



Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than 5,000 school directors and administrators governing the state's school districts, intermediate units, and career and technology centers, PSBA is writing to express **support for House Bill 2646 (Schroeder)**, scheduled for consideration by the House Education Committee on 6/13/22, which would update current law regarding out-of-state candidates for Pennsylvania career and technical education teacher certification in order to ensure that qualified individuals can obtain certification as quickly and easily as possible.

The bill allows an out-of-state candidate for a career and technical certification who has a valid and current certificate in another state, 4 years of experience in the occupation they teach, evidence of satisfactory experience from their 2 most recent years of teaching, and who complies with basic teacher eligibility requirements to be eligible for a comparable Pennsylvania vocational instructional certification. The legislation further provides that individuals who have met these requirements shall be issued a certificate on an expedited basis. With career and technical centers and school districts all across the state facing difficulties in finding and hiring teachers PSBA believes that any effort to eliminate barriers and expedite certification should be supported and prioritized. PSBA also recognizes the significant need by employers for skilled workers in a number of career and technical fields, and the importance of K-12 career and technical education in training a future workforce to fill these desperately needed positions which are essential to meeting the everyday needs of Pennsylvanians and bolstering the overall economic health of the Commonwealth.

PSBA thanks Representative Schroeder for her leadership on this issue.