
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 certification of teachers, further
6 providing for provisional vocational education certificate.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1204.2 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended to read:

12 Section 1204.2. [Provisional] Vocational Education
13 Instructional Certificate.--(a) The Secretary of Education may
14 grant a [provisional vocational education] certificate to every
15 person who presents to the Department of Education satisfactory
16 evidence of good moral character and who has completed such work
17 in vocational education as may be required by the standards of
18 the State Board of Education[, which certificate shall entitle
19 the individual to teach for eight annual school terms].

1 (b) In addition to any other requirements promulgated by the
2 State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall
3 require an applicant to present evidence of at least four (4)
4 years wage-earning experience in the occupation to be taught in
5 order for the Secretary of Education to grant the applicant a
6 Vocational Intern Certificate pursuant to 22 Pa. Code § 49.151
7 (relating to eligibility and criteria).

8 (c) Notwithstanding any other requirements promulgated by
9 the State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall
10 not require an applicant to have completed more than:

11 (1) Eighteen (18) credit hours in an approved program of
12 vocational teacher education in order for the Secretary of
13 Education to grant the applicant a Vocational Instructional I
14 Certificate pursuant to 22 Pa. Code § 49.142 (relating to
15 Vocational Instructional I), which certificate shall entitle the
16 individual to teach for eight (8) annual school terms.

17 (2) Sixty (60) total credit hours in an approved program of
18 vocational teacher education in order for the Secretary of
19 Education to grant the applicant a Vocational Instructional II
20 Certificate pursuant to 22 Pa. Code § 49.143 (relating to
21 Vocational Instructional II). Credit hours in an approved
22 program of vocational teacher education completed by the
23 applicant toward the fulfillment of the requirements of a
24 Vocational Instructional I Certificate shall be counted toward
25 the total credit hours required for a Vocational Instructional
26 II Certificate.

27 (d) The Department of Education shall form a professional
28 advisory committee for the purpose of reviewing vocational
29 education instructional certification program guidelines every
30 five (5) years to ensure that the requirements for program

1 design and delivery pertain to the professional responsibilities
2 of a vocational educator. The professional advisory committee
3 shall, at a minimum, include representatives whose primary
4 responsibility is teaching occupational skills in State approved
5 vocational education programs.

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