

## ***Educator Discipline Act***

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As Chair of the Pennsylvania State Board of Private Academic Schools, I wish to provide testimony in support of passage of the Educator Discipline Act as proposed. The act will bring Pennsylvania Private Academic School Certificates under the auspices of the professional discipline system for the first time.

Currently, only public school certifications fall under the auspices of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission and professional discipline system. Pennsylvania also authorizes separate certifications for teaching in Licensed Private Academic Schools. These certifications include Nursery-Kindergarten, Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, and Temporary Certifications.

Teachers with Private Academic Certification currently have no oversight for discipline other than their current employ. A teacher who has been asked to leave current employment due to actions which would otherwise come under the jurisdiction of the Commission is free to seek employment in another private school.

Furthermore, there is no system in place to suspend or revoke a Private Academic School certificate for any reason.

The State Board of Private Academic Schools has unanimously voted that Private Academic Teaching Certificates be included under the Commonwealth's professional discipline system and the Commission in order to afford these same protections to private schools and their students .

Sincerely,

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