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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, CALTAGIRONE, T. DAVIS, DeLUCA, DRISCOLL,  
FREEMAN, HAHN, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, D. MILLER, MURT  
AND SCHWEYER, AUGUST 13, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, AUGUST 13, 2020

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

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

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

13 Section 1205.1. Continuing Professional Development.--\* \* \*

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

1 dyslexia.

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3 Section 1205.2. Program of Continuing Professional

4 Education.--\* \* \*

5 (c.1) To comply with subsection (a), professional employes

6 for kindergarten through third grade, reading specialists,

7 English as a second language teachers and speech-language

8 specialists employed by a school entity shall complete annually

9 the training in screening, intervention, accommodation and use

10 of technology for students with reading disabilities, including

11 dyslexia, required under section 1205.1(c.5). A professional

12 educator's continuing education record shall be credited

13 annually for completion of the training required under this

14 subsection.

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