

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Martin Michael Schmotzer

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of Legislation – Increase Number of Years Necessary for Teacher Tenure

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation to amend Section 1121 of the Public School Code of 1949. This change would increase the number of years of service necessary for a teacher to satisfactorily complete in order to receive tenure from three (3) years to five (5) years.

Section 1121 of the Public School Code was last amended by Act 16 of 1996 to increase the number of years of service a teacher must satisfactorily complete in order to receive tenure from two (2) years to three (3) years. I believe this legislation is necessary to ensure that school districts are providing tenure opportunities only to the most experienced classroom instructors.

As lawmakers, it is our duty to guarantee our children are receiving their education from skilled teachers with years of classroom experience. If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Maria Halkias at [mhalkias@pahouse.net](mailto:mhalkias@pahouse.net) or 717- 783-1582.