

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1637 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY FLICK, KAUFFMAN, PICKETT, ZIMMERMAN, ROWE,
LEADBETER, OWLETT, STRUZZI, CONKLIN, CABELL AND GILLEN,
AUGUST 29, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AUGUST 29, 2023

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 temporary certification for associate
7 substitute teachers.

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

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

13 Section 1215.1. Temporary Certification for Associate
14 Substitute Teachers.--(a) A temporary associate substitute
15 teacher certificate may be issued by a public school entity to
16 an individual who meets all of the following requirements:

17 (1) The individual is not disqualified from being granted a
18 teacher's certificate under section 1209.

19 (2) The individual holds an associate degree from an
20 accredited college or university with a minimum grade point

1 average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grade scale.

2 (3) The individual has completed at least three (3) years of
3 work experience in the subject area or related field of the
4 associate degree.

5 (b) A temporary associate substitute teacher certificate
6 shall only be used for day-to-day assignments and shall expire
7 upon the termination of a summer school session following the
8 date of issuance. For the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years,
9 a temporary associate substitute teacher certificate issued
10 under this section may be used for assignments of more than
11 twenty (20) consecutive days to fill a position due to the
12 absence of professional certified personnel.

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