



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Education Committee
FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs
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RE: Support S.B. 700 -CTC Certification Reform

I write on behalf of the PA Chamber to urge support for S.B.700, which streamlines the requirements for individuals to obtain career and technical instructional certificates. We understand your committee may consider this bill today.

Pennsylvania employers of all sizes report difficulty finding individuals to fill open positions, particularly among in-demand trades. As the Commonwealth works to solve our shortage of technical and skilled workers, potential educators are often deterred by unpredictability and long wait times from the State during their licensing process.

S.B. 700 updates and improves Pennsylvania's CTC certification process by helping individuals more easily transition from the private sector to the classroom.

This legislation would allow instructors to be issued a Career and Technical Instructional Certificate if they meet one of the following:

- A minimum of 8,000 hours (equivalent to 4 years full-time) wage-earning experience in the occupational area to be taught;
- A minimum of 8,000 hours (equivalent to 4 years full-time) experience as a volunteer firefighter or public safety officer in the occupational area to be taught, or;
- A minimum of 8,000 hours (equivalent to 4 years full-time) teaching post-secondary courses in the occupational area to be taught

These reforms will benefit individuals and employers and we urge you to support S.B. 700. Please contact Aaron Riggleman at ariggleman@pachamber.org or 724-640-3290 with questions or to discuss.