

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HICKERNELL, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BOYD, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALLY, EVERETT, GEIST, GINGRICH, HARRIS, M. KELLER, LONGIETTI, MOUL, PEIFER, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROHRER, SAYLOR, STERN, SWANGER AND TRUE, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

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 district and assistant  
6 superintendents, further providing for eligibility.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1003 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.  
10 30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended  
11 July 20, 2007 (P.L.278, No.45), is amended to read:

12 Section 1003. Eligibility.--No person shall be eligible for  
13 election or appointment as a district, or assistant district  
14 superintendent, [unless--

15 (1) He holds a diploma from a college or other institution  
16 approved by the Department of Education;

17 (2) He has had six (6) years' successful teaching  
18 experience, not less than three of which shall have been in a  
19 supervisory or administrative capacity;

1       (3) He has completed in a college or university a graduate  
2 program in education approved by the Department of Education  
3 that includes the Pennsylvania school leadership standards under  
4 section 1217. Completion of the program shall not be subject to  
5 waiver under section 1714-B unless the candidate provides to the  
6 Secretary of Education evidence that the candidate has  
7 successfully completed an equivalent leadership development  
8 program that addresses the school leadership standards under  
9 section 1217.

10       (4) Provided that in school districts of the first class,  
11 five (5) years of administrative experience at the level of  
12 assistant, associate or deputy superintendent, may be  
13 substituted for prescribed graduate administrative courses, and  
14 which shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of Education  
15 to review these equivalences to conform with State board  
16 regulations.

17       Serving either as county, district, or assistant county or  
18 district superintendent, or associate superintendent, in this  
19 Commonwealth, at the time this act becomes effective, shall,  
20 irrespective of the foregoing requirements, be considered  
21 sufficient qualification for any of the aforesaid offices.]  
22 unless the person receives a majority vote of the board of  
23 school directors as required under section 508.

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