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Bill Summary
House Bill 1363, Printer's No. 1604
Prime Sponsor: Rapp

A. SYNOPSIS:

House Bill 1363 proposes a two year moratorium on requirements of individuals holding a Pennsylvania public school certification to earn 180 continuing education hours every five years.

B. BILL ANALYSIS:

HB 1363 amends Article XII, Sections 1205.1 and 1205.2 of the Public School Code of 1949 to temporarily suspend requirements under Act 48 of 1999, which requires continuing professional development for certified public school teachers and administrators. This bill will provide mandate relief for school districts and professional educators. Those that hold a Pennsylvania public school certification may continue to take professional developments courses, which would count toward compliance with Act 48, but they are not required to do so. The five year window for completing these courses will also be suspended and professional educators will still have the same amount of time to complete those courses after the moratorium ends. All courses taken during the moratorium will count towards compliance with Act 48.

The bill would take effect 60 days after enactment.

C. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT EXISTING LAW:

The language in this legislation was inserted into Act 24 of 2011.