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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, further  
6 providing for program of continuing professional education.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1205.2(a) of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
11 amended July 5, 2012 (P.L.965, No.105), is amended and the  
12 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional  
14 Education.--(a) A continuing professional education program is  
15 hereby established for professional educators, the satisfactory  
16 completion of which is required to maintain active  
17 certification. Except as provided in [subsection (n.1)]  
18 subsections (n.1) and (n.2), the continuing professional  
19 education program shall require the satisfactory completion of  
20 continuing professional education every five (5) years, which

1 shall include:

2 (1) six (6) credits of collegiate study;

3 (2) six (6) credits of continuing professional education  
4 courses;

5 (3) one hundred eighty (180) hours of continuing  
6 professional education programs, activities or learning  
7 experiences; or

8 (4) any combination of collegiate studies, continuing  
9 professional education courses, or other programs, activities or  
10 learning experiences equivalent to one hundred eighty (180)  
11 hours.

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13 (n.2) If, during a professional educator's five-year  
14 compliance period under this section, a professional educator  
15 satisfactorily completes continuing professional education  
16 credits or hours in excess of the number of credits or hours  
17 required under subsection (a), any excess continuing  
18 professional education credits or hours satisfying the  
19 requirements of this section that are completed during the final  
20 two years of a professional educator's five-year compliance  
21 period up to a maximum of fifty (50) hours of continuing  
22 professional education programs, activities or learning  
23 experiences, or any combination of collegiate studies,  
24 continuing professional education courses or other programs,  
25 activities or learning experiences equivalent to a maximum of  
26 fifty (50) hours, shall be credited to the professional  
27 educator's continuing professional education record for the next  
28 succeeding compliance period.

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30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.