

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 979 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY HICKERNELL, JAMES, KULIK, PICKETT, KAUFFMAN, FEE, RYAN, MURT, KEEFER, ZIMMERMAN, MILLARD AND HEFFLEY, MARCH 26, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 26, 2019

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,  
 6 providing for theology courses.

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

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

12 Section 1205.7. Theology Courses.--An individual who holds a  
 13 teaching certificate in social studies may include courses taken  
 14 in theology for the purposes of meeting the requirements of any  
 15 of the following provisions:

16 (1) Receiving additional increments for a college  
 17 certificate or master's degree under section 1144.

18 (2) Meeting continuing professional education requirements  
 19 under section 1205.2.

1       Section 2. The provisions of 22 Pa. Code are abrogated  
2 insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition of section  
3 1205.7 of the act.

4       Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.