

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 441

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "thereto,"  
2 further providing for certificates qualifying persons to teach  
3 and for kinds of State certificates; providing for  
4 postbaccalaureate certification; and

5 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 9 through 12, by striking out all  
6 of said lines and inserting

7 Section 1. Section 1201 of the act of March 10, 1949  
8 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
9 amended January 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), is amended to  
10 read:

11 Section 1201. Certificates Qualifying Persons to Teach.--  
12 Only those persons holding one of the following certificates  
13 shall be qualified to teach in the public schools of this  
14 Commonwealth--(1) Permanent college certificate, (2) provisional  
15 college certificate, (3) normal school diploma, (4) normal  
16 school certificate, (5) special permanent certificate, (6)  
17 special temporary certificate, (7) permanent State certificate,  
18 (8) residency certificate, (9) intern certificate, (10)  
19 certificates which are permanent licenses to teach by virtue of  
20 the provisions of section one thousand three hundred eight of  
21 the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine  
22 hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws 309), as amended, which is  
23 repealed hereby, or [(9)] (11) such other kinds of certificates  
24 as are issued under the standards prescribed by the State Board  
25 of Education. The State Board of Education shall also provide  
26 for issuance of certificates by district superintendents to meet  
27 such emergencies or shortage of teachers as may occur.

28 Section 2. Sections 1203 and 1206 of the act are amended to  
29 read:

30 Section 1203. Kinds of State Certificates.--(a) State  
31 certificates hereafter granted shall include the following:  
32 Provisional College Certificates,  
33 Permanent College Certificates,  
34 Certificates issued by other states and validated by the  
35 Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
36 Special Temporary Certificates,

1 Special Permanent Certificates[.],

2 Residency Certificates,

3 Intern Certificates.

4 (b) All persons receiving any of such certificates shall  
5 have qualifications not less than graduation from a State  
6 Teachers' College of this Commonwealth, or equivalent training.  
7 Postbaccalaureate certification programs, including residency,  
8 intern and administrative certification programs completed under  
9 section 1207.1 are equivalent training for purposes of this act.

10 (c) Every college certificate shall set forth the names of  
11 the college or university from which its holder was graduated.  
12 State certificates shall entitle their holders to teach in every  
13 part of this Commonwealth for the terms herein specified.

14 Section 1206. Certificates Issued by Other States.--[The  
15 Superintendent of Public Instruction may validate in this  
16 Commonwealth teachers' certificates issued by other states, or  
17 by the State normal schools or colleges of other states, whose  
18 requirements are equivalent to those of this Commonwealth. Such  
19 validation of certificates may be revoked by the Superintendent  
20 of Public Instruction at any time.] (a) Candidates holding a  
21 valid instructional certificate issued by another state may be  
22 eligible for comparable Pennsylvania certification provided that  
23 the candidate meets the following requirements:

24 (1) Holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited  
25 college or university.

26 (2) Has at least three (3) years of successful professional  
27 experience.

28 (3) Demonstrates subject matter competency in the applicable  
29 area of Pennsylvania certification.

30 (4) Satisfies the requirements of section 1209.

31 (b) The Secretary of Education shall adopt standards and  
32 guidelines as necessary to implement this section.

33 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

34 Section 1207.1. Postbaccalaureate Certification.--(a)  
35 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
36 Secretary of Education shall have all of the following powers  
37 and duties with regard to postbaccalaureate certification  
38 programs:

39 (1) Evaluate and approve, in accordance with this section,  
40 all postbaccalaureate certification programs, including  
41 accelerated programs, leading to the certification of  
42 professional personnel including intern certification programs,  
43 residency certification programs and administrative  
44 certification programs.

45 (2) Evaluate and approve qualified providers of  
46 postbaccalaureate certification programs, which may include  
47 providers other than institutions of higher education.

48 (3) Develop guidelines for the approval of postbaccalaureate  
49 instructional certification programs, which shall include:

50 (i) Instruction and training in the following:

51 (A) Educational strategies for the designated subject area.

1 (B) Child development specifically related to the level of  
2 the certificate sought.

3 (C) Professional ethics and responsibilities.

4 (D) Pennsylvania academic standards.

5 (E) Assessment knowledge and skills.

6 (F) Accommodations and adaptations for students with  
7 disabilities in an inclusive setting.

8 (G) Strategies for meeting instructional needs of English  
9 language learners.

10 (ii) Requirements for candidate oversight and mentoring that  
11 include field placement, student teaching, classroom  
12 observations and ongoing support for novice educators in  
13 partnership with local education agencies during their induction  
14 period, including observation, consultation and assessment that  
15 includes close supervision by a professional employe.

16 (4) Issue certificates in accordance with this section to  
17 qualified candidates.

18 (5) Adopt standards and guidelines as necessary to implement  
19 this section.

20 (b) (1) The Secretary of Education may make a one-time  
21 issuance of a residency certificate for service in a specific  
22 shortage area of instruction in public schools of this  
23 Commonwealth to an applicant who meets all of the following:

24 (i) Satisfies the requirements specified under section 1209.

25 (ii) Meets one of the following:

26 (A) Holds a doctoral degree from an accredited college or  
27 university in the subject area of shortage.

28 (B) Holds a master's degree from an accredited college or  
29 university in the subject area of shortage and has at least two  
30 (2) years of work experience in the subject area or related  
31 field.

32 (C) Holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or  
33 university in the subject area of shortage and has at least five  
34 (5) years of work experience in the subject area or related  
35 field.

36 (iii) Is continuously enrolled in an approved residency  
37 program.

38 (iv) Presents evidence of satisfactory achievement on the  
39 appropriate subject area content test.

40 (2) A residency certificate shall be valid for three (3)  
41 years of teaching in the public schools of this Commonwealth in  
42 the area for which it applies.

43 (3) The Secretary of Education shall have all of the  
44 following powers and duties related to the issuance of residency  
45 certificates:

46 (i) Identify areas of certification in which there is a  
47 Statewide or regional shortage of qualified teachers.

48 (ii) Develop guidelines for the residency program in  
49 accordance with subsection (a).

50 (iii) Issue residency certificates to qualified applicants.

51 (iv) Report annually to the State Board of Education on the

1 number of residency certificates issued under this section.

2 (4) A residency certificate may be converted to an  
3 Instructional I Certificate upon the completion of all residency  
4 program requirements under Department of Education guidelines  
5 and the completion of three (3) years of satisfactory teaching  
6 in the public schools of this Commonwealth.

7 (c) (1) Postbaccalaureate instructional intern  
8 certification programs shall provide flexible and accelerated  
9 pedagogical training to teachers who have demonstrated subject  
10 matter competency in a subject area related to their  
11 certification, provided that the first year of teaching includes  
12 a minimum of one classroom observation each month by an approved  
13 postbaccalaureate certification program provider.

14 (2) The Secretary of Education may make a one-time issuance  
15 of a postbaccalaureate instructional intern certificate for  
16 service in a specific area of instruction to candidates who, in  
17 addition to meeting the requirements of section 1209, present  
18 evidence of satisfactory achievement on the department-  
19 prescribed subject matter assessments related to the area of  
20 certification and hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited  
21 college or university. This certificate shall require continuing  
22 enrollment in an approved postbaccalaureate instructional intern  
23 certification program.

24 (3) A postbaccalaureate instructional intern certificate  
25 shall be valid for three (3) years of teaching in the public  
26 schools of this Commonwealth and may not be renewed.

27 (4) A candidate shall be issued an Instructional I  
28 Certificate upon successful completion of the approved  
29 postbaccalaureate instructional intern program provided that the  
30 candidate has satisfied the requirements of section 1209.

31 (d) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
32 person shall be granted an administrative certificate by the  
33 Department of Education unless:

34 (i) The candidate holds a bachelor's degree from a  
35 regionally accredited college or university.

36 (ii) The candidate has had three (3) years of relevant  
37 professional experience.

38 (iii) The candidate satisfies the requirements of section  
39 1209.

40 (iv) The candidate has completed in a college or university  
41 a graduate program in education approved by the Department of  
42 Education or has provided to the Secretary of Education  
43 satisfactory evidence that the candidate has successfully  
44 completed a leadership development program that meets the  
45 Pennsylvania school leadership standards under section 1217.

46 (2) The Secretary of Education may adopt standards and  
47 guidelines as necessary to implement this section.

48 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no candidate  
49 for certification or admission into a certification preparation  
50 program who holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally  
51 accredited college or university shall be required to complete

1 the academic preparation requirements of 22 Pa. Code Ch. 354  
2 (relating to preparation of professional educators).

3 Section 4. Section 1209 of the act, amended April 15, 1959  
4 (P.L.41, No.16) and June 24, 1959 (P.L.485, No.110), is amended  
5 to read:

6 Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by striking out "2" and

7 inserting

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9 Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by striking out "3" and inserting

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