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BILL SUMMARY
House Bill 1456, Printer's No. 2029
Prime Sponsor: Folmer

A. SYNOPSIS:

SB 1456 amends the Public School Code (School Code) to provide that individuals holding a certificate to teach military science are qualified to teach in the public schools of the Commonwealth and to set forth the qualifications for an individual to receive such a certificate.

B. BILL ANALYSIS:

SB 1456 amends section 1201 of the School Code to add the military science certificate to the list of certificates qualifying persons to teach in the public schools of the Commonwealth.

The bill also amends section 1203 of the School Code to add the military science certificate to the list of State certificates that may be granted. The bill further provides that, in addition to other general qualifications for receiving a teaching certificate, all persons receiving a military science certificate must have documentation of at least 20 years' military service and certification by the appropriate branch of the US armed forces authorizing employment as a military science instructor.

The bill takes effect in 60 days.

C. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT EXISTING LAW:

SB 1456 would add the military science certificate to the current list of certificates granted by the Commonwealth that qualify an individual to teach in the public schools of the Commonwealth.

D. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Amendment A10446 (Folmer) makes technical amendments to SB 1456.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1456

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 2029

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by striking out "certificate to
2 teach"

3 Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting after "science"
4 certificate

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1456 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY FOLMER, ORIE, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, PIPPY,
RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, D. WHITE, BRUBAKER AND WARD,
MARCH 23, 2012

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MARCH 23, 2012

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 teacher certification, further
6 providing for qualifying certificates and kinds of
7 certificates.

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

10 Section 1. Sections 1201 and 1203 of the act of March 10,
11 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
12 amended June 30, 2011 (P.L.112, No.24), are amended to read:

13 Section 1201. Certificates Qualifying Persons to Teach.--
14 Only those persons holding one of the following certificates
15 shall be qualified to teach in the public schools of this
16 Commonwealth--(1) Permanent college certificate, (2) provisional
17 college certificate, (3) normal school diploma, (4) normal
18 school certificate, (5) special permanent certificate, (6)
19 special temporary certificate, (7) permanent State certificate,
20 (8) residency certificate, (8.1) certificate to teach military

1 science, (9) intern certificate, (10) certificates which are
2 permanent licenses to teach by virtue of the provisions of
3 section one thousand three hundred eight of the act, approved
4 the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred eleven
5 (Pamphlet Laws 309), as amended, which is repealed hereby, or
6 (11) such other kinds of certificates as are issued under the
7 standards prescribed by the State Board of Education. The State
8 Board of Education shall also provide for issuance of
9 certificates by district superintendents to meet such
10 emergencies or shortage of teachers as may occur.

11 Section 1203. Kinds of State Certificates.--(a) State
12 certificates hereafter granted shall include the following:

13 Provisional College Certificates,
14 Permanent College Certificates,
15 Certificates issued by other states and validated by the
16 Superintendent of Public Instruction,
17 Special Temporary Certificates,
18 Special Permanent Certificates,
19 Residency Certificates,
20 Intern Certificates,
21 Military Science Certificates.

22 (b) All persons receiving any of such certificates shall
23 have qualifications not less than graduation from a State
24 Teachers' College of this Commonwealth, or equivalent training.
25 Postbaccalaureate certification programs, including residency,
26 intern and administrative certification programs completed under
27 section 1207.1 are equivalent training for purposes of this act.

28 (b.1) All persons receiving military science certificates
29 shall have documentation of at least twenty (20) years' military
30 service and certification by the appropriate branch of the armed

1 forces of the United States authorizing employment as a military
2 science instructor.

3 (c) Every college certificate shall set forth the names of
4 the college or university from which its holder was graduated.
5 State certificates shall entitle their holders to teach in every
6 part of this Commonwealth for the terms herein specified.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.