

SENATE BILL No. 491

September 16, 2015, Introduced by Senators PAVLOV, COLBECK, HANSEN, BOOHER, PROOS, SHIRKEY and KNOLLENBERG and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 1233b and 1531i (MCL 380.1233b and 380.1531i), section 1233b as amended by 1995 PA 289 and section 1531i as added by 2009 PA 202.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1233b. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), the
2 board of a ~~local~~**SCHOOL DISTRICT** or intermediate school district
3 may engage a full-time or part-time noncertificated, nonendorsed
4 teacher to teach a course in computer science, a foreign language,
5 mathematics, biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, robotics,
6 **WRITING, JOURNALISM, OR HEALTH SCIENCES; IN A DISCIPLINE INCLUDED**
7 **ON THE LISTING OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE DISCIPLINES COMPILED AND**
8 **UPDATED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION UNDER SECTION**
9 **61 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT OF 1979, 1980 PA**

1 300, MCL 38.1361; or in another subject area determined by the
2 state board to be appropriate to be included under this section and
3 so designated by the state board, or any combination of these
4 subject areas, in grades 9 through 12.

5 (2) Subject to subsection (3), a noncertificated, nonendorsed
6 teacher is qualified to teach pursuant to this section if he or she
7 meets all of the following minimum requirements:

8 (a) Possesses an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited
9 postsecondary institution.

10 (b) Has a major or a graduate degree in the field of
11 specialization in which he or she will teach **OR MEETS 1 OF THE**
12 **FOLLOWING:**

13 (i) **FOR TEACHING ENGINEERING OR MATHEMATICS, HAS, IN THE 6-**
14 **YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF HIRE, NOT LESS THAN 5**
15 **YEARS OF OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING.**

16 (ii) **FOR TEACHING SCIENCE, HAS, IN THE 6-YEAR PERIOD**
17 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF HIRE, NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS OF**
18 **OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN A SCIENCE DISCIPLINE.**

19 (iii) **FOR TEACHING BIOLOGY OR HEALTH SCIENCES, HAS, IN THE 6-**
20 **YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF HIRE, NOT LESS THAN 5**
21 **YEARS OF OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN A HEALTH DISCIPLINE.**

22 (iv) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (v), FOR TEACHING A**
23 **FOREIGN LANGUAGE, IS A NATIVE SPEAKER OF THAT FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND**
24 **HAS RESIDED FOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS IN A NATION THAT HAS THAT**
25 **LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.**

26 (v) **FOR TEACHING HEBREW, MEETS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

27 (A) **HAS PASSED THE PROFESSIONAL READINESS EXAMINATION**

1 DEVELOPED OR SELECTED UNDER SECTION 1531.

2 (B) HAS PASSED ANY APPLICABLE SUBJECT AREA EXAMINATION
3 DEVELOPED OR SELECTED UNDER SECTION 1531 OR, IF THERE IS NO
4 APPLICABLE SUBJECT AREA EXAMINATION, MEETS OTHER REQUIREMENTS
5 ESTABLISHED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

6 (c) If the teacher desires to teach for more than 1 year, has
7 passed both a ~~basic skills~~ **THE PROFESSIONAL READINESS** examination
8 and a subject area examination, if a subject area examination
9 exists, in the field of specialization in which he or she will
10 teach.

11 (d) Except in the case of ~~persons~~ **INDIVIDUALS** engaged to teach
12 a foreign language, **AND EXCEPT AS MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER SUBDIVISION**
13 **(B)**, has, in the 5-year period immediately preceding the date of
14 hire, not less than 2 years of occupational experience in the field
15 of specialization in which he or she will teach. **FOR THE PURPOSES**
16 **OF THIS SUBDIVISION, SERVING AS A FULL-TIME INSTRUCTOR IN A FIELD**
17 **OF SPECIALIZATION AT THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY LEVEL IS CONSIDERED**
18 **TO BE OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THAT FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION.**

19 (3) The requirements listed in subsection (2) for a teacher
20 engaged to teach pursuant to this section ~~shall be~~ **ARE** in addition
21 to any other requirements established by the board of a ~~local~~
22 **SCHOOL DISTRICT** or intermediate school district, as applicable.

23 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), the board of a ~~local~~
24 **SCHOOL DISTRICT** or intermediate school district shall not engage a
25 full-time or part-time noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher to
26 teach a course described in subsection (1) if the district is able
27 to engage a certificated, endorsed teacher.

1 (5) If the board of a ~~local~~**SCHOOL DISTRICT** or intermediate
2 school district is able to engage a certificated, endorsed teacher
3 to teach a course described in subsection (1), the ~~local~~**SCHOOL**
4 **DISTRICT** or intermediate school ~~board~~**DISTRICT** may employ or
5 continue to employ a noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher to teach
6 the course if both of the following conditions are met:

7 (a) The noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher is annually and
8 continually enrolled and completing credit in an approved teacher
9 preparation program leading to a provisional teaching certificate.

10 (b) The noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher has a planned
11 program leading to teacher certification on file with the employing
12 school district or intermediate school district, his or her teacher
13 preparation institution, and the department of education.

14 (6) If the noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher completes ~~3-2~~
15 years of successful classroom teaching, as determined by regular
16 observation and review by school district and teacher preparation
17 institution personnel, the department ~~of education~~ and a teacher
18 preparation institution shall utilize the teaching experience of a
19 noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher for the purpose of waiving
20 student teaching as a condition for receiving a continued
21 employment authorization in the school district and a provisional
22 teaching certificate.

23 Sec. 1531i. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall
24 establish a process for a ~~person~~**AN INDIVIDUAL** to earn an interim
25 teaching certificate under this section that qualifies the ~~person~~
26 **INDIVIDUAL** to teach in the public schools and to earn a Michigan
27 teaching certificate using the process under this section. The

1 process shall meet all applicable requirements for an alternative
2 teaching certification process under the no child left behind act
3 of 2001, Public Law 107-110. The process shall not allow for an
4 interim teaching certificate for special education.

5 (2) The process established under subsection (1) shall provide
6 that the superintendent of public instruction will grant an interim
7 teaching certificate to ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who meets all of the
8 following:

9 (a) Is a participant in an alternative teaching program that
10 is approved by the superintendent of public instruction. To be
11 approved, a program provider shall demonstrate to the satisfaction
12 of the superintendent of public instruction that it meets all of
13 the following:

14 (i) Provides for its participants an intensive training
15 program in teaching that is determined by the superintendent of
16 public instruction to constitute the equivalent of at least 12
17 college credit hours and that includes training in at least all of
18 the following subject areas:

19 (A) Child development or child psychology.

20 (B) Family and community relationships.

21 (C) Diverse learners.

22 (D) Instructional strategies **AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**.

23 (E) A form of field-based experience in a classroom setting.

24 (ii) Has a proven record of producing successful teachers in 1
25 or more other states or is modeled after a program that has a
26 proven record of producing successful teachers in 1 or more other
27 states.

1 (iii) Accepts for participation only ~~persons~~ **INDIVIDUALS** who
2 meet the requirements of subdivision (b).

3 (b) Holds a bachelor's ~~, master's, doctorate,~~ or professional
4 degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a
5 grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the
6 equivalent on another scale, as determined by the superintendent of
7 public instruction, **OR HOLDS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORATE DEGREE FROM A**
8 **REGIONALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.**

9 (c) Passes both the ~~basic skills~~ **PROFESSIONAL READINESS**
10 examination and the appropriate available subject area examination
11 for each subject area in which he or she applies to be certified.

12 (3) ~~A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** earning a ~~provisional~~ **AN INTERIM**
13 **TEACHING** certificate under this section ~~will be~~ **IS** subject to
14 provisions of administrative rules governing teachers, as
15 established by the superintendent of public instruction.

16 (4) ~~A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who possesses an interim teaching
17 certificate under this section may be employed to teach in a public
18 school in the same manner as a ~~person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** holding a
19 Michigan teaching certificate issued under section 1531 if all of
20 the following requirements are met:

21 (a) While the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** is teaching under an interim
22 teaching certificate, the school district or public school academy
23 in which the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** is teaching provides intensive
24 observation and coaching in a manner and to the extent prescribed
25 by the superintendent of public instruction.

26 (b) The ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** is making satisfactory progress
27 toward meeting the requirements for being awarded a Michigan

1 teaching certificate under section 1531, as established by the
2 superintendent of public instruction under subsection (5).

3 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop
4 standards for granting ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** a Michigan teaching
5 certificate issued under section 1531 after the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL**
6 has demonstrated satisfactory teaching performance for 3 years
7 under an interim teaching certificate and has met the requirements
8 established by the superintendent of public instruction for a
9 Michigan teaching certificate.

10 (6) The superintendent of public instruction shall promulgate
11 rules that he or she considers necessary to implement this section.
12 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY RULE TO THE CONTRARY, AN INTERIM TEACHING**
13 **CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 7**
14 **YEARS FROM THE DATE IT IS ISSUED.**

15 (7) **IF AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING AN INTERIM TEACHING CERTIFICATE**
16 **UNDER THIS SECTION HAS MORE THAN 1 MASTER'S, DOCTORATE, OR**
17 **PROFESSIONAL DEGREE, OR HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH MORE THAN 1**
18 **MAJOR, AND IF HE OR SHE MEETS THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS**
19 **SECTION, THEN THE INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SUBJECT AREA**
20 **ENDORSEMENT, IF AVAILABLE, IN EACH OF THE SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH HE**
21 **OR SHE HOLDS A MASTER'S, DOCTORATE, OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE OR HAS**
22 **EARNED A MAJOR.**

23 (8) ~~(7)~~ As used in this section, ~~"basic skills"~~ **PROFESSIONAL**
24 **READINESS** examination", "elementary certification examination", and
25 "subject area examination" mean those terms as defined in **RULES**
26 **PROMULGATED UNDER** section 1531.

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

1 after the date it is enacted into law.