
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 teacher certification, further
6 providing for qualifying certificates and kinds of
7 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)
20 special temporary certificate, (7) permanent State certificate,

1 (8) certificates which are permanent licenses to teach by virtue
2 of the provisions of section one thousand three hundred eight of
3 the act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine
4 hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws 309), as amended, which is
5 repealed hereby, (8.1) certificate to teach military science, or
6 (9) such other kinds of certificates as are issued under the
7 standards prescribed by the State Board of Education. The State
8 Board of Education shall also provide for issuance of
9 certificates by district superintendents to meet such
10 emergencies or shortage of teachers as may occur.

11 Section 2. Section 1203 of the act is amended to read:

12 Section 1203. Kinds of State Certificates.--State
13 certificates hereafter granted shall include the following:

14 Provisional College Certificates,

15 Permanent College Certificates,

16 Certificates issued by other states and validated by the
17 Superintendent of Public Instruction,

18 Special Temporary Certificates,

19 Special Permanent Certificates.

20 Military Science Certificates.

21 All persons receiving any of such certificates shall have
22 qualifications not less than graduation from a State Teachers'
23 College of this Commonwealth, or equivalent training.

24 All persons receiving military science certificates shall
25 have documentation of at least twenty (20) years' military
26 service and certification by the appropriate branch of the armed
27 forces of the United States authorizing employment as a military
28 science instructor.

29 Every college certificate shall set forth the names of the
30 college or university from which its holder was graduated. State

1 certificates shall entitle their holders to teach in every part
2 of this Commonwealth for the terms herein specified.

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