

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 certification of teachers,
6 providing for a Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective
7 Teachers.

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

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
12 section to read:

13 Section 1201.1. Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective
14 Teachers.--(a) An individual who does not hold a certificate
15 under section 1201 shall be eligible to teach as a substitute in
16 a school district or an area vocational-technical school
17 provided that:

18 (1) The uncertified individual shall meet all of the
19 following requirements:

20 (i) Is currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program

1 in a college or university located in this Commonwealth and
2 accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the
3 United States Department of Education.

4 (ii) Has completed at least sixty (60) semester hours or the
5 equivalent of courses at a college or university located in this
6 Commonwealth and accredited by a regional accrediting agency.

7 (iii) Has met the requirements set forth in sections 111,
8 111.1 and 1109(a) and 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 Subch. C (relating to
9 powers and duties of department).

10 (2) The chief school administrator of a school district or
11 an area vocational-technical school may issue a Substitute
12 Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers to an uncertified
13 individual meeting the requirements of clause (1).

14 (3) An individual receiving a Substitute Teaching Permit for
15 Prospective Teachers may serve as a substitute teacher for no
16 more than ten (10) days per school year for a single
17 professional employe or temporary professional employe, provided
18 that the individual may serve as a substitute for multiple
19 professional employes or temporary professional employes for no
20 more than forty-five (45) days per school year.

21 (4) A Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers
22 shall be valid for one (1) year and may be renewed for one (1)
23 additional year by the chief school administrator, provided that
24 the uncertified individual:

25 (i) provides documentation of the completion of an
26 additional fifteen (15) credit hours or equivalent from a
27 college or university located in this Commonwealth and
28 accredited by a regional accrediting agency; and

29 (ii) remains enrolled in a college or university located in
30 this Commonwealth and accredited by a regional accrediting

1 agency.

2 (5) The individual shall receive a salary fixed by the
3 governing body of the school district or area vocational-
4 technical school.

5 (6) The individual shall not have the right to elect
6 membership in the Public School Employees' Retirement System,
7 nor shall service as a substitute under this section be eligible
8 for credit in the Public School Employees' Retirement System.

9 (b) This section shall expire on June 30, 2022.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.