

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 396 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY GROVE, STENDER, HAMM, GREINER, KUTZ, STAATS AND GILLEN, JANUARY 28, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 28, 2025

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,
 6 providing for emergency certification applicants for career
 7 and technical education certification.

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

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

13 Section 1204.4. Emergency Certification Applicants for
 14 Career and Technical Education Certification.--(a) The
 15 Department of Education shall issue a Career and Technical
 16 Instructional I Certificate to a candidate who satisfies one of
 17 the following:

18 (1) the candidate holds a valid and current career and
 19 technical instructional certificate or equivalent certificate
 20 issued by another state and meets all of the requirements under

1 22 Pa. Code § 49.12 (relating to eligibility); or
2 (2) the candidate has completed a minimum of four (4) years
3 of wage-earning experience in the occupation to be taught, the
4 candidate holds current and valid nationally recognized
5 accreditation certifications within the desired subject area and
6 the candidate meets all requirements in 22 Pa. Code § 49.12.

7 (b) A Career and Technical Instructional I Certificate
8 issued under subsection (a) shall be valid for eight (8) annual
9 school terms and shall be converted to a Career and Technical
10 Instructional II Certificate in accordance with 22 Pa. Code §
11 49.143 (relating to Career and Technical Instructional II) if
12 the candidate has at least two (2) years of classroom teaching
13 experience and provides evidence of satisfactory professional
14 educator performance for the candidate's two (2) most recent
15 years of classroom teaching.

16 (c) A candidate who is seeking a Career and Technical
17 Instructional I Certificate and meets the requirements of
18 subsection (a) shall be issued a Career and Technical
19 Instructional I Certificate on an expedited basis in accordance
20 with this section.

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