social work and
9 social work methods and theory application as defined by that
10 act.

11 (2) The term "substitute" shall mean any individual who has
12 been employed to perform the duties of a regular professional
13 employe during such period of time as the regular professional
14 employe is absent on sabbatical leave or for other legal cause
15 authorized and approved by the board of school directors or to
16 perform the duties of a temporary professional employe who is
17 absent.

18 (3) The term "temporary professional employe" shall mean any
19 individual who has been employed to perform, for a limited time,
20 the duties of a newly created position or of a regular
21 professional employe whose services have been terminated by
22 death, resignation, suspension or removal.

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