

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2046 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY MURT, HILL-EVANS, YOUNGBLOOD AND MACKENZIE, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 13, 2020

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 instructional certificate grade spans and age
7 levels and duties of department.

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

10 Section 1. Section ~~1202.1(a)(1)~~ 1202.1(A) of the act of <--
11 March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code
12 of 1949, is amended BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH to read: <--

13 Section 1202.1. Instructional Certificate Grade Spans and
14 Age Levels and Duties of Department.--(a) The following shall
15 apply to special education certificates:

16 ~~(1) Notwithstanding 22 Pa. Code § 49.85 (relating to <--
17 limitations), the grade span and age levels for special
18 education certificates issued after December 31, [2021] 2022,
19 shall be prekindergarten through grade twelve or up to twenty
20 one (21) years of age. An additional content area shall not be~~

1 ~~required for a special education certificate issued in~~
2 ~~accordance with this section.~~

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4 (1.1) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1), A TEACHER PREPARATION
5 PROGRAM MAY PERMIT AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION OF
6 HIGHER EDUCATION OR IN AN APPROVED ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION
7 PROGRAM PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND WHO REMAINS CONTINUOUSLY
8 ENROLLED TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM FOR THE GRADE LEVEL LIMITATIONS
9 PROVIDED UNDER 22 PA. CODE § 49.85(A) AND (B). THE DEPARTMENT
10 MAY ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE SPECIAL EDUCATION-PK-8 OR SPECIAL
11 EDUCATION-7-12 CERTIFICATES TO AN APPLICANT WHO COMPLETES THE
12 PROGRAM AND MEETS ALL OTHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

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