
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **645** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WAGNER, HAYS, SHAFER AND
SEYLER, MAY 10, 1961.

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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10 1949 (P L 30) 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" changing certain provisions for teacher certification and minimum salaries and salary increments for teachers requiring permanent teacher certification for eligibility for sabbatical leave increasing the compensation paid during sabbatical leave abolish-

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

ing mandated county institutes providing for in-service teachers' education programs increasing the minimum number of days in the school year and appropriating funds for the in-service teachers' education program

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

1 Section 1 Clauses (3) and (4) of Section 1141 act of March 10 1949
2 (P L 30) known as the "Public School Code of 1949" are amended
3 to read

4 Section 1141 Definitions

5 For the purpose of this subdivision

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7 (3) ["Standard certificate"] "Provisional certificate" shall mean
8 a provisional certificate emergency certificate and any one of the fol-
9 lowing certificates issued before the effective date of this amendment a
10 standard certificate permanent State certificate State Normal School
11 certificate State Normal School diploma temporary standard certificate
12 permanent standard certificate State standard limited certificate tempor-
13 ary extension standard certificate permanent extension standard cer-
14 tificate

1 (1) ["College certificate"] "Permanent certificate" shall mean a
2 permanent certificate and any one of the following certificates issued
3 before the effective date of this amendment a college provisional certifi-
4 cate a college permanent certificate or its equivalent

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6 The State Council of Education shall formulate equivalents for
7 both college certificates and master's degree In determining the equiva-
8 lents in the case of teachers of applied arts and vocational subjects the
9 State Council of Education shall give due consideration to practical
10 experience in the field taught

11 Section 2 Clauses (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) and (6) of section 1142 of
12 the act are repealed

13 Section 3 Section 1142 of the act amended June 1 1956 (P L 1955)
14 is amended by adding two new clauses to read

15 Section 1142 Minimum Salaries and Increments Except as here-
16 inafter otherwise provided all school districts and vocational school dis-
17 tricts shall pay all regular and temporary teachers supervisors teachers
18 of classes for physically and mentally handicapped pupils and principals
19 in the public schools of the district the following minimum salaries
20 and increments

1 (1.1) Teachers holding a provisional certificate valid for the sub-
2 ject or grades in which the teacher is giving instruction minimum
3 annual salary for the school year 1961-1962 four thousand two hundred
4 dollars (\$4200) minimum annual service increment two hundred dollars
5 (\$200) minimum number of service increments three (3) maximum
6 mandated annual salary four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4800)

7 (2.1) Teachers holding a permanent certificate valid for the sub-
8 jects or grades in which the teacher is giving instruction minimum an-
9 ual salary for the school year 1961-1962 four thousand eight hundred
10 dollars (\$4800) minimum annual service increment two hundred dollars
11 (\$200) minimum number of service increments seven (7) maximum man-
12 dated annual salary six thousand two hundred dollars (\$6200)

13 Section 4 Sections 1166 and 1169 of the act amended June 6 1957
14 (P L 139) are amended to read

15 Section 1166 Persons Entitled [(a)] Any person employed in the
16 public school system of this Commonwealth who has a permanent cer-
17 tificate and has completed ten (10) years of satisfactory service as a
18 professional employe or member of the supervisory instructional or ad-
19 ministrative staff or in first class districts as a member of the instructional

1 staff as defined by the local board of education shall be entitled to a
2 leave of absence for restoration of health study or travel or at the dis-
3 cretion of the board of school directors for other purposes At least five
4 consecutive years of such service shall have been in the school district
5 from which leave of absence is sought unless the board of school direc-
6 tors shall in its discretion allow a shorter time Such leave of absence
7 shall be for a half or full school term or for two half school terms during
8 a period of two years at the option of such person Provided however if
9 a sabbatical leave is requested because of the illness of an employe a
10 leave shall be granted for a period equivalent to a half or full school
11 term or equivalent to two half school terms during a period of two
12 years Provided further That if a sabbatical leave for one half school
13 term or its equivalent has been granted and the employe is unable to
14 return to school service because of illness or physical disability the
15 employe upon written request prior to the expiration of the original
16 leave shall be entitled to a further sabbatical leave for one half school
17 term or its equivalent Thereafter one leave of absence shall be allowed
18 after each seven years of service

19 A sabbatical leave granted to a regular employe shall also operate
20 as a leave of absence without pay from all other school activities

1 Section 1169 Salary While On Leave The person on leave of ab-
2 sence shall receive one-half of his or her regular salary but not more
3 than [three thousand dollars (\$3000)] four thousand two hundred dollars
4 (\$4200) if the employe's absence on sabbatical leave is for a full school
5 term and not more than [one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500)]
6 two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2100) if the employe's absence on
7 sabbatical leave is for a half school term as defined in this act

8 Section 5 Sections 1186 1187 and 1188 of the act are repealed

9 Section 6 The act is amended by adding after section 1181 three
10 now sections to read

11 Section 1186.1 Teachers' In-service Education Program in Each
12 District The superintendent of each school district shall establish and
13 be responsible for the conduct of an in-service teachers' education pro-
14 gram in the district The program may be presented at such times places
15 and for such periods at any one time as the superintendent determines
16 However the cumulative periods of time devoted to such program each
17 year shall not be less than the five non-instructional days of the school
18 year mandated in section 1501

19 Section 1187.1 Teachers To Attend Each teacher shall attend the
20 in-service teachers' education program at the time place and for the

1 period at any one time specified by the superintendent but shall attend
2 at least the equivalent of the five non-instructional school days mandated
3 for such purpose

4 No compensation other than that provided for in the teacher's con-
5 tract with the school district shall be paid to any teacher for his at-
6 tendance at any in-service teachers' education program in the district

7 Section 1188.1 Teachers' In-service Program Subject to State
8 Council of Education Policies The superintendent of public schools shall
9 conduct such program in accordance with any policies established by the
10 State Council of Education and the rules and regulations of the Depart-
11 ment of Public Instruction The Department of Public Instruction shall
12 cooperate with teacher education institutions universities and colleges in
13 the development of short courses conferences and workshops for use in
14 the in-service teachers' education program The department shall also
15 recommend to the districts qualified persons to present instruction in
16 such programs and may reimburse districts for the employment of such
17 qualified persons to the extent herein authorized

18 Section 7 Sections 1189 1190 1191 1192 1193 1194 and 1201 of
19 the act are repealed

1 Section 8 The act is amended by adding to article XII one new
2 section to read

3 Section 1201.1 Certificates Qualifying Persons to Teach All certifi-
4 cates heretofore issued in accordance with the prior provisions of the
5 law shall qualify the holders thereof subject to any limitations contained
6 in such certificates to teach in the public schools of the Commonwealth

7 Certificates issued after the effective date of this amendment to
8 qualify persons to teach in the public schools of the Commonwealth shall
9 be either a permanent certificate or a provisional certificate or an emer-
10 gency certificate as hereinafter defined

11 Section 9 Section 1202 of the act is amended to read

12 Section 1202 State Certificates Limitations in All Certificates [State
13 certificates shall be issued as herein provided Each such certificate]
14 Every certificate issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
15 set forth the branches or subjects which its holder is entitled to teach
16 No teacher shall teach in any public school any branch or subject which
17 he has not been properly certificated to teach

18 A certificate to teach shall not be granted or issued to any person
19 not a citizen of the United States except in the case of exchange teachers
20 not permanently employed and teachers employed for the purpose of

1 teaching foreign languages

2 Section 10 Section 1203 of the act is repealed

3 Section 11 The act is amended by adding to article XII one new
4 section to read

5 Section 1203.1 Teacher Certificates Authorized Provisional and
6 Permanent (a) From and after the effective date of this amendment the
7 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue only such certificates
8 qualifying persons to teach in the public schools of the Commonwealth
9 as are provided for in this section and no others

10 (b) Provisional Certificates The Superintendent of Public Instruc-
11 tion may grant a provisional certificate to every person who (1) pre-
12 sents to him satisfactory evidence of good moral character (2) has com-
13 pleted a four year program as evidenced by a bachelor's degree at a
14 college or university accredited by the State Council of Education and
15 (3) has completed such course of study either as a part of such four
16 year program or in addition to such program as the State Council of
17 Education may require for such certification Such certificates shall be
18 valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance and may be
19 renewed twice for periods of three years each

1 (c) Permanent Certificates The Superintendent of Public Instruc-
2 tion may issue a permanent certificate to a person who has held a pro-
3 visional certificate and who (1) has three years of satisfactory teaching
4 experience since the issuance of a provisional certificate to him (2) has
5 completed a one year graduate program approved by the State Council
6 of Education and (3) has successfully passed an examination given by
7 the Department of Public Instruction for permanent certification

8 (d) Emergency Certificates The Superintendent of Public Instruc-
9 tion in accordance with standards and policies promulgated by the State
10 Council of Education may provide for the issuance of emergency certifi-
11 cates for such emergencies and contingencies as may occur which shall
12 entitle the holders thereof to teach in the public schools of the Common-
13 wealth for a period not to exceed one year

14 Section 12 Sections 1204 and 1205 of the act are repealed

15 Section 13 Section 1206 of the act is amended to read

16 Section 1206 Certificates Issued by Other States The Superintend-
17 ent of Public Instruction may validate in this Commonwealth teachers'
18 certificates issued by other states [or by the State normal schools or
19 colleges of other states] whose requirements are equivalent to those of

1 the Commonwealth Such validation of certificates may be revoked by
2 the Superintendent of Public Instruction at any time

3 Section 14 Sections 1207 and 1210 of the act are repealed

4 Section 15 Section 1212 of the act is amended to read

5 Section 1212 Registration and Record of Certificates Before en-
6 tering upon the work of teaching every holder of a permanent provi-
7 sional or emergency [special or State] certificate [,] of any kind [,]
8 shall present it for registration to the proper superintendent who shall
9 record its kind number and date of issue together with the branches
10 which it covers Whenever new branches are added to any certificate
11 these shall be added to the record upon presentation of said certificate
12 to the superintendent

13 Every county and district superintendent shall keep in a book pro-
14 vided for that purpose at the expense of the State an accurate record
15 of all valid certificates held by the teachers of the schools within his
16 jurisdiction

17 Section 16 Section 1501 of the act amended September 21 1959
18 (P L 925) is amended to read

19 Section 1501 Minimum Number of Days School Month All public
20 kindergartens elementary and secondary schools shall be kept open each

1 school year for at least [one hundred eighty (180)] one hundred eighty-
2 five (185) days of which one hundred eighty (180) days shall be for the
3 instruction of pupils and five (5) days of which shall be non-instructional
4 school days No days on which the schools are closed shall be counted
5 as days taught and no time shall be counted as a pupil session for which
6 admission is charged Unless otherwise provided by this act the Board
7 of School Directors in any district or joint board may keep such other
8 schools or departments as it may establish open during such time as
9 it may direct

10 Twenty days of actual teaching shall constitute a school month

11 Section 17 The sum of

12 or as much of such sum as may be necessary is appropriated to the De-
13 partment of Public Instruction for the purpose of making disburse-
14 ments for the in-service teachers' education program as provided herein

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor