

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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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. Sections 1201 and 1203 of the act of March 10,  
11 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
12 amended June 30, 2011 (P.L.112, No.24), are amended to read:

13 Section 1201. Certificates Qualifying Persons to Teach.--  
14 Only those persons holding one of the following certificates  
15 shall be qualified to teach in the public schools of this  
16 Commonwealth--(1) Permanent college certificate, (2) provisional  
17 college certificate, (3) normal school diploma, (4) normal  
18 school certificate, (5) special permanent certificate, (6)  
19 special temporary certificate, (7) permanent State certificate,  
20 (8) residency certificate, (8.1) military science certificate,

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5 309), as amended, which is repealed hereby, or (11) such other  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

11 Section 1203. Kinds of State Certificates.--(a) State  
12 certificates hereafter granted shall include the following:

13 Provisional College Certificates,  
14 Permanent College Certificates,  
15 Certificates issued by other states and validated by the  
16 Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
17 Special Temporary Certificates,  
18 Special Permanent Certificates,  
19 Residency Certificates,  
20 Intern Certificates,  
21 Military Science Certificates.

22 (b) All persons receiving any of such certificates shall  
23 have qualifications not less than graduation from a State  
24 Teachers' College of this Commonwealth, or equivalent training.  
25 Postbaccalaureate certification programs, including residency,  
26 intern and administrative certification programs completed under  
27 section 1207.1 are equivalent training for purposes of this act.

28 (b.1) All persons receiving military science certificates  
29 shall have documentation of at least twenty years' military  
30 service and certification by the appropriate branch of the armed

1 forces of the United States authorizing employment as a military  
2 science instructor.

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

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