

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 27

Sponsor: SENATOR ARGALL

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1 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 20 and 21, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting

3 Section 3. Section 1215 of the act is amended to read:

4 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 10 through 30; page 5, lines 1
5 through 6; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
6 inserting

7 Section 4. Section 1218 of the act, expired June 30, 2023,
8 is repealed:

9 [Section 1218. Permit for Classroom Monitors.--(a) A school
10 entity may request that the department issue a classroom monitor
11 permit to allow an individual to deliver to students assignments
12 that are preplanned by a professional employe or temporary
13 professional employe. A classroom monitor may not plan lessons
14 or create or grade student work.

15 (b) An individual receiving a permit under subsection (a)
16 shall satisfy all of the following:

17 (1) Has completed at least sixty (60) semester hours or the
18 equivalent of courses at a college or university located in this
19 Commonwealth and accredited by a regional accrediting agency, or
20 has at least three (3) years' experience as a paraprofessional
21 in a school entity and is currently employed as a
22 paraprofessional in a school entity.

23 (2) Has met the requirements under sections 111, 111.1 and
24 1109(a) and 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 Subch. C (relating to powers and
25 duties of department).

26 (3) Has attained a minimum age of twenty-five (25) years.

27 (4) Has completed training on classroom management provided
28 by an intermediate unit and approved by the department.

29 (c) An individual receiving a permit under this section who
30 is already employed by the school entity as a paraprofessional
31 shall receive the higher of the individual's existing
32 contractual compensation or the compensation established by the
33 school entity for day-to-day substitute teachers.

34 (d) Each school entity that uses the services of a classroom
35 monitor under this section shall ensure that each student who

1 receives services under an Individualized Education Program
2 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Public
3 Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.) receives a free and
4 appropriate public education as required under the Individuals
5 with Disabilities Education Act.

6 (e) Each school entity shall report to the department the
7 following by March 31, 2023:

8 (1) The number of individuals who served as classroom
9 monitors under this section and the number of days on which the
10 school entity used the services of classroom monitors.

11 (2) The school entity's day-to-day substitute teacher
12 compensation rates in the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023
13 school years. For a school entity that uses a third-party entity
14 to provide substitute teachers, the rate reported by the school
15 entity shall be the take-home amount received by an individual,
16 excluding the portion paid to the third-party entity. The
17 department shall issue rules necessary to effectuate this
18 subsection.

19 (f) By April 15, 2023, the department shall issue a report
20 on the effectiveness of the classroom monitor permit and
21 recommendations for improvement or continuation of the permit.
22 The report shall include, but not be limited to, the information
23 reported to the department under subsection (e) and a formal
24 evaluation of the permit and its effectiveness by an independent
25 research organization which may include a college or university
26 accredited by a regional accrediting agency. The report shall be
27 submitted to the General Assembly and the State Board and shall
28 be posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet
29 website.

30 (g) This section shall expire on June 30, 2023.]

31 Section 5. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

32 Section 1218.1. Permit for Classroom Monitors.--(a) A
33 school entity may request that the department issue a classroom
34 monitor permit to allow an individual to deliver to students
35 assignments that are preplanned by a professional employe or
36 temporary professional employe. A classroom monitor may not plan
37 lessons or create or grade student work.

38 (b) An individual receiving a permit under subsection (a)
39 shall satisfy all of the following:

40 (1) Has completed at least sixty (60) semester hours or the
41 equivalent of courses at a college or university located in this
42 Commonwealth and accredited by a regional accrediting agency or
43 has at least three (3) years' experience as a paraprofessional
44 in a school entity and is currently employed as a
45 paraprofessional in a school entity.

46 (2) Has met the requirements under sections 111, 111.1 and
47 1109(a) and 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 Subch. C (relating to powers and
48 duties of department).

49 (3) Has attained a minimum age of twenty-five (25) years.

50 (4) Has completed training on classroom management provided
51 by an intermediate unit and approved by the department.

1 (c) An individual receiving a permit under this section who
2 is already employed by the school entity as a paraprofessional
3 shall receive the higher of the individual's existing
4 contractual compensation or the compensation established by the
5 school entity for day-to-day substitute teachers.

6 (d) Each school entity that uses the services of a classroom
7 monitor under this section shall ensure that each student who
8 receives services under an Individualized Education Program
9 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Public
10 Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.) receives a free and
11 appropriate public education as required under the Individuals
12 with Disabilities Education Act.

13 (e) Each school entity shall report to the department the
14 following by March 31, 2026:

15 (1) The number of individuals who served as classroom
16 monitors under this section and the number of days on which the
17 school entity used the services of classroom monitors.

18 (2) The school entity's day-to-day substitute teacher
19 compensation rates in each of the school years from 2020-2021
20 through 2025-2026. For a school entity that uses a third-party
21 entity to provide substitute teachers, the rate reported by the
22 school entity shall be the take-home amount received by an
23 individual, excluding the portion paid to the third-party
24 entity. The department shall issue rules necessary to effectuate
25 this subsection.

26 (f) By April 15, 2026, the department shall issue a report
27 on the effectiveness of the classroom monitor permit and
28 recommendations for improvement or continuation of the permit.
29 The report shall include, but not be limited to, the information
30 reported to the department under subsection (e) and a formal
31 evaluation of the permit and its effectiveness by an independent
32 research organization which may include a college or university
33 accredited by a regional accrediting agency. The report shall be
34 submitted to the General Assembly and the State Board and shall
35 be posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet
36 website.

37 (g) This section shall expire on June 30, 2026.

38 Amend Bill, page 5, line 7, by striking out "4" and inserting