
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BARRAR, TOOHIL AND QUINN, APRIL 10, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 10, 2013

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," further providing for continuing
6 professional development and for continuing professional
7 education for school or system leaders.

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

10 Section 1. Sections 1205.1(f)(1) and 1205.2(n.1)(1) of the
11 act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public
12 School Code of 1949, amended July 5, 2012 (P.L.965, No.105), are
13 amended to read:

14 Section 1205.1. Continuing Professional Development.--* * *
15 (f) (1) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection,
16 the requirements under subsections (a), (b), (c), (c.1), (c.2),
17 (c.3), (c.4), (d) and (e) shall be suspended until June 30,
18 [2013] 2014.

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20 Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional

1 Education.--* * *

2 (n.1) (1) Beginning on the effective date of this
3 subsection, the requirements under subsections (a) and (f) shall
4 be suspended until June 30, [2013. During that time, the
5 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee shall conduct a study
6 of the costs and benefits of the continuing professional
7 education program. An interim report shall be due on November
8 30, 2012, and the final report shall be due on March 1, 2013. On
9 July 1, 2013] 2014. No later than December 31, 2013, the
10 department shall present to the Education Committee of the
11 Senate and the Education Committee of the House of
12 Representatives a proposal to modify the Commonwealth's
13 professional development program to focus on the delivery of
14 professional development to school entities and school buildings
15 with unsatisfactory performance under the Pennsylvania School
16 Performance Profile. The department's proposal shall include
17 recommended legislation and an explanation in support of the
18 proposal. In developing the proposal, the department shall
19 consult with organizations representing school boards, school
20 administrators, school business officials, charter and cyber
21 charter schools, intermediate units, area vocational-technical
22 schools and professional educators. On July 1, 2014, each
23 professional educator shall have the same number of hours of
24 continuing professional education and the same amount of time in
25 which to complete those hours as existed for the professional
26 educator on the effective date of this subsection: Provided,
27 however, That any continuing professional education credits or
28 hours completed by a professional educator during the period of
29 suspension under this subsection shall be credited to the
30 professional educator's continuing professional education

1 record. As used in this paragraph, "Pennsylvania School
2 Performance Profile" shall mean the Pennsylvania School
3 Performance Profile developed by the department pursuant to
4 section 1123.

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6 Section 2. Section 1205.5(h)(1) of the act, added June 30,
7 2011 (P.L.112, No.24), is amended to read:

8 Section 1205.5. Continuing Professional Education for School
9 or System Leaders.--* * *

10 (h) (1) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection,
11 the requirements of subsections (a), (c) and (d) shall be
12 suspended until June 30, [2013] 2014.

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14 Section 3. This act shall take effect June 30, 2013, or
15 immediately, whichever is sooner.