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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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FREYTIZ AND RADER, JUNE 13, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 13, 2023

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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 program of continuing professional and  
7 paraprofessional education.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1205.2(k)(1) 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 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional and  
14 Paraprofessional Education.--\* \* \*

15 (k) A professional educator who is not employed by a school  
16 entity as a professional or temporary professional employe may  
17 apply to the department for inactive certification. Inactive  
18 certification shall:

19 (1) Suspend the requirements of this section until inactive  
20 certification is removed by the department. Upon the removal of

1 inactive certification, a professional educator shall have the  
2 same number of hours of continuing professional education [and  
3 the same amount of time in which to complete those hours] as  
4 existed for the professional educator at the time inactive  
5 certification was granted and shall have a new five-year  
6 compliance period to complete the hours.

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