

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1104

PRINTER NO. 1625

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

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PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Aument

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1104 amends Section 1204.2 (Provisional Vocational Education Certificate) of the Public School Code by establishing new requirements for vocational education certification.

The legislation requires:

- An applicant for a Vocational Intern Certificate to present evidence of at least four (4) years of wage-earning experience in the occupation to be taught;
- An applicant for a Vocational Instructional I Certificate to have completed not more than 18 credit hours in an approved program of vocational teacher education and provides that the certification entitles the individual to teach for eight (8) annual school terms;
- An applicant for a Vocational Instructional II Certificate to have completed not more than 60 credit hours in an approved program of vocational teacher education which includes the 18 credit hours necessary to receive a Vocational Instructional I Certificate; and
- The Department of Education to establish a professional advisory committee to review vocational instructional certification program guidelines.

Currently, provisions providing for vocational education certificates are contained in Title 22 (Education) of the Pa Code, Chapter 49 (Certification and Professional Standards). The regulations require:

- Evidence of two (2) years of wage-earning experience in the occupation to be taught to receive a Vocational Intern Certificate;
- An individual to complete a total of 18 credit hours in an approved program to receive a Vocational Instructional I Certificate; and
- An individual to complete three (3) years of teaching on a Vocational Instructional I Certificate and a total of 78 credit hours in an approved program to receive a Vocational Instructional II Certificate.

The legislation is scheduled to become effective in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1104 will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The Department of Education has indicated that it can accomplish the administration of the provisions contained in the bill with its existing operating budget and the application fees charged to individuals seeking certification.