

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 23, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in certification of teachers,
6 repealing PROVISIONS RELATING TO certificates issued by other <--
7 states and providing for out-of-state applicants for
8 ~~certifications~~ CERTIFICATION. <--

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

11 Section 1. Section 1206 of the act of March 10, 1949
12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
13 repealed:

14 [Section 1206. Certificates Issued by Other States.--(a)
15 Candidates holding a valid instructional certificate issued by
16 another state may be eligible for comparable Pennsylvania
17 certification provided that the candidate meets the following
18 requirements:

19 (1) Holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or

1 university.

2 (2) Has at least two (2) years of successful classroom
3 experience.

4 (3) Demonstrates subject matter competency in the applicable
5 area of Pennsylvania certification.

6 (4) Satisfies the requirements of section 1209.

7 (b) The Secretary of Education shall adopt standards and
8 guidelines as necessary to implement this section.

9 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
10 the Secretary of Education from certifying out-of-State
11 applicants in accordance with regulations of the Department of
12 Education or the State Board of Education.]

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

14 Section 1206.1. Out-of-State Applicants for Certification.--

15 (a) Candidates ~~from~~ CERTIFIED IN other states seeking <--
16 Pennsylvania certification must satisfy one of the following:

17 (1) ~~The candidate must hold~~ HOLD a valid and current <--
18 instructional certificate issued by another state and satisfy
19 the following:

20 (i) Completion of a college or university educator
21 preparation program approved by the certifying state,
22 satisfaction of testing requirements demonstrating subject
23 matter competency in the applicable area of Pennsylvania
24 certification, including passage of ~~equivalent~~ RELATED content <--
25 tests required by the certifying state and field experience.

26 (ii) ~~For a candidate who has~~ HAS taught on the out-of-state <--
27 certificate, ~~presentation~~ AND PRESENTED to the department <--
28 evidence of satisfactory professional educator experience for
29 the candidate's two most recent years of classroom teaching.

30 (2) ~~The candidate must hold~~ HOLD a valid certificate issued <--

1 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A
2 candidate with a certificate shall be granted the highest-level
3 Pennsylvania certification available in the candidate's area of
4 certification.

5 (b) An out-of-state candidate who satisfies the requirements
6 of subsection (a) must also satisfy this Commonwealth's
7 requirements under sections 1202 and 1209.

8 (c) An out-of-state candidate who is seeking Pennsylvania
9 certification in a subject identified by the department as a
10 shortage area and meets the requirements of subsections (a) and
11 (b) shall be issued the appropriate certificate on an expedited
12 basis in accordance with this section.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.