
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 344 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, ARGALL, STEFANO, J. WARD,
AUMENT, MASTRIANO AND PITTMAN, MARCH 10, 2021

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MARCH 10, 2021

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 locally issued temporary certification for
7 substitute teachers.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1215 of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended to read:

13 Section 1215. Locally Issued Temporary Certification for
14 Substitute Teachers.--(a) A temporary substitute teacher
15 certificate may be issued by a public school entity to an
16 individual who:

17 (1) presents a letter from a college or university verifying
18 that the individual has completed an approved teacher
19 preparation program, has successfully completed the
20 certification testing requirements and has completed all

requirements for the awarding of a bachelor's degree on a date certain[.];

(2) presents a letter from an accredited college or university verifying that the individual has completed at least sixty (60) credit hours; or

(3) presents evidence that the individual has a substitute teacher certificate issued by another state.

(b) The temporary substitute teacher certificate shall only be used for day-to-day assignments and shall expire upon the termination of any summer school conducted in the summer which follows the date of issuance or upon the receipt of Instructional I certification by the individual.

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