

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 Career and Technical Instructional Certificate;  
7 and abrogating regulations.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1204.2(b) of the act of March 10, 1949  
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
12 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to  
13 read:

14 Section 1204.2. Career and Technical Instructional  
15 Certificate.--\* \* \*

16 (b) [In addition to other requirements promulgated by the  
17 State Board of Education, the State Board of Education shall  
18 require an applicant to present evidence of at least four (4)  
19 years of wage-earning experience in the occupation to be taught  
20 in order for the Secretary of Education to grant the applicant a

1 Career and Technical Intern Certificate under 22 Pa. Code §  
2 49.151 (relating to eligibility and criteria).] Notwithstanding  
3 any requirement promulgated by the State Board of Education, the  
4 Department of Education shall issue a Career and Technical  
5 Instructional I Certificate to an individual seeking a position  
6 with the primary responsibility of teaching occupational skills  
7 in State-approved career and technical education programs in the  
8 public schools of this Commonwealth if the individual presents  
9 any of the following:

10 (1) Evidence of eight thousand (8,000) hours, equivalent to  
11 four (4) years full-time, within their lifetime of wage-earning  
12 experience in the occupational area to be taught and  
13 satisfactory achievement on an approved occupational assessment.

14 (2) Evidence of eight thousand (8,000) hours, equivalent to  
15 four (4) years full-time, within their lifetime of experience as  
16 a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician in the  
17 occupational area to be taught and satisfactory achievement on  
18 an approved occupational assessment.

19 (3) Evidence of eight thousand (8,000) hours, equivalent to  
20 four (4) years full-time, experience within their lifetime  
21 teaching post-secondary courses in the occupational area to be  
22 taught and satisfactory achievement on an approved occupational  
23 assessment.

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25 (f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
26 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
27 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

28 "Emergency medical technician" shall mean an individual who  
29 is certified by the Department of Health as an emergency medical  
30 technician.

1 "Satisfactory achievement" shall mean an acceptable level of  
2 performance as determined by the State Board of Education on the  
3 department-prescribed assessments required under 22 Pa. Code Ch.  
4 49 (relating to certification of professional personnel).

5 "Volunteer firefighter" shall mean as follows:

6 (1) A person who is a member of:

7 (i) a fire company organized and existing under the laws of  
8 this Commonwealth;

9 (ii) a fire police unit, rescue squad, ambulance corps or  
10 other like organization affiliated with one or more fire  
11 companies; or

12 (iii) a fire company or affiliated organization which  
13 participates in the fire service but does not look to that  
14 service as his or her primary means of livelihood.

15 (2) A person does not lose status as a volunteer firefighter  
16 solely because he or she may also be a paid firefighter, so long  
17 as the person is acting within the scope of his or her  
18 responsibilities as a member of a volunteer fire company at the  
19 pertinent time and not within the scope of his or her  
20 responsibilities as a paid firefighter.

21 Section 2. The provisions of 22 Pa. Code §§ 49.142(a)(1) and  
22 49.151(b) are abrogated.

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