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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Kathy Rapp *KR*

Date: April 6, 2011

Subject: Proposed Legislation - **Two-year Act 48 Moratorium**

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation amending Act 48 of 1999, requiring professional development for certified school teachers and administrators in Pennsylvania. This mandate has required continuing education for teachers and other public school officials for over a decade. There is some question as to the effectiveness of some of the educational training credits; are our teachers and other public school professionals, and ultimately our children, truly benefitting from every tax dollar invested in this program?

This legislation proposes a two-year moratorium/tolling of the requirements placed on individuals holding Pennsylvania public school certification to earn 180 continuing education hours every five years. This moratorium will allow school districts the flexibility needed to address fiscal needs, while still providing academic programs.

This action also represents a savings from Governor Corbett's proposed FY 2011-12 budget, and further relieves school districts of a costly mandate. This bill will allow the school districts to responsibly spend taxpayer's dollars and allocate work-hours as they require in the current economic reality.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Annette Mioff at 787-1367 or amioff@pahousegop.com. Thank you.

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