

SENATE BILL NO. 1010

April 19, 2022, Introduced by Senator THEIS and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1531 (MCL 380.1531), as amended by 2018 PA 235.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1531. (1) Except as **otherwise** provided in this act, the
2 superintendent of public instruction shall determine the
3 requirements for and issue all licenses and certificates for
4 teachers, including preprimary teachers, and the requirements for
5 an endorsement of teachers as qualified counselors and an
6 endorsement of teachers for teaching a foreign language in an

1 elementary grade in the public schools of ~~the~~**this** state.

2 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the
3 superintendent of public instruction shall only issue a teaching
4 certificate to an individual who has passed appropriate
5 examinations as follows:

6 (a) For a secondary level teaching certificate, has passed the
7 appropriate available subject area examination for each subject
8 area in which he or she applies to be certified.

9 (b) For an elementary level teaching certificate, has passed,
10 if it is available, the elementary certification examination, and
11 has passed the appropriate available subject area examination for
12 each subject area, if any, in which he or she applies to be
13 certified.

14 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the
15 superintendent of public instruction shall issue a Michigan
16 teaching certificate to an individual holding a certificate from
17 another state or a teaching degree from an out-of-state teacher
18 preparation institution who applies for a Michigan teaching
19 certificate only if the individual passes appropriate examinations
20 as follows:

21 (a) For a secondary level teaching certificate, pass the
22 appropriate available subject area examination for each subject
23 area in which he or she applies to be certified. The superintendent
24 of public instruction may accept passage of an equivalent
25 examination approved by the superintendent of public instruction to
26 meet this requirement.

27 (b) For an elementary level teaching certificate, pass, if it
28 is available, the elementary certification examination, and pass
29 the appropriate available subject area examination for each subject

1 area, if any, in which he or she applies to be certified. The
2 superintendent of public instruction may accept passage of an
3 equivalent examination approved by the superintendent of public
4 instruction to meet 1 or both of these requirements.

5 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the
6 superintendent of public instruction shall only issue a teaching
7 certificate to an individual who has met the elementary or
8 secondary, as applicable, reading credit requirements established
9 under superintendent of public instruction rule. If an individual
10 holds a teaching certificate, then beginning July 1, 2009,
11 notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the superintendent of
12 public instruction shall not advance the individual's certification
13 to professional certification unless the individual has
14 successfully completed at least a 3-credit course of study with
15 appropriate field experiences in the diagnosis and remediation of
16 reading disabilities and differentiated instruction. To meet this
17 requirement, the course of study should include the following
18 elements, as determined by the department to be appropriate for the
19 individual's certification level and endorsements: interest
20 inventories, English language learning screening, visual and
21 auditory discrimination tools, language expression and processing
22 screening, phonemics, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension,
23 spelling and writing assessment tools, and instructional
24 strategies. An individual may complete the course of study either
25 as part of his or her teacher preparation program or during the
26 first 6 years of his or her employment in classroom teaching.

27 (5) Not later than January 11, 2002, the superintendent of
28 public instruction, in cooperation with appropriate curriculum
29 specialists and teacher educators, shall revise existing reading

1 standards to recognize reading disorders and to enable teachers to
2 make referrals for instruction and support for pupils with reading
3 disorders.

4 (6) Subject to subsection (8) **and except as otherwise provided**
5 **in this section**, if an individual holding a teaching certificate
6 from another state applies to the superintendent of public
7 instruction for a Michigan teaching certificate and meets the
8 requirements of this subsection, the superintendent of public
9 instruction shall issue to the individual a Michigan professional
10 education teaching certificate and applicable endorsements
11 comparable to those the individual holds in the other state,
12 without requiring the individual to pass the applicable subject
13 area examination otherwise required under subsection (2) or (3). ~~To~~
14 **Except as otherwise provided in this section**, to be eligible to
15 receive a Michigan professional education teaching certificate
16 under this subsection, an individual shall provide evidence
17 satisfactory to the department that he or she meets all of the
18 following requirements:

19 (a) Has taught successfully for at least 3 years in a position
20 for which the individual's teaching certification from the other
21 state was valid.

22 (b) Has earned, after his or her initial certification in
23 another state, at least 18 semester credit hours in a planned
24 course of study at an institution of higher education approved by
25 the superintendent of public instruction or has earned, at any
26 time, a master's or doctoral degree approved by the superintendent
27 of public instruction.

28 (c) Has met the elementary or secondary, as applicable,
29 reading credit requirement established under superintendent of

1 public instruction rule.

2 (7) An individual who receives a teaching certificate and
3 endorsement or endorsements under subsection (6) is eligible to
4 receive 1 or more additional endorsements comparable to
5 endorsements the individual holds in another state only if the
6 individual passes the appropriate subject area examinations
7 required under subsection (2) or (3).

8 (8) The superintendent of public instruction shall deny a
9 Michigan teaching certificate to an individual described in
10 subsection (6) for fraud, material misrepresentation, or
11 concealment in the individual's application for a certificate or
12 for a conviction for which an individual's teaching certificate may
13 be revoked under section 1535a.

14 (9) The department, based upon criteria recommended under
15 subsection (11), shall provide to approved teacher education
16 institutions approved guidelines and criteria for use in the
17 development or selection of subject area examinations.

18 (10) For the purposes of this section, the superintendent of
19 public instruction, based upon criteria recommended under
20 subsection (11), shall develop, select, or develop and select 1 or
21 more subject area examinations. In addition, the superintendent of
22 public instruction, based upon criteria recommended under
23 subsection (11), shall approve an elementary certification
24 examination and a reading subject area examination. If the
25 department develops for use under this subsection an examination
26 that had previously been contracted for using a competitive bid
27 process, then the department shall not expend on the development of
28 that examination an amount that exceeds the amount that the
29 department expended on procurement of the most recent

1 competitively-bid version of that examination.

2 (11) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an
3 11-member teacher examination advisory committee composed of
4 representatives of approved teacher education institutions and
5 Michigan education organizations and associations. Not more than
6 1/2 of the members comprising this committee ~~shall~~**must** be
7 certified teachers. This committee shall recommend criteria to be
8 used by the superintendent of public instruction in the
9 development, selection, or development and selection of subject
10 area examinations. In addition, the committee shall recommend
11 guidelines for the use and administration of those examinations.

12 (12) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a
13 7-member standing technical advisory council composed of
14 individuals who are experts in measurement and assessment. This
15 council shall advise the superintendent of public instruction and
16 the teacher examination committee on the validity, reliability, and
17 other technical standards of the examinations that will be used or
18 are being used and of the administration and use of those
19 examinations.

20 (13) Not later than November 30 of each year, the
21 superintendent of public instruction shall submit in writing a
22 report on the development or selection and use of the elementary
23 certification examination and the subject area examinations to the
24 house and senate education committees. The report ~~shall~~**must** also
25 contain a financial statement regarding revenue received from the
26 assessment of fees levied under subsection (15) and the amount of
27 and any purposes for which that revenue was expended.

28 (14) The elementary certification examination and the subject
29 area examinations required by this section may be taken at

1 different times during an approved teacher preparation program, but
2 the elementary certification examination and the subject area
3 examinations, as applicable, must be passed before an individual is
4 recommended for certification.

5 (15) The department, or if approved by the superintendent of
6 public instruction, a private testing service, may assess fees for
7 taking the elementary certification examination and the subject
8 area examinations. The fees, which ~~shall~~**must** be set by the
9 superintendent of public instruction, ~~shall~~**must** not exceed the
10 actual cost of the examination and of administering the
11 examination. Fees received by the department ~~shall~~**must** be expended
12 solely for administrative expenses that it incurs in implementing
13 this section. If the superintendent of public instruction increases
14 a fee charged for an examination under this subsection, at least 1
15 year before implementing the fee increase, the department shall
16 notify each approved teacher education institution of the amount of
17 the fee increase. An approved teacher education institution shall
18 notify each of its affected students of the timing and amount of
19 such a fee increase.

20 (16) ~~If~~**Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if** an
21 individual holding a teaching certificate from another state
22 applies for a Michigan teaching certificate and meets all
23 requirements for the Michigan teaching certificate except passage
24 of the appropriate examinations under subsection (3), the
25 superintendent of public instruction shall issue a nonrenewable
26 temporary teaching certificate, good for 1 year, to the individual.
27 **If an individual who holds a teaching certificate from another**
28 **state applies for a Michigan teaching certificate and meets all of**
29 **the requirements under subsection (20), except subsection (20) (c),**

1 **the superintendent of public instruction shall issue a nonrenewable**
2 **temporary teaching certification, good for 1 year, to the**
3 **individual.** The superintendent of public instruction shall not
4 issue a Michigan teaching certificate to the individual after
5 expiration of the temporary teaching certificate unless the
6 individual passes appropriate examinations as described in
7 subsection (3).

8 ~~(17) As used in this section:~~

9 ~~(a) "Elementary certification examination" means a~~
10 ~~comprehensive examination for elementary certification that has~~
11 ~~been developed or selected by the superintendent of public~~
12 ~~instruction for demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and~~
13 ~~understanding of the core subjects normally taught in elementary~~
14 ~~classrooms and for determining whether or not an applicant is~~
15 ~~eligible for an elementary level teaching certificate.~~

16 ~~(b) "Subject area examination" means an examination related to~~
17 ~~a specific area of certification, which examination has been~~
18 ~~developed or selected by the superintendent of public instruction~~
19 ~~for the purpose of demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and~~
20 ~~understanding of the subject matter and determining whether or not~~
21 ~~an applicant is eligible for a Michigan teaching certificate.~~

22 **(17)** ~~(18)~~ The superintendent of public instruction shall
23 promulgate rules for the implementation of this section.

24 **(18)** ~~(19)~~ Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the
25 superintendent of public instruction shall continue to issue state
26 elementary or secondary continuing education certificates under R
27 390.1132(1) of the Michigan Administrative Code to individuals who
28 completed the requirements of that rule by December 31, 1992 and
29 who apply for that certificate not later than March 15, 1994. If

1 the superintendent of public instruction has issued a state
 2 elementary or secondary professional education certificate to an
 3 individual described in this section, the superintendent of public
 4 instruction shall consider the individual to have a state
 5 elementary or secondary, as applicable, continuing education
 6 certificate.

7 **(19)** ~~(20)~~ Not later than January 1, 2019, the superintendent
 8 of public instruction, in consultation with the department of
 9 ~~talent and economic development~~ **labor and economic opportunity** and
 10 groups or individuals representing employers, economic development
 11 agencies, trade unions, secondary school principals, middle and
 12 elementary school principals, teachers, school district and
 13 intermediate school district superintendents, and others as
 14 determined appropriate by the department, shall promulgate rules to
 15 allow an individual to use time spent engaging with local employers
 16 or technical centers toward the renewal of a teaching certificate
 17 in the same manner as state continuing education or professional
 18 development.

19 **(20) The superintendent of public instruction shall issue a**
 20 **teaching certificate to an individual who applies for a teaching**
 21 **certificate, who meets the requirements under section 1531d, as**
 22 **applicable, and who meets all of the following requirements:**

23 **(a) Has earned a bachelor's degree from a degree- or**
 24 **certificate-granting public or private college or university,**
 25 **junior college, or community college located within the United**
 26 **States.**

27 **(b) Has a Montessori teaching credential issued by any of the**
 28 **following:**

29 **(i) A program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation**

1 Council for Teacher Education (MACTE).

2 (ii) The American Montessori Society (AMS).

3 (iii) The Association Montessori International (AMI).

4 (c) Subject to subsection (16), has passed the required
5 examinations under subsection (2) or (3), as applicable, or, for an
6 individual described in subsection (6), for the issuance of a
7 Michigan professional education teaching certificate, meets the
8 requirements under subsection (6).

9 (d) Meets the requirements under subsection (4).

10 (21) Subject to subsection (16), the superintendent of public
11 instruction shall not, as a condition for the issuance of a
12 teaching certificate to an individual described in subsection (20)
13 who meets the requirements under section 1531d, as applicable, and
14 subsection (20), require that the individual meet requirements in
15 addition to the requirements under section 1531d and subsection
16 (20).

17 (22) As used in this section:

18 (a) "Elementary certification examination" means a
19 comprehensive examination for elementary certification that has
20 been developed or selected by the superintendent of public
21 instruction for demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and
22 understanding of the core subjects normally taught in elementary
23 classrooms and for determining whether or not an applicant is
24 eligible for an elementary level teaching certificate.

25 (b) "Subject area examination" means an examination related to
26 a specific area of certification, which examination has been
27 developed or selected by the superintendent of public instruction
28 for the purpose of demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and
29 understanding of the subject matter and determining whether or not

1 an applicant is eligible for a Michigan teaching certificate.