House Finance Committee Voting Meeting
Room B31 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120
October 28, 2025
10:30 AM

Agenda:

HB 1214 (Solomon) Clarifies the timing for county property tax abatements.

- Re-Referral to House Local Government Committee.

HB 1900 (Rivera) Establishes a tax credit for certified teachers with out-of-pocket classroom expenses.

- A01980 (Samuelson) Removes Certified Teacher and replaces it with Educator to align with IRS definition, as well as clarifies joint returns.

And any other business that comes before the Committee

Adjournment

Attachments:

- HB 1214
- HB 1900
- HB 1900 -- LDPC BA
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- HB 1900 -- A01980 Summary
- HB 1900 -- A01980 Fiscal Note

PRINTER'S NO. 1362

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1214 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY SOLOMON, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, SIEGEL AND GALLAGHER, APRIL 15, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 15, 2025

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 22, 1933 (P.L.853, No.155), entitled "An act relating to taxation; designating the subjects, property and persons subject to and exempt from taxation for all local purposes; providing for and regulating the assessment and valuation of persons, property and subjects of taxation for county purposes, and for the use of those municipal and quasi-municipal corporations which levy their taxes on county assessments and valuations; amending, revising and consolidating the law relating thereto; and repealing existing laws," in subjects of taxation and exemptions, further providing for temporary tax exemption for residential construction.

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

Section 1. Section 205(b) of the act of May 22, 1933 (P.L.853, No.155), known as The General County Assessment Law, is amended to read:

Section 205. Temporary Tax Exemption for Residential Construction.--* * *

(b) New single and multiple dwellings constructed for residential purposes and improvements to existing unoccupied dwellings or improvements to existing structures for purposes of conversion to dwellings, shall not be valued or assessed for purposes of real property taxes until (1) occupied, (2) conveyed to a bona fide purchaser or, (3) thirty months or commencement of improvement, whichever is later, from the first day of the month after which the building permit was issued or[, if no building permit or other notification of improvement was required, then from] the date construction commenced. The assessment of any multiple dwelling because of occupancy shall be upon such proportion which the value of the occupied portion bears to the value of the entire multiple dwelling.

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

PRINTER'S NO. 2405

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1900 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY RIVERA, NEILSON, SAMUELSON, WEBSTER, MERSKI, SANCHEZ, K.HARRIS, BELLMON, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, BURGOS, BRENNAN, HANBIDGE, PROBST, HOHENSTEIN, STEELE AND GALLAGHER, OCTOBER 6, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, OCTOBER 6, 2025

AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and penalties," providing for teacher tax credit.

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

Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding an article to read:

<u>ARTICLE XVII-B.1</u>

<u>TEACHER TAX CREDIT</u>

<u>Section 1701-B.1. Scope of article.</u>

<u>This article relates to teacher tax credits.</u>

<u>Section 1702-B.1. Definitions.</u>

<u>The following words and phrases when used in this article</u>

shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Certified teacher." An individual who, during any portion of the taxable year for which the tax credit is being sought, was certified as a teacher by the Commonwealth and was employed as a teacher in a public, nonpublic or charter school in this Commonwealth.

"Classroom supplies." The term includes books, materials, computers and related equipment, including related software and services, other equipment and supplementary materials for use in the classroom of a certified teacher.

"Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

"Tax credit." The teacher tax credit established under this article.

"Taxpayer." An individual who is a certified teacher and subject to tax under Article III.

Section 1703-B.1. Tax credit for teachers.

(a) Eligibility.--A taxpayer who is a certified teacher and incurs expenses for the purchase of classroom supplies in a taxable year may apply for a tax credit.

(b) Amount of credit.--The amount of the tax credit shall be equal to 100% of the amount that the taxpayer spent on unreimbursed classroom supplies during the taxable year, up to a maximum of $100.

(c) Credit refundable.--If the amount of credit that the taxpayer is eligible to receive under this section exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability, the department shall pay the excess amount to the taxpayer.

Section 1704-B.1. Eligibility.

(a) Determination of eligibility.--In order to determine eligibility for the tax credit, the Department of Education shall annually provide to the department a list of all certified teachers during the taxable year.

(b) Ineligibility.--

(1) A taxpayer shall be ineligible for the tax credit unless the department verifies that the taxpayer's name appears on the list provided under subsection (a) for the taxable year in which the tax credit is being sought.

(2) A taxpayer shall be ineligible for the tax credit if the taxpayer has claimed a deduction for unreimbursed business expenses related to classroom education under Article III for the taxable year in which the tax credit is sought. This paragraph shall not apply if any part of the amount of unreimbursed business expenses claimed is unrelated to classroom supplies.

Section 1705-B.1. Carryover, carryback, sale and assignment of tax credit.

A taxpayer may not carry forward, carry back, sell or assign all or a portion of a tax credit granted to the taxpayer.

Section 1706-B.1. Administration.

The department may develop written guidelines for the implementation of this article.

Section 2. This act shall apply to taxable years commencing after December 31, 2025.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1900 PN9999	**Prepared By:**	Morgan Onorato (717) 787-9516
Committee:	Finance		
Sponsor:	Rivera, Nikki	**Executive Director:**	Mark Foreman
Date:	9/30/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Tax credit for teachers with out-of-pocket classroom expenses.

C. Analysis of the Bill

House Bill 1900 amends the Tax Reform Code to provide a credit against the personal income tax for a certified teacher who incurs out-of-pocket classroom expenses and supplies including books, supplies, computers and relevant equipment, software, and services, and other equipment and supplementary materials.

Eligibility

The Department of Education must annually provide to the Department of Revenue a list of all individuals who were certified teachers during the taxable year.

A taxpayer is ineligible for the tax credit if the taxpayer:

- Does not appear on the Department of Education list.
- Has claimed a deduction against the personal income tax for unreimbursed business expenses related to classroom education for the taxable year in which the tax credit is sought

Limitation

The tax credit will be equal to 100% of the amount that the taxpayer spent on classroom supplies during the taxable year, up to $100.

A taxpayer may not carry forward, carry back, sell, or assign the tax credit.

Refundability

If the amount of the credit exceeds a taxpayer's tax liability, the amount in excess of their liability is refundable.

Applicability

The tax credit program applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

Effective Date:

Immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Article III (Personal Income Tax) of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 imposes a 3.07% tax on personal income. There are few tax credits available to PIT filers.

26 U.S. Code Section 62 allows a deduction consisting of expenses paid or incurred by an eligible educator in connection with books, supplies, computer equipment (including related software and services), and other equipment as well as supplementary materials used by the eligible educator in the classroom. The base amount of the deduction is set at $250, with an annual cost-of-living adjustment provided. According to the Internal Revenue Service, the current deduction is $300.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Bill 528 was a similar bill introduced in the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Former House Bill 528 passed the House Finance Committee (25-0) as amended, received first consideration, and was laid on the table on April 17, 2024. The bill did not receive further consideration before the end of the session.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1900

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 2405

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "teacher" and inserting

educator

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by striking out "TEACHER" and inserting

EDUCATOR

Amend Bill, page 1, line 19, by striking out "teacher" and inserting

educator

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 3 through 7, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 2, line 11, by striking out "a certified teacher" and inserting

an eligible educator

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

"Eligible educator." An individual who is employed as a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal or aide for students in kindergarten through grade 12 for at least the minimum number of days or hours required under section 133, 914.1-A(c), 1327(b), 1327.3 or 1715-A(9) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, to provide an elementary or secondary education in a public or nonpublic school located in this Commonwealth.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 13, by striking out "teacher" and inserting

educator

Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by striking out "a certified teacher" and inserting

an eligible educator

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "teachers" and inserting

educators

Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out "is a certified teacher and"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 21, by striking out "credit.--The amount" and inserting

credit.--

(1) The amount

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

(2) For married taxpayers filing jointly who are both eligible educators, the taxpayers shall be eligible for a credit equal to 100% of the amount that the taxpayers spent on unreimbursed classroom supplies during the taxable year, up to a maximum of $200.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 7, by inserting after "(a)"

, or that the taxpayer qualifies as an eligible educator as verified by another method,

Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by inserting after "sought."

The department may request additional information to verify eligibility.

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A01980 Amendment Summary

HB 1900 (Rivera) – Establishes a tax credit for educators with out-of-pocket classroom expenses.

A01980 (Samuelson)

- Changes the term “certified teacher” to “eligible educator,” which is defined to mean an individual who is employed as a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal or aide for students in kindergarten through grade 12 for at least the minimum number of days or hours required under the Public School Code of 1949 to provide an elementary or secondary education in a public or nonpublic school in this Commonwealth.
    - This change aligns with the IRS definition for the federal educator deduction.
- Clarifies that married taxpayers who file jointly are both eligible for the educator tax credit if both are employed in a relevant field and have unreimbursed classroom expenses. In this case, the joint filers are eligible for a tax credit of up to $200.
- Permits a taxpayer’s status an an eligible educator to be verified either by a list of certified teachers maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Education or by other methods as determined by the Department of Revenue (DOR). Gives DOR the authority to request additional information from taxpayers in order to verify status as an eligible educator.

HB 1900 -- A01980

PIT TAX CREDIT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY EDUCATORS

Effective TY 2026

Expense cap	$100

2024-25 ESTIMATES

School type	Staff role	Count	Total Possible Credits
Public	Classroom teachers	125,592	$12,559,200
Nonpublic	Classroom teachers	22,802	$2,280,200
Public	Other professional personnel	30,951	$3,095,100
Nonpublic	Other professional personnel	5,619	$561,900
	TOTAL	**184,964**	**$18,496,400**

NOTES:

Public school educator counts are taken from Pennsylvania Department of Education counts of Professional Personnel. Nonpublic school educator counts are estimated using data from PDE and the National Center for Education Statistics.

Total possible credit amount may be overstated to the extent that not all professional personnel may be considered qualified educators for purposes of the credit.

The majority of the impact is expected to be in increased PIT refunds.