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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, further  
6 providing for granting of provisional college certificates  
7 and providing for provisional vocational education  
8 certificates.

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

11 Section 1. Section 1204 of the act of March 10, 1949  
12 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,  
13 amended October 21, 1965 (P.L.601, No.312), is amended to read:

14 Section 1204. Granting Provisional College Certificates.--

15 The [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of  
16 Education may grant a provisional college certificate to every  
17 person who presents to [him] the Department of Education  
18 satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and of being a  
19 graduate of an approved college or university, who has completed  
20 such work in education as may be required by the standards of

1 the State Board of Education, and to every person who presents  
2 to [him] the Department of Education satisfactory evidence of  
3 good moral character, and of being a graduate of music, with the  
4 degree of bachelor of music of an approved college or  
5 university, who has during such musical course completed the  
6 prescribed number of hours of professional studies, which  
7 certificate shall entitle [him] the individual to teach for  
8 three annual school terms, and may be renewed for one additional  
9 three-year period in accordance with standards to be established  
10 by the State Board of Education.

11 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

12 Section 1204.2. Provisional Vocational Education  
13 Certificate.--The Secretary of Education may grant a provisional  
14 vocational education certificate to every person who presents to  
15 the Department of Education satisfactory evidence of good moral  
16 character, and who has completed such work in vocational  
17 education as may be required by the standards of the State Board  
18 of Education, which certificate shall entitle the individual to  
19 teach for eight annual school terms.

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