

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 437 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, BAKER, SCHWANK, WARD, WHITE, VOGEL, SCARNATI, TARTAGLIONE AND BRUBAKER, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

SENATOR FOLMER, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, MARCH 19, 2013

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 AMENDING THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), ENTITLED "AN <--
9 ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, INCLUDING CERTAIN
10 PROVISIONS APPLICABLE AS WELL TO PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL
11 SCHOOLS; AMENDING, REVISING, CONSOLIDATING AND CHANGING THE
12 LAWS RELATING THERETO," IN TEACHER CERTIFICATION, PROVIDING
13 FOR MILITARY SCIENCE CERTIFICATES.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 ~~Section 1. Sections 1201 and 1203 of the act of March 10,~~ <--
17 ~~1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,~~
18 ~~amended June 30, 2011 (P.L.112, No.24), are amended to read:~~

19 ~~Section 1201. Certificates Qualifying Persons to Teach.~~
20 ~~Only those persons holding one of the following certificates~~
21 ~~shall be qualified to teach in the public schools of this~~
22 ~~Commonwealth (1) Permanent college certificate, (2) provisional~~
23 ~~college certificate, (3) normal school diploma, (4) normal~~

1 ~~school certificate, (5) special permanent certificate, (6)~~
2 ~~special temporary certificate, (7) permanent State certificate,~~
3 ~~(8) residency certificate, (8.1) military science certificate,~~
4 ~~(9) intern certificate, (10) certificates which are permanent~~
5 ~~licenses to teach by virtue of the provisions of section one~~
6 ~~thousand three hundred eight of the act, approved the eighteenth~~
7 ~~day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven (Pamphlet Laws~~
8 ~~309), as amended, which is repealed hereby, or (11) such other~~
9 ~~kinds of certificates as are issued under the standards~~
10 ~~prescribed by the State Board of Education. The State Board of~~
11 ~~Education shall also provide for issuance of certificates by~~
12 ~~district superintendents to meet such emergencies or shortage of~~
13 ~~teachers as may occur.~~

14 ~~Section 1203. Kinds of State Certificates. (a) State~~
15 ~~certificates hereafter granted shall include the following:~~

16 ~~Provisional College Certificates,~~

17 ~~Permanent College Certificates,~~

18 ~~Certificates issued by other states and validated by the~~
19 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction,~~

20 ~~Special Temporary Certificates,~~

21 ~~Special Permanent Certificates,~~

22 ~~Residency Certificates,~~

23 ~~Intern Certificates,~~

24 ~~Military Science Certificates.~~

25 ~~(b) All persons receiving any of such certificates shall~~

26 ~~have qualifications not less than graduation from a State~~

27 ~~Teachers' College of this Commonwealth, or equivalent training.~~

28 ~~Postbaccalaureate certification programs, including residency,~~

29 ~~intern and administrative certification programs completed under~~

30 ~~section 1207.1 are equivalent training for purposes of this act.~~

1 ~~(b.1) All persons receiving military science certificates~~
2 ~~shall have documentation of at least twenty years' military~~
3 ~~service and certification by the appropriate branch of the armed~~
4 ~~forces of the United States authorizing employment as a military~~
5 ~~science instructor.~~

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

10 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

11 SECTION 1. THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN <--
12 AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
13 SECTION TO READ:

14 SECTION 1207.2. MILITARY SCIENCE CERTIFICATES.--(A)
15 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE
16 SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MAY ISSUE A PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY SCIENCE
17 TEACHING CERTIFICATE TO A PERSON WHO MEETS THE FOLLOWING:

18 (1) POSSESSES A VALID MILITARY SCIENCE CERTIFICATE OR
19 ENDORSEMENT ISSUED BY A BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
20 AUTHORIZING THE PERSON TO TEACH MILITARY SCIENCE AND THE JUNIOR
21 RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS; AND

22 (2) SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 1209.

23 (B) A PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY SCIENCE CERTIFICATE MAY BE
24 ISSUED TO A PERSON POSSESSING THE QUALIFICATIONS LISTED UNDER
25 SUBSECTION (A) (1) AND (2) WITHOUT MEETING ADDITIONAL EDUCATION
26 AND ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE.

27 (C) A PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY SCIENCE CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER
28 THIS SECTION SHALL QUALIFY A PERSON TO TEACH MILITARY SCIENCE OR
29 JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF
30 THIS COMMONWEALTH.

1 (D) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION, NO AREA OF
2 CERTIFICATION MAY BE ADDED TO A PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY SCIENCE
3 CERTIFICATE THROUGH ONLY TESTING UNLESS THE PERSON HOLDS A VALID
4 PENNSYLVANIA INSTRUCTIONAL CERTIFICATE ENDORSED IN ANOTHER
5 SUBJECT AREA.

6 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.