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*Committee Substitute for*  
SENATE BILL NO. 550

(By Senator *Wagner*)



PASSED *March 6,* 1992  
In Effect *90 days from* Passage

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

**Senate Bill No. 550**

(SENATOR WAGNER, *original sponsor*)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two-a, article three, chapter eighteen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to establishing requirements for certification in educational administration.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section two-a, article three, chapter eighteen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, LICENSING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

**§18A-3-2a. Authority of state superintendent to issue certificates; kinds of certificates.**

1 In accordance with state board of education rules for  
2 the education of professional educators adopted after  
3 consultation with the secretary of education and the  
4 arts, the state superintendent of schools may issue  
5 certificates valid in the public schools of the state:

6 *Provided*, That a certificate shall not be issued to any  
7 person who is not a citizen of the United States, is not  
8 of good moral character and physically, mentally and  
9 emotionally qualified to perform the duties for which  
10 the certification would be granted and who has not  
11 attained the age of eighteen years on or before the  
12 first day of October of the year in which the certificate  
13 is issued: *Provided, however*, That an exchange  
14 teacher from a foreign country or an alien person who  
15 meets the requirements to teach may be granted a  
16 permit to teach within the public schools of the state.

17 Certificates authorized to be issued include:

18 (1) *Professional teaching certificates*. — A profes-  
19 sional teaching certificate for teaching in the public  
20 schools may be issued to a person who:

21 (A) Has at least a bachelor's degree from an accred-  
22 ited institution of higher education in this state, has  
23 completed a program for the education of teachers  
24 which meets the requirements approved by the state  
25 board of education or has met equivalent standards at  
26 institutions in other states and has passed appropriate  
27 state board approved basic skills and subject matter  
28 tests or has completed three years of successful  
29 experience within the last seven years in the area for  
30 which licensure is being sought; or

31 (B) Has at least a bachelor's degree in a discipline  
32 taught in the public schools from an accredited  
33 institution of higher education, has passed appropriate  
34 state board approved basic skills and subject matter  
35 tests or has completed three years of successful  
36 experience within the last seven years in the area for  
37 which licensure is being sought, has completed an  
38 alternative program for teacher education approved by  
39 the state board and is recommended for a certificate  
40 by the chairperson of the professional support team of  
41 the persons alternative program or the state superin-  
42 tendent based on documentation submitted.

43 The certificate shall be endorsed to indicate the  
44 grade level or levels or areas of specialization in which  
45 the person is certified to teach or to serve in the public

46 schools. The initial professional certificate shall be  
47 issued provisionally for a period of three years from  
48 the date of issuance and may be converted to a  
49 professional certificate valid for five years subject to  
50 successful completion of a beginning teacher intern-  
51 ship, if applicable, or renewed subject to rules adopted  
52 by the state board.

53 (2) *Professional administrative certificate.* — A  
54 professional administrative certificate, endorsed for  
55 serving in the public schools, with specific endorse-  
56 ment as a principal, vocational administrator, supervi-  
57 sor of instructions or superintendent, may be issued to  
58 a person who has completed requirements all to be  
59 approved by the state board as follows: For a master's  
60 degree from an institution of higher education accred-  
61 ited to offer a master's degree, has successfully  
62 completed an approved program for administrative  
63 certification, developed by the state board of education  
64 in cooperation with the governing boards of the  
65 university of West Virginia system and the state  
66 college system, has successfully completed education  
67 and training in evaluation skills through the center for  
68 professional development, or equivalent education and  
69 training in evaluation skills, and three years of  
70 management level experience: *Provided*, That anyone  
71 having received a certificate during the period from  
72 the thirtieth day of August, one thousand nine hun-  
73 dred ninety, until the effective date of this bill without  
74 having met the above requirements shall complete  
75 those requirements within five years after the effec-  
76 tive date of this bill: *Provided, however*, That any  
77 person serving in the position of dean of students on  
78 the effective date of this section shall not be required  
79 to hold a professional administrative certificate.  
80 Beginning the first day of September, one thousand  
81 nine hundred ninety-two, the initial professional  
82 administrative certificate shall be issued provisionally  
83 for a period of five years. This certificate may be  
84 converted to a professional administrative certificate  
85 valid for five years or renewed, subject to the regula-  
86 tions of the state board.

87 (3) *Paraprofessional certificate.* — A paraprofessional  
88 certificate may be issued to a person who has com-  
89 pleted thirty-six semester hours of post-secondary  
90 education or its equivalent in subjects directly related  
91 to performance of the job, all approved by the state  
92 board, and can demonstrate the proficiencies to  
93 perform duties as required of a paraprofessional as  
94 defined in section eight, article four of this chapter.

95 (4) *Other certificates; permits.* — Other certificates  
96 and permits may be issued, subject to the approval of  
97 the state board, to persons who do not qualify for the  
98 professional or paraprofessional certificate. Such  
99 certificates or permits shall not be given permanent  
100 status and persons holding such shall meet renewal  
101 requirements provided by law and by regulation,  
102 unless the state board declares certain of these certif-  
103 icates to be the equivalent of the professional  
104 certificate.

105 Within the category of other certificates and permits,  
106 the state superintendent may issue certificates for  
107 persons to serve in the public schools as athletic  
108 coaches or other extracurricular activities coaches  
109 whose duties may include the supervision of students,  
110 subject to the following limitations: (A) Such person  
111 shall be employed under a contract with the county  
112 board of education which specifies the duties to be  
113 performed, which specifies a rate of pay equivalent to  
114 the rate of pay for professional educators in the  
115 district who accept similar duties as extra duty  
116 assignments and which provides for liability insurance  
117 associated with the activity: *Provided*, That such  
118 persons shall not be considered employees of the board  
119 for salary and benefit purposes other than as specified  
120 in the contract; (B) a currently employed certified  
121 professional educator has not applied for the position;  
122 and (C) such person completes an orientation program  
123 designed and approved in accordance with state board  
124 rules which shall be adopted no later than the first day  
125 of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Homer Heck*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Ernest C. Moore*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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*Donald L. Kopp*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Paul Burdette*  
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President of the Senate

*Bob Zell*  
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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *15<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *April* ....., 1992.

*Yaston Caperton*  
.....  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/20/92

Time 3:35 pm