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ZIMMERMAN AND ORTITAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, DECEMBER 2, 2015

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, for
7 program of continuing professional education and for charter
8 schools.

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

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

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

15 (g) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection and
16 notwithstanding any other provision of this section, each school
17 entity shall have one additional year to submit to the secretary
18 for approval a three-year professional education plan as
19 required under subsection (a). During the additional year, the
20 school entity's current professional education plan may remain

1 in effect. This subsection shall expire one year from its
2 effective date.

3 Section 2. Section 1205.2 of the act is amended by adding a
4 subsection to read:

5 Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional
6 Education.--* * *

7 (n.2) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection and
8 notwithstanding any other provision of this section, each
9 professional educator's current continuing professional
10 education compliance period under subsection (a) shall be
11 extended by one year. This subsection shall expire one year from
12 its effective date.

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14 Section 3. Section 1205.3 of the act, added November 23,
15 1999 (P.L.529, No.48), is amended to read:

16 Section 1205.3. Charter Schools.--[An] (a) Subject to
17 subsection (b), an uncertified teacher or administrator who is
18 employed full time by a charter school shall comply with the
19 continuing professional education requirements of sections
20 1205.1 and 1205.2(a) through (c) to maintain employment in a
21 charter school. The charter school shall maintain the records of
22 an uncertified teacher or administrator who is employed full
23 time by a charter school.

24 (b) Beginning on the effective date of this subsection and
25 notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the current
26 continuing professional education compliance period of each
27 uncertified teacher or administrator who is employed full time
28 by a charter school shall be extended by one year. This
29 subsection shall expire one year from its effective date.

30 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.