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**BILL SUMMARY**  
**Senate Bill 844, Printer's No. 864**  
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**Summary**

This legislation amends Section 1205.5 (relating to continuing professional education for school or system leaders) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code to provide an exemption from continuing education requirements for superintendents and school administrators under certain circumstances.

**Current Law**

Starting January 1, 2008, school superintendents and administrators now had to meet continuing professional development requirements (180 hours every five years) in the areas of school leadership standards as set forth in Section 1217 (relating to Pennsylvania school leadership standards) of the Public School Code of 1949.

**Analysis**

Senate Bill 202 provides an exception from the continuing education requirements for those school or system leaders when the school or district has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for three consecutive years or the school or district has shown growth under the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System (PVAAS) for three consecutive years. If the school or district fails to make AYP or show growth under PVAAS in a year subsequent to receiving the exemption, the school or system leader must comply with the continuing education requirements.

The legislation takes effect in 60 days.