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SENATE BILL 1312-SENATOR SMUCKER

SYNOPSIS:

Permits prospective teachers to substitute teach under certain circumstances.

SUMMARY:

Amends the Public School Code to permit an individual who does not hold a teaching permit to teach as a substitute in a school district or area vocational-technical school provided that the individual:

Is currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program in a college or university that is located in the Commonwealth and accredited by a regional accrediting agency

Has completed at least sixty credit semester hours at the aforementioned college or university

Has met the requirements relating to background clearances.

Permits the chief school administrator to issue a Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers to an uncertified individual who meets all of the above requirements.

Limits the number of days that a Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers may be used to no more than ten days per school year for a single employee and no more than 45 days per school year for multiple employees.

Permits a Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers to one year and permits renewal for one additional year if the individual provides documentation of the completion of an additional 15 credit hours and remains enrolled in a college or university located in the Commonwealth.

Permits the governing body of the school district to set the salary and provides that the individual may not elect membership in PSERS nor shall substitute service under this section be eligible for PSERS credit.

Sunsetts these provisions on June 30, 2022.

Effective Date: 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

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