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Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "suspension;" 1

2 in certification of teachers, further providing for State

3 certificates; in charter schools, further providing for

4 school staff;

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5 Amend Bill, page 10, by inserting after line 30

6 Section 5. Section 1202 of the act, amended December 21, 7 1967, P.L.874, No.387), is amended to read:

Section 1202. State Certificates. -- State certificates shall be issued as herein provided. Each such certificate shall set forth the branches which its holder is entitled to teach. No teacher shall teach, in any public school including any charter school, any branch which he has not been properly certificated to teach. Charter schools shall have one hundred percent (100%) teachers certified in appropriate State certification.

A certificate to teach shall not be granted or issued to any person not a citizen of the United States, except in the case of exchange teachers not permanently employed and teachers employed for the purpose of teaching foreign languages.

In the case of a resident foreign national holding an immigrant visa who has declared, in writing, to the Department of Public Instruction the intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, such person shall be eliqible for a provisional college certificate.

Section 6. Section 1724-A(a) of the act, amended June 19, 1997, (P.L.225, No.22), is amended to read:

Section 1724-A. School Staff.--(a) The board of trustees shall determine the level of compensation and all terms and conditions of employment of the staff except as may otherwise be provided in this article. [At least seventy-five per centum of the professional staff members of a charter school shall hold appropriate State certification.] Employes of a charter school may organize under the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195),

- known as the "Public Employe Relations Act." The board of 33
- trustees of a charter school shall be considered an employer for 34
- 35 the purposes of Article XI-A. Upon formation of one or more
- 36 collective bargaining units at the school, the board of trustees
- 37 shall bargain with the employes based on the provisions of this

1 article, Article XI-A and the "Public Employe Relations Act." 2 Collective bargaining units at a charter school shall be 3 separate from any collective bargaining unit of the school 4 district in which the charter school is located and shall be 5 separate from any other collective bargaining unit. A charter 6 school shall be considered a school entity as provided for in section 1161-A for the purpose of the secretary seeking an injunction requiring the charter school to meet the minimum requirements for instruction as provided for in this article. 9 \* \* \* 10 11 Amend Bill, page 11, line 1, by striking out "5" and 12 inserting

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