

No. 2016-118

AN ACT

HB 1734

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 certification of teachers, further providing for continuing professional development, for program of continuing professional education and for charter schools.

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

Section 1. Section 1205.1 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 1205.1. Continuing Professional Development.—* * *

(g) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of this section, each school entity shall have one additional year to submit to the secretary for approval a three-year professional education plan as required under subsection (a). During the additional year, the school entity's current professional education plan may remain in effect. This subsection shall expire one year from its effective date.

Section 2. Section 1205.2 of the act is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional Education.—* * *

(n.3) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of this section, each professional educator's current continuing professional education compliance period under subsection (a) shall be extended by one year. This subsection shall expire one year from its effective date.

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Section 3. Section 1205.3 of the act, added November 23, 1999 (P.L.529, No.48), is amended to read:

Section 1205.3. Charter Schools.—[An] *(a) Subject to subsection (b), an uncertified teacher or administrator who is employed full time by a charter school shall comply with the continuing professional education requirements of sections 1205.1 and 1205.2(a) through (c) to maintain employment in a charter school. The charter school shall maintain the records of an uncertified teacher or administrator who is employed full time by a charter school.*

(b) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the current continuing professional education compliance period of each uncertified teacher or administrator who is employed full time by a charter school shall be extended by one year. This subsection shall expire one year from its effective date.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of November, A.D. 2016

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