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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 31, 2005

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," further providing for notice
6 publication by recognizing the Internet and for emergency
7 certification to overcome teacher shortages.

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

10 Section 1. Section 106 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
11 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by
12 adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 106. Publication of Notices, etc.; Proofs of
14 Publication.--* * *

15 (d) (1) When so permitted by statute, publication of a
16 notice may be made on the Department of Education's Internet
17 website or on the Internet website of a publishing school
18 district. Proof of such publication shall be provided as

1 prescribed by regulation.

2 (2) This subsection shall not apply to a notice that is
3 required to be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

4 Section 2. Section 1109.1 of the act, added June 7, 1993
5 (P.L.49, No.16), is amended to read:

6 Section 1109.1. Emergency Certification in Certain
7 Instances.--(a) When the superintendent and board of education
8 of a school district of the first class find that the supply of
9 certified teachers is inadequate to the educational needs of the
10 district's language minority student population or that the loss
11 of teachers due to early retirement would cause the interruption
12 of suitable and essential programs of instruction for such
13 students, the district may, with the permission of the
14 Department of Education, hire otherwise qualified persons
15 without current teaching certificates, provided that individuals
16 so employed shall enroll in a teacher certification program and
17 meet Pennsylvania certification requirements within a period not
18 to exceed three (3) years.

19 (b) If a school district applies to the Department of
20 Education for an emergency permit in order to employ an
21 individual to teach, the Department of Education shall post this
22 information on its Internet website for a minimum of thirty (30)
23 days using an easy-to-find and easy-to-read format in order to
24 provide this information to the public generally and to
25 prospective candidates for the available teaching position
26 specifically.

27 (c) An emergency certificate issued under this section may
28 be renewed for the employed individual should no certified
29 teacher be employable.

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