

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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 GINGRICH, MILLER AND GROVE, APRIL 25, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 25, 2011

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," further providing for continuing
 6 professional development and for program of continuing
 7 professional development.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1205.1 of the act of March 10, 1949
 11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
 12 amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 1205.1. Continuing Professional Development.--* * *
 14 (f) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection, the
 15 requirements under this section shall be suspended until June
 16 30, 2013.

17 Section 2. Section 1205.2(a) and (f) of the act, amended
 18 July 13, 2005 (P.L.226, No.46) and February 2, 2006 (P.L.19,
 19 No.5), are amended and the section is amended by adding a

1 subsection to read:

2 Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional
3 Education.--(a) A continuing professional education program is
4 hereby established for professional educators, the satisfactory
5 completion of which is required to maintain active
6 certification. Except as provided in subsection [(j.1)] (n.1),
7 the continuing professional education program shall require the
8 satisfactory completion of continuing professional education
9 every five (5) years, which shall include:

10 (1) six (6) credits of collegiate study;

11 (2) six (6) credits of continuing professional education
12 courses;

13 (3) one hundred eighty (180) hours of continuing
14 professional education programs, activities or learning
15 experiences; or

16 (4) any combination of collegiate studies, continuing
17 professional education courses, or other programs, activities or
18 learning experiences equivalent to one hundred eighty (180)
19 hours.

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21 (f) [The] Except as provided in subsection (n.1), the
22 department shall annually provide a minimum of forty (40) hours
23 of continuing professional education courses, programs,
24 activities or learning experiences at no charge to professional
25 educators. In providing these courses, the department shall seek
26 to use the most efficient and cost-effective means possible,
27 including the use of advanced technology such as CD-ROM, the
28 Internet and distance communication.

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30 (n.1) (1) Beginning on the effective date of this

1 subsection, the requirements under subsections (a) and (f) shall
2 be suspended until June 30, 2013.

3 (2) On July 1, 2013, each professional educator shall have
4 the same number of credits or hours of continuing professional
5 education and the same amount of time in which to complete those
6 credits or hours as existed for the professional educator on the
7 effective date of this subsection: Provided, however, That any
8 continuing professional education credits or hours completed by
9 a professional educator during the period of suspension under
10 this subsection shall be credited to the professional educator's
11 continuing professional education record.

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13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.