

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1386

Sponsor: SENATOR EICHELBERGER

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "levels"
2 and duties of department

3 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 20; page 2, lines 1
4 through 30; page 3, line 1; by striking out all of said lines on
5 said pages and inserting

6 Section 1202.1. Instructional Certificate Grade Spans and
7 Age Levels and Duties of Department.--(a) The following shall
8 apply to special education certificates:

9 (1) Notwithstanding 22 Pa. Code § 49.85 (relating to
10 limitations), the grade span and age levels for special
11 education certificates issued after December 31, 2021, shall be
12 prekindergarten through grade twelve or up to twenty-one (21)
13 years of age. An additional content area shall not be required
14 for a special education certificate issued in accordance with
15 this section.

16 (2) Special education certificates issued in accordance with
17 22 Pa. Code § 49.85(a) and (b) shall remain valid for the term
18 of the certificate.

19 (3) An individual holding Special Education-PK-8 and Special
20 Education-7-12 level certificates issued in accordance with 22
21 Pa. Code § 49.85(b) (5) and (6) shall have the opportunity to
22 expand the scope of the individual's certificate to meet the
23 grade levels covered under paragraph (1) by a process determined
24 by the Department of Education, which shall include, but not be
25 limited to, continuing education credits or attaining qualifying
26 scores on the assessment made available by the Department of
27 Education for the specific certification level.

28 (b) The Department of Education shall have the following
29 duties:

30 (1) Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this
31 subsection:

32 (i) Notify all teacher preparation programs approved by the
33 Department of Education, all individuals enrolled in these
34 programs and all individuals holding an early childhood
35 certificate under 22 Pa. Code § 49.85(b) (1) that an individual
36 holding or seeking an early childhood certificate may, by

1 attaining qualifying scores on the assessment made available by
2 the Department of Education, extend the grade span for the
3 individual's early childhood certificate to include grades five
4 and six and include and maintain notice of the availability of
5 the assessment on the publicly accessible Internet website of
6 the Department of Education with other information describing
7 certification requirements.

8 (ii) Create a notification form to inform an individual
9 seeking an early childhood certificate after the effective date
10 of this subsection that the individual may, by attaining
11 qualifying scores on the assessment made available by the
12 Department of Education, extend the grade span for the
13 individual's early childhood certificate to include grades five
14 and six. A teacher preparation program shall provide the form to
15 all individuals seeking an early childhood certification.

16 (2) By March 1, 2019, and by March 1 of each year
17 thereafter, issue a report to the Education Committee of the
18 Senate, the Education Committee of the House of Representatives
19 and the State Board of Education and post the report on the
20 publicly accessible Internet website of the Department of
21 Education that includes the following:

22 (i) The number of Instructional I Certificates issued, in
23 total and subdivided by field of certification and teacher
24 preparation program for each year beginning in 2010. This shall
25 include certificates issued reciprocally for out-of-State
26 teacher preparation programs.

27 (ii) The number of Instructional II Certificates issued, in
28 total and subdivided by field of certification and teacher
29 preparation program for each year beginning in 2010. This shall
30 include certificates issued reciprocally for out-of-State
31 teacher preparation programs.

32 (iii) The number of administrative certificates issued, in
33 total and subdivided by field of certification and teacher
34 preparation program for each year beginning in 2010. This shall
35 include certificates issued reciprocally for out-of-State
36 teacher preparation programs.

37 (iv) The number of emergency certificates issued, in total
38 and subdivided by the local education agency by which the
39 individual is employed and by field of certification for each
40 year beginning in 2010.

41 (v) The number of individuals who have taken the assessment
42 under paragraph (1) and who attained qualifying scores on the
43 assessment since the assessment was made available by the
44 Department of Education.

45 (c) The Joint State Government Commission shall conduct a
46 study and issue a report subject to the following:

47 (1) The study shall analyze the following:

48 (i) The appropriateness of the fields of certification,
49 including grade span and age level limitations, in improving
50 student outcomes.

51 (ii) The creation or elimination of teaching certifications

1 or endorsements.

2 (iii) National trends regarding grade span and age
3 limitations of certification.

4 (2) The report shall be transmitted no later than June 1,
5 2019, to the following:

6 (i) The Governor.

7 (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
8 Education Committee of the Senate.

9 (iii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
10 Education Committee of the House of Representatives.

11 Amend Bill, page 3, line 2, by striking out "in 60 days" and

12 inserting

13 immediately