



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs

DATE: June 23, 2025

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support H.B. 1404 – Recruitment of CTE Instructors**

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I write on behalf of the PA Chamber to urge support for H.B. 1404 which we understand may be considered before the full House today.

HB 1404 will increase the length of time that future teachers and Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators can utilize an intern certification from three years to five years.

Employers across the Commonwealth continue to report challenges in filling open positions with qualified applicants, particularly in the skilled trades. At the same time, CTE centers are experiencing high demand for enrollment — so much so that they have been forced to turn away applicants due to shortages of instructors and classroom space. HB 1404 offers meaningful relief to individuals seeking to enter the classroom and help educate Pennsylvania's next generation of skilled workers.

We sincerely appreciate the prime sponsor's attention to this important issue and respectfully urge you to pass this critical piece of legislation.

Please contact Aaron Riggleman at [ariggleman@pachamber.org](mailto:ariggleman@pachamber.org) or 724-640-3290 with questions or to discuss.

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