

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1518 Session of
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 12, 1973 (P.L.397, No.141),
2 entitled "An act relating to certification of teachers in the
3 public schools of the Commonwealth and creating a
4 Professional Standards and Practices Commission," further
5 providing for the Professional Standards and Practices
6 Commission and for certain disciplinary proceedings; and
7 making a repeal.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of December 12, 1973
11 (P.L.397, No.141), referred to as the Teacher Certification Law,
12 amended December 14, 1989 (P.L.612, No.71), is amended to read:

13 Section 3. Professional Standards and Practices
14 Commission.--There is hereby created a Professional Standards
15 and Practices Commission consisting of thirteen members
16 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of a
17 majority of the members elected to the Senate. The term of
18 office of members of the commission shall be three years
19 [commencing on January 1 of the year following their
20 appointment] except that the terms of office of members

1 appointed in the calendar year 1990 shall expire on the third
2 Tuesday of January 1993. Vacancies shall be filled for an
3 unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. No
4 person shall serve for more than two consecutive terms as a
5 member of the commission. The Governor may remove any member
6 from the commission for misconduct or malfeasance in office,
7 incapacity, or neglect of duty. All members of the commission
8 shall be residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

9 Section 2. Notwithstanding the repeal of other laws by the
10 act of December 14, 1989 (P.L.612, No.71), entitled "An act
11 amending the act of December 12, 1973 (P.L.397, No.141),
12 entitled 'An act relating to certification of teachers in the
13 public schools of the Commonwealth and creating a Professional
14 Standards and Practices Commission,' further providing for the
15 Professional Standards and Practices Commission and for certain
16 disciplinary proceedings; and making a repeal," the Secretary of
17 Education shall retain authority to conduct investigations and
18 to discipline professional educators, as if those laws had not
19 been repealed, with regard to any complaint received by the
20 Department of Education prior to May 31, 1990. The act of
21 December 14, 1989 (P.L.612, No.71) shall apply to disciplinary
22 proceedings based upon complaints filed after May 31, 1990.

23 Section 3. Section 9 of the act of December 14, 1989
24 (P.L.612, No.71), entitled "An act amending the act of December
25 12, 1973 (P.L.397, No.141), entitled 'An act relating to
26 certification of teachers in the public schools of the
27 Commonwealth and creating a Professional Standards and Practices
28 Commission,' further providing for the Professional Standards
29 and Practices Commission and for certain disciplinary
30 proceedings; and making a repeal," is repealed.

1 Section 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall be retroactive
2 to December 14, 1989.
3 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.