

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1216

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "thereto,"
2 in professional employees, further providing for
3 qualifications; and,

4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "teachers,"
5 further providing for State certificates and

6 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 10 through 12, by striking out all
7 of said lines and inserting

8 Section 1. Sections 1109(a) and 1202 of the act of March 10,
9 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
10 are amended to read:

11 Section 1109. Qualifications.--(a) Every teacher employed
12 to teach in the public schools of this Commonwealth must be a
13 person of good moral character, must be at least eighteen years
14 of age, and must be a citizen of the United States: Provided,
15 That citizenship may be waived:

16 (1) in the case of exchange teachers not permanently
17 employed, and teachers employed for the purpose of teaching
18 foreign languages, including special teachers who speak the
19 idiomatic or colloquial language of immigrants residing in the
20 school district, and employed for the purpose of easing the
21 transition period of such immigrants[.]; or

22 (2) if the individual holds a valid immigrant visa, work
23 visa or a valid employment authorization document which allows
24 the individual to work in the United States.

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26 Section 1202. State Certificates.--State certificates shall
27 be issued as herein provided. Each such certificate shall set
28 forth the branches which its holder is entitled to teach. No
29 teacher shall teach, in any public school, any branch which he
30 has not been properly certificated to teach.

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

35 In the case of a resident foreign national holding an

1 immigrant visa who has declared, in writing, to the Department
2 of Public Instruction the intention of becoming a citizen of the
3 United States, such person shall be eligible for a provisional
4 college certificate.] or an individual who holds a valid
5 immigrant visa, work visa or a valid employment authorization
6 document which allows the individual to work in the United
7 States.

8 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

9 Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by striking out "2" and
10 inserting

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