

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in district and assistant superintendents, further providing for eligibility; and making editorial changes.

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

Section 1. Article X heading and section 1001 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended January 14, 1970 (1969 P.L.468, No.192), are amended to read:

ARTICLE X.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

Section 1001. Purpose.--For the superintendence and supervision of the public schools of this Commonwealth, there shall be elected or appointed, in the manner herein provided, district superintendents, and assistant district superintendents.

Section 2. Section 1003 of the act, amended July 20, 2007

(P.L.278, No.45), is amended to read:

Section 1003. Eligibility.--[No] (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), no person shall be eligible for election or appointment as a district[,] superintendent or assistant district superintendent, unless--

(1) He holds a diploma from a college or other institution approved by the Department of Education;

(2) He has had six (6) years' successful teaching experience, not less than three of which shall have been in a supervisory or administrative capacity;

(3) He has completed in a college or university a graduate program in education approved by the Department of Education that includes the Pennsylvania school leadership standards under section 1217. Completion of the program shall not be subject to waiver under section 1714-B unless the candidate provides to the Secretary of Education evidence that the candidate has successfully completed an equivalent leadership development program that addresses the school leadership standards under section 1217.

(4) Provided that in school districts of the first class, five (5) years of administrative experience at the level of assistant, associate or deputy superintendent, may be substituted for prescribed graduate administrative courses, and which shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of Education to review these equivalences to conform with State board regulations.

[Serving either as county, district, or assistant county or district superintendent, or associate superintendent, in this Commonwealth, at the time this act becomes effective, shall, irrespective of the foregoing requirements, be considered

sufficient qualification for any of the aforesaid offices.]

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a), a person shall be eligible for election or appointment as a district superintendent or assistant district superintendent if he holds a graduate degree in business or finance.

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