

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, PROBST, HILL-EVANS, T. DAVIS, SANCHEZ, CIRESI, RABB, KINSEY, HOHENSTEIN AND CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, APRIL 17, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 17, 2023

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 continuing professional development and for
 7 program of continuing professional and paraprofessional
 8 education.

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

11 Section 1. Sections 1205.1 and 1205.2 of the act of March
 12 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of
 13 1949, are amended by adding subsections to read:

14 Section 1205.1. Continuing Professional Development.--* * *

15 (c.5) A professional education plan shall include a program
 16 to be completed annually by professional employees for
 17 kindergarten through third grade, reading specialists, English
 18 as a second language teachers and speech-language specialists
 19 that is a minimum of four (4) hours in length and provides
 20 training in the screening, intervention, accommodation and use

1 of technology for students with reading disabilities, including
2 dyslexia.

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4 Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional and
5 Paraprofessional Education.--* * *

6 (c.1) To comply with subsection (a), professional employes
7 for kindergarten through third grade, reading specialists,
8 English as a second language teachers and speech-language
9 specialists employed by a school entity shall complete annually
10 the training in screening, intervention, accommodation and use
11 of technology for students with reading disabilities, including
12 dyslexia, required under section 1205.1(c.5). A professional
13 educator's continuing education record shall be credited
14 annually for completion of the training required under this
15 subsection.

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