

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 15, 2011

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; and
7 making editorial changes.

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

10 Section 1. Article X heading and section 1001 of the act of
11 March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code
12 of 1949, amended January 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), are
13 amended to read:

14 ARTICLE X.

15 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS AND

16 ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

17 Section 1001. Purpose.--For the superintendence and
18 supervision of the public schools of this Commonwealth, there
19 shall be elected or appointed, in the manner herein provided,

1 district superintendents, and assistant district
2 superintendents.

3 Section 2. Section 1003 of the act, amended July 20, 2007
4 (P.L.278, No.45), is amended to read:

5 Section 1003. Eligibility.--[No] (a) Except as otherwise
6 provided in subsection (b), no person shall be eligible for
7 election or appointment as a district[,] superintendent or
8 assistant district superintendent, unless--

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

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

14 (3) He has completed in a college or university a graduate
15 program in education approved by the Department of Education
16 that includes the Pennsylvania school leadership standards under
17 section 1217. Completion of the program shall not be subject to
18 waiver under section 1714-B unless the candidate provides to the
19 Secretary of Education evidence that the candidate has
20 successfully completed an equivalent leadership development
21 program that addresses the school leadership standards under
22 section 1217.

23 (4) Provided that in school districts of the first class,
24 five (5) years of administrative experience at the level of
25 assistant, associate or deputy superintendent, may be
26 substituted for prescribed graduate administrative courses, and
27 which shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of Education
28 to review these equivalences to conform with State board
29 regulations.

30 [Serving either as county, district, or assistant county or

1 district superintendent, or associate superintendent, in this
2 Commonwealth, at the time this act becomes effective, shall,
3 irrespective of the foregoing requirements, be considered
4 sufficient qualification for any of the aforesaid offices.]

5 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a), a
6 person shall be eligible for election or appointment as a
7 district superintendent or assistant district superintendent if
8 he holds a graduate degree FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF ←
9 HIGHER EDUCATION in business or finance.

10 (c) A person elected or appointed as a district
11 superintendent or assistant district superintendent under
12 subsection (b) shall successfully complete a leadership
13 development program that meets the Pennsylvania school
14 leadership standards under section 1217.

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