

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, MAY 4,  
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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," further providing for certificates  
6 qualifying persons to teach and for kinds of State  
7 certificates; and providing for residency certificates.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1201 of the act of March 10, 1949  
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
12 amended January 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), is amended to  
13 read:

14 Section 1201. Certificates Qualifying Persons to Teach.--  
15 Only those persons holding one of the following certificates  
16 shall be qualified to teach in the public schools of this  
17 Commonwealth--(1) Permanent college certificate, (2) provisional  
18 college certificate, (3) normal school diploma, (4) normal  
19 school certificate, (5) special permanent certificate, (6)

1 special temporary certificate, (7) permanent State certificate,  
2 (8) residency certificate, (9) INTERN CERTIFICATE, (10)  
3 certificates which are permanent licenses to teach by virtue of  
4 the provisions of section one thousand three hundred eight of  
5 the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine  
6 hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws 309), as amended, which is  
7 repealed hereby, or [(9)] ~~(10)~~ (11) such other kinds of  
8 certificates as are issued under the standards prescribed by the  
9 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall  
10 also provide for issuance of certificates by district  
11 superintendents to meet such emergencies or shortage of teachers  
12 as may occur.

13 Section 2. ~~Section 1203~~ SECTIONS 1203 AND 1206 of the act is  
14 ARE amended to read:

15 Section 1203. Kinds of State Certificates.--(A) State  
16 certificates hereafter granted shall include the following:

17 Provisional College Certificates,  
18 Permanent College Certificates,  
19 Certificates issued by other states and validated by the  
20 Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
21 Special Temporary Certificates,  
22 Special Permanent Certificates[.],  
23 Residency Certificates.

24 (B) All persons receiving any of such certificates shall  
25 have qualifications not less than graduation from a State  
26 Teachers' College of this Commonwealth, or equivalent training.

27 ~~Residency certificate program training~~ POSTBACCALAUREATE  
28 CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING RESIDENCY, INTERN AND  
29 ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS, completed under section  
30 1207.1 shall be considered ARE equivalent training for purposes

1 of this act.

2 (C) Every college certificate shall set forth the names of ←  
3 the college or university from which its holder was graduated.  
4 State certificates shall entitle their holders to teach in every  
5 part of this Commonwealth for the terms herein specified.

6 SECTION 1206. CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY OTHER STATES.--[THE ←  
7 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MAY VALIDATE IN THIS  
8 COMMONWEALTH TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY OTHER STATES, OR  
9 BY THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES OF OTHER STATES, WHOSE  
10 REQUIREMENTS ARE EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF THIS COMMONWEALTH. SUCH  
11 VALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES MAY BE REVOKED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT  
12 OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AT ANY TIME.] (A) CANDIDATES HOLDING A  
13 VALID INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE MAY BE  
14 ELIGIBLE FOR COMPARABLE PENNSYLVANIA CERTIFICATION PROVIDED THAT  
15 THE CANDIDATE MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

16 (1) HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED  
17 COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

18 (2) HAS AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL  
19 EXPERIENCE.

20 (3) DEMONSTRATES SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY IN THE APPLICABLE  
21 AREA OF PENNSYLVANIA CERTIFICATION.

22 (4) SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1209.

23 (B) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT STANDARDS AND  
24 GUIDELINES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

25 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

26 Section 1207.1. Residency Certificates. (a) The Secretary ←  
27 of Education may make a one time issuance of a residency  
28 certificate for service in a specific shortage area of  
29 instruction in public schools of this Commonwealth to an  
30 applicant who meets all of the following: POSTBACCALAUREATE ←

1 CERTIFICATION.-- (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW  
2 TO THE CONTRARY, THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SHALL HAVE ALL OF  
3 THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND DUTIES WITH REGARD TO POSTBACCALAUREATE  
4 CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS:

5 (1) EVALUATE AND APPROVE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION,  
6 ALL POSTBACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING  
7 ACCELERATED PROGRAMS, LEADING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF  
8 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL INCLUDING INTERN CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS,  
9 RESIDENCY CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
10 CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS.

11 (2) EVALUATE AND APPROVE QUALIFIED PROVIDERS OF  
12 POSTBACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE  
13 PROVIDERS OTHER THAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

14 (3) DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE APPROVAL OF POSTBACCALAUREATE  
15 INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:

16 (I) INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING:

17 (A) EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR THE DESIGNATED SUBJECT AREA.

18 (B) CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE LEVEL OF  
19 THE CERTIFICATE SOUGHT.

20 (C) PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

21 (D) PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMIC STANDARDS.

22 (E) ASSESSMENT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.

23 (F) ACCOMMODATIONS AND ADAPTATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH  
24 DISABILITIES IN AN INCLUSIVE SETTING.

25 (G) STRATEGIES FOR MEETING THE INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS OF  
26 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.

27 (II) REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATE OVERSIGHT AND MENTORING THAT  
28 INCLUDE FIELD PLACEMENT, STUDENT TEACHING, CLASSROOM  
29 OBSERVATIONS AND ONGOING SUPPORT FOR NOVICE EDUCATORS IN  
30 PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES DURING THEIR INDUCTION

1 PERIOD, INCLUDING OBSERVATION, CONSULTATION AND ASSESSMENT THAT  
2 INCLUDES CLOSE SUPERVISION BY A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE.

3 (4) ISSUE CERTIFICATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION TO  
4 QUALIFIED CANDIDATES.

5 (5) ADOPT STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT  
6 THIS SECTION.

7 (B) (1) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MAY MAKE A ONE-TIME  
8 ISSUANCE OF A RESIDENCY CERTIFICATE FOR SERVICE IN A SPECIFIC  
9 SHORTAGE AREA OF INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS  
10 COMMONWEALTH TO AN APPLICANT WHO MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 ~~(1)~~ (I) Satisfies the requirements specified under section ←  
12 1209.

13 ~~(2)~~ (II) Meets one of the following: ←

14 ~~(i)~~ (A) Holds a doctoral degree from an accredited college ←  
15 or university in the subject area of shortage.

16 ~~(ii)~~ (B) Holds a master's degree from an accredited college ←  
17 or university in the subject area of shortage and has at least  
18 two years of work experience in the subject area or related  
19 field.

20 ~~(iii)~~ (C) Holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited ←  
21 college or university in the subject area of shortage and has at  
22 least five years of work experience in the subject area or  
23 related field.

24 ~~(3)~~ (III) Is continuously enrolled in an approved residency ←  
25 program.

26 ~~(4)~~ (IV) Presents evidence of satisfactory achievement on ←  
27 the appropriate subject area content test.

28 ~~(b)~~ (2) A residency certificate shall be valid for three ←  
29 years of teaching in the public schools of this Commonwealth in  
30 the area for which it applies.

1 ~~(e)~~ (3) The secretary shall have all of the following powers ←  
2 and duties related to the issuance of residency certificates:  
3 ~~(1)~~ (I) Identify areas of certification in which there is a ←  
4 Statewide or regional shortage of qualified teachers.  
5 ~~(2)~~ (II) Develop guidelines for the residency program which ←  
6 shall include:  
7 ~~(i)~~ Preplacement instruction and training.  
8 ~~(ii)~~ Instruction and training in the following:  
9 ~~(A)~~ Educational strategies for the designated subject area  
10 for which the residency certificate is issued.  
11 ~~(B)~~ Child development specifically related to the level of  
12 the certificate sought.  
13 ~~(C)~~ Emotional support.  
14 ~~(D)~~ Pennsylvania academic standards.  
15 ~~(E)~~ Assessment knowledge and skills.  
16 ~~(F)~~ Pennsylvania standards and aligned system knowledge.  
17 ~~(iii)~~ Requirements for oversight and mentoring that include  
18 induction, classroom observations and professional development  
19 for the certificate holder during the three years of service in  
20 the public schools of this Commonwealth.  
21 ~~(3)~~ Approve all residency programs. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ←  
22 SUBSECTION (A).  
23 ~~(4)~~ (III) Issue residency certificates to qualified ←  
24 applicants.  
25 ~~(5)~~ (IV) Report annually to the State Board of Education on ←  
26 the number of residency certificates issued under this section.  
27 ~~(d)~~ (4) A residency certificate may be converted to an ←  
28 Instructional I Certificate upon the completion of all residency  
29 program requirements under Department of Education guidelines  
30 and the completion of three years of satisfactory teaching in

1 the public schools of this Commonwealth.

2 (C) (1) POSTBACCALAUREATE INSTRUCTIONAL INTERN  
3 CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS SHALL PROVIDE FLEXIBLE AND ACCELERATED  
4 PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING TO TEACHERS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED SUBJECT  
5 MATTER COMPETENCY IN A SUBJECT AREA RELATED TO THEIR  
6 CERTIFICATION, PROVIDED THAT THE FIRST YEAR OF TEACHING INCLUDES  
7 A MINIMUM OF ONE CLASSROOM OBSERVATION EACH MONTH BY AN APPROVED  
8 POSTBACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PROVIDER.

9 (2) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MAY MAKE A ONE-TIME ISSUANCE  
10 OF A POSTBACCALAUREATE INSTRUCTIONAL INTERN CERTIFICATE FOR  
11 SERVICE IN A SPECIFIC AREA OF INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES WHO, IN  
12 ADDITION TO MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1209, PRESENT  
13 EVIDENCE OF SATISFACTORY ACHIEVEMENT ON THE DEPARTMENT-  
14 PRESCRIBED SUBJECT MATTER ASSESSMENTS RELATED TO THE AREA OF  
15 CERTIFICATION AND HOLD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED  
16 COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL REQUIRE CONTINUING  
17 ENROLLMENT IN AN APPROVED POSTBACCALAUREATE INSTRUCTIONAL INTERN  
18 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

19 (3) A POSTBACCALAUREATE INSTRUCTIONAL INTERN CERTIFICATE  
20 SHALL BE VALID FOR THREE (3) YEARS OF TEACHING IN THE PUBLIC  
21 SCHOOLS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AND MAY NOT BE RENEWED.

22 (4) A CANDIDATE SHALL BE ISSUED AN INSTRUCTIONAL I  
23 CERTIFICATE UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE APPROVED  
24 POSTBACCALAUREATE INSTRUCTIONAL INTERN PROGRAM PROVIDED THAT THE  
25 CANDIDATE HAS SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1209.

26 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, NO PERSON  
27 SHALL BE GRANTED AN ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATE BY THE DEPARTMENT  
28 OF EDUCATION UNLESS:

29 (1) THE CANDIDATE HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A  
30 REGIONALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

1       (2) THE CANDIDATE HAS HAD THREE (3) YEARS OF RELEVANT  
2 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

3       (3) THE CANDIDATE SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION  
4 1209.

5       (4) THE CANDIDATE HAS COMPLETED IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY A  
6 GRADUATE PROGRAM IN EDUCATION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 EDUCATION OR HAS PROVIDED TO THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION  
8 SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT THE CANDIDATE HAS SUCCESSFULLY  
9 COMPLETED A LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE  
10 PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STANDARDS UNDER SECTION 1217.

11       (E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, NO CANDIDATE  
12 FOR CERTIFICATION OR ADMISSION INTO A CERTIFICATION PREPARATION  
13 PROGRAM WHO HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A REGIONALLY  
14 ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE  
15 THE ACADEMIC PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS OF 22 PA. CODE § 354.23  
16 (RELATING TO ACADEMIC PREPARATION) RELATED TO MATHEMATICS AND  
17 ENGLISH CREDIT REQUIREMENTS.

18       Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.