SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5141

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code,"

by amending sections 553a, 1231, 1233, 1233b, and 1249 (MCL 380.553a, 380.1231, 380.1233, 380.1233b, and 380.1249), section 553a as amended by 2011 PA 277, section 1231 as amended by 2016 PA 192, section 1233 as amended by 2017 PA 151, section 1233b as amended by 1995 PA 289, and section 1249 as amended by 2016 PA 170.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 553a. (1) An authorizing body may issue a contract to
- 2 establish a school of excellence that is a cyber school. A cyber
- 3 school shall provide full-time instruction to pupils through online
- 4 learning or otherwise on a computer or other technology, and this
- 5 instruction and learning may occur remote from a school facility.
- 6 (2) A contract for a school of excellence that is a cyber

- 1 school shall include all of the provisions required under section
- 2 553 and all of the following:
- 3 (a) A requirement that a teacher who holds appropriate
- 4 certification according to state board rule OR WHO IS ENGAGED TO
- 5 TEACH UNDER SECTION 1233B will be responsible for all of the
- 6 following for each course in which a pupil is enrolled:
- 7 (i) Improving learning by planned instruction.
- 8 (ii) Diagnosing the pupil's learning needs.
- 9 (iii) Assessing learning, assigning grades, and determining
- 10 advancement.
- 11 (iv) Reporting outcomes to administrators and parents or legal
- 12 guardians.
- 13 (b) A requirement that the cyber school will make educational
- 14 services available to pupils for a minimum of at least 1,098 hours
- 15 during a school year and will ensure that each pupil participates
- in the educational program for at least 1,098 hours during a school
- **17** year.
- 18 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or any
- 19 rule, if a school of excellence that is a cyber school is in
- 20 compliance with the requirements of subsection (2)(a) regarding a
- 21 certificated teacher OR A TEACHER ENGAGED TO TEACH UNDER SECTION
- 22 1233B, any other adult assisting with the oversight of a pupil
- 23 during the pupil's participation in the cyber school's education
- 24 program is not required to be a certificated teacher, A TEACHER
- 25 ENGAGED TO TEACH UNDER SECTION 1233B, or an employee of the school.
- 26 (4) Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, a cyber school
- 27 is not required to comply with any rule that would require a

- 1 pupil's physical presence or attendance in a classroom.
- 2 (5) At the end of a cyber school's second complete school year
- 3 of operations, the authorizing body of a school of excellence that
- 4 is a cyber school shall submit to the superintendent of public
- 5 instruction and the legislature, in the form and manner prescribed
- 6 by the superintendent of public instruction, a report detailing the
- 7 operation of the cyber school, providing statistics of pupil
- 8 participation and academic performance, and making recommendations
- 9 for any further statutory or rule change related to cyber schools
- 10 and online learning in this state.
- 11 Sec. 1231. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5),
- 12 the board of a school district shall hire and contract with
- 13 qualified teachers. Contracts with teachers shall be in writing and
- 14 signed on behalf of the school district by a majority of the board,
- 15 by the president and secretary of the board, or by the
- 16 superintendent of schools or an authorized representative of the
- 17 board. The contracts shall specify the wages agreed upon.
- 18 (2) A teacher's contract shall be filed with the secretary of
- 19 the board and a duplicate copy of the contract shall be furnished
- 20 to the teacher.
- 21 (3) Except as otherwise provided under this act, a contract
- 22 with a teacher is not valid unless the individual holds a valid
- 23 teaching certificate OR IS ENGAGED TO TEACH UNDER SECTION 1233B at
- 24 the time the contractual period begins or the individual is engaged
- 25 to teach in a community district under section 1233c. A contract
- 26 shall terminate if the certificate expires by limitation and is not
- 27 renewed immediately or if it is suspended or revoked by proper

- 1 legal authority.
- 2 (4) The board of a school district, after a teacher has been
- 3 employed at least 2 consecutive years by the board, may enter into
- 4 a continuing contract with a certificated teacher OR A TEACHER
- 5 ENGAGED TO TEACH UNDER SECTION 1233B or, for a community district,
- 6 with an individual engaged to teach in a community district under
- 7 section 1233c.
- **8** (5) The school board of a school district that is a community
- 9 district may employ or contract for, or both, qualified teachers
- 10 and other qualified instructional personnel at a public school that
- 11 formerly operated as an achievement school , as defined in section
- 12 3 of the state school aid act of 1979, MCL 388.1603, as necessary
- 13 to carry out the purposes of the community district.
- 14 (6) As used in this section: , "teacher"
- 15 (A) "ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC SCHOOL FORMERLY WITHIN
- 16 THE EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT SYSTEM THAT WAS OPERATED, MANAGED,
- 17 AUTHORIZED, ESTABLISHED, OR OVERSEEN BY THE ACHIEVEMENT AUTHORITY.
- 18 (B) "TEACHER" does not include a substitute teacher.
- 19 Sec. 1233. (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, and
- 20 subject to section—SECTIONS 1233B AND 1233c, the board of a school
- 21 district or intermediate school board of an intermediate school
- 22 district shall not permit a teacher who does not hold a valid
- 23 teaching certificate to teach in a grade or department of the
- 24 school.
- 25 (2) The board of a school district or intermediate school
- 26 board of an-intermediate school district shall not allow an
- 27 individual to serve in a counseling role in the school district or

- 1 intermediate school district, as the role is defined by the
- 2 superintendent of public instruction, unless the individual meets 1
- 3 or more of the following:
- 4 (a) The individual holds a valid teaching certificate with a
- 5 school counseling endorsement.
- 6 (b) The individual meets all of the following:
- 7 (i) Holds a master's degree awarded after completion of an
- 8 approved school counselor education program that includes at least
- 9 all of the following skills and content areas or their equivalent:
- 10 (A) Guidance services--philosophy, principles, and practices.
- 11 (B) Individual and group analysis--nature and range of human
- 12 characteristics and appraisal methods.
- 13 (C) Guidance information--vocational development theory,
- 14 educational and occupational information.
- 15 (D) Counseling theory and practice--individual and group
- 16 procedures, administration and coordination relationships,
- 17 professional relationships, and ethics.
- 18 (E) Supervised experiences--laboratory, practicum, or
- 19 internship.
- 20 (F) Evaluation--statistics and research methodology, follow-up
- 21 evaluation, and measurement methods.
- 22 (ii) Has successfully completed the department's guidance
- 23 counselor examination.
- 24 (iii) Has been recommended by an approved school counselor
- 25 education program to provide services as a school counselor.
- (c) The individual meets both of the following:
- 27 (i) Has at least 5 years of successful experience serving in a

- 1 school counseling role in another state within the immediately
- preceding 7-year period.
- 3 (ii) Has successfully completed the department's guidance
- 4 counselor examination.
- 5 (3) Except for teachers ENGAGED TO TEACH UNDER SECTION 1233B
- 6 AND TEACHERS engaged to teach in a community district under section
- 7 1233c, the intermediate superintendent shall notify the
- 8 superintendent of public instruction immediately of the names of
- 9 noncertificated teachers teaching in violation of subsection (1)
- 10 and the names of individuals serving in counseling roles in
- 11 violation of subsection (2), the employing district, and the amount
- 12 of time the noncertificated teachers or unqualified individuals
- were employed.
- 14 (4) A vocational teacher preparation institution shall utilize
- 15 the employment experience of an annually authorized teacher for the
- 16 purpose of waiving student teaching as a requirement for vocational
- 17 certification if the annually authorized teacher is supervised by
- 18 the teacher preparation institution.
- 19 (5) All vocational education teachers certified after June 1,
- 20 1995 shall pass a competency test.
- 21 (6) The board of a school district or intermediate school
- 22 district may employ an individual without a teaching certificate as
- 23 a substitute teacher if the individual has at least 90 semester
- 24 hours of college credit from a college or university.
- 25 (7) Beginning 2 years after the effective date of the
- 26 amendatory act that added this subsection, FEBRUARY 6, 2020, the
- 27 department shall not renew an individual's school counselor

- 1 credential unless the department determines that, within the time
- 2 period since the individual's school counselor credential was
- 3 issued or last renewed, whichever is most recent, the individual
- 4 has completed at least 25 hours of professional development
- 5 approved by the department under subsection (9) covering counseling
- 6 about the college preparation and selection process and at least 25
- 7 hours of professional development approved by the department under
- 8 subsection (9) covering career counseling. For the purposes of this
- 9 subsection, career counseling includes, but is not limited to,
- 10 exploration of military career options and the skilled trades as
- 11 well as other careers and pathways that lead to industry
- 12 credentials awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of
- 13 measurable technical or occupational skills necessary to obtain
- 14 employment or advance within an occupation. The hours of
- 15 professional development required under this subsection covering
- 16 career counseling shall include at least 5 hours covering military
- 17 career options. The hours of professional development required
- 18 under this subsection are a part of and not in addition to
- 19 professional development requirements under department rule.
- 20 (8) An individual may complete the professional development
- 21 hours for the purposes of subsection (7) as part of the
- 22 professional development provided by a school district,
- 23 intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic
- 24 school under section 1527 if the content and curriculum of the
- 25 professional development provided under section 1527 are approved
- 26 by the department under subsection (9).
- 27 (9) The department shall approve the professional development

- 1 for the purposes of subsection (7). The department shall only
- 2 approve a professional development program or course for the
- 3 purposes of subsection (7) if the department determines that the
- 4 content and curriculum for the professional development meet
- 5 standards that are developed by the department in consultation with
- 6 the department of talent and economic development and groups
- 7 representing school counselors, college admissions professionals,
- 8 financial aid officers, employers, and others as determined
- 9 appropriate by the department. The department shall develop these
- 10 standards by July 1, 2018 and shall facilitate the involvement in
- 11 the development of the standards of the groups required under this
- 12 subsection.
- 13 (10) The superintendent of public instruction shall promulgate
- 14 or modify rules as necessary to implement subsections (7) to (9).
- 15 Sec. 1233b. (1) Except—SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2) AND EXCEPT as
- 16 provided in subsection (3), the board of a local SCHOOL DISTRICT or
- 17 intermediate school district OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC
- 18 SCHOOL ACADEMY may engage a full-time or part-time noncertificated,
- 19 nonendorsed teacher to teach a course in computer science, a
- 20 foreign language, mathematics, biology, chemistry, engineering,
- 21 physics, robotics, or in another subject area determined by the
- 22 state board to be appropriate to be included under this section and
- 23 so designated by the state board, or any combination of these
- 24 subject areas, in grades 9 through 12, OR IN AN INDUSTRIAL
- 25 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM OR A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
- 26 PROGRAM.
- 27 (2) Subject to subsection (3), SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (6), a

- 1 noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher is qualified to teach pursuant
- 2 to UNDER this section if he or she meets all AT LEAST 1 of the
- 3 following minimum requirements:
- 4 (A) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 5 (i) (a) Possesses an earned bachelor's degree from an
- 6 accredited postsecondary institution.
- 7 (ii) Has a major or a graduate degree in the field of
- 8 specialization in which he or she will teach.
- 9 (iii) (c)—If the teacher desires to teach for more than 1
- 10 year, has passed both a basic skills examination and a subject area
- 11 examination, if a subject area examination exists, in the field of
- 12 specialization in which he or she will teach.
- 13 (iv) (d) Except in the case of persons INDIVIDUALS engaged to
- 14 teach a foreign language, has, in the 5-year period immediately
- 15 preceding the date of hire, not less than 2 years of occupational
- 16 experience in the field of specialization in which he or she will
- 17 teach.
- 18 (B) FOR TEACHING A COURSE IN AN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
- 19 EDUCATION PROGRAM OR A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, IS
- 20 ENGAGED TO TEACH IN A SUBJECT MATTER OR FIELD IN WHICH THE TEACHER
- 21 HAS ACHIEVED EXPERTISE, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL
- 22 DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A
- 23 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY, AND SATISFIES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 24 (i) HAS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY
- 25 CERTIFICATE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4 OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF
- 26 1979, MCL 388.1604.
- 27 (ii) FOR TEACHING IN A SUBJECT MATTER OR FIELD IN WHICH A

- 1 PROFESSIONAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED, AT LEAST 1 OF
- 2 THE FOLLOWING:
- 3 (A) HOLDS A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION IN THAT SAME
- 4 SUBJECT MATTER OR FIELD.
- 5 (B) PREVIOUSLY HELD A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION IN
- 6 THAT SAME SUBJECT MATTER OR FIELD THAT EXPIRED NO MORE THAN 2 YEARS
- 7 BEFORE THE NONCERTIFICATED, NONENDORSED TEACHER'S INITIAL
- 8 EMPLOYMENT UNDER THIS SECTION AND WAS IN GOOD STANDING IMMEDIATELY
- 9 BEFORE THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION EXPIRED.
- 10 (iii) HAS AT LEAST 2 CUMULATIVE YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL
- 11 EXPERIENCE IN THAT SAME SUBJECT MATTER OR FIELD IN THE IMMEDIATELY
- 12 PRECEDING 6 YEARS.
- 13 (3) The requirements listed in subsection (2) for a teacher
- 14 engaged to teach pursuant to UNDER this section shall be in
- 15 addition to any other requirements established by the board of a
- 16 local SCHOOL DISTRICT or intermediate school district OR BOARD OF
- 17 DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY, as applicable.
- 18 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), the board of a local
- 19 SCHOOL DISTRICT or intermediate school district OR BOARD OF
- 20 DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY shall not engage a full-time
- 21 or part-time noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher to teach a course
- 22 described in subsection (1) if the district OR PUBLIC SCHOOL
- 23 ACADEMY is able to engage a certificated, endorsed teacher.
- 24 (5) If SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (6), IF the board of a local
- 25 SCHOOL DISTRICT or intermediate school district OR BOARD OF
- 26 DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY is able to engage a
- 27 certificated, endorsed teacher to teach a course described in

- 1 subsection (1), the local or intermediate school board **OR BOARD OF**
- 2 DIRECTORS may employ or continue to employ a noncertificated,
- 3 nonendorsed teacher to teach the course if both of the following
- 4 conditions are met: THE NONCERTIFICATED, NONENDORSED TEACHER MEETS
- 5 AT LEAST 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 6 (A) BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 7 (i) (a)—The noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher is annually
- 8 and continually enrolled and completing credit in an approved
- 9 teacher preparation program leading to a provisional teaching
- 10 certificate.
- 11 (ii) $\frac{(b)}{(b)}$ The noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher has a
- 12 planned program leading to teacher certification on file with the
- 13 employing school district or intermediate school district OR PUBLIC
- 14 SCHOOL ACADEMY, his or her teacher preparation institution, and the
- 15 department. of education.
- 16 (B) IS ENGAGED TO TEACH IN AN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
- 17 PROGRAM OR A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND MEETS THE
- 18 REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(B).
- 19 (6) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
- 20 DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY MAY
- 21 EMPLOY A NONCERTIFICATED, NONENDORSED TEACHER WHO MEETS THE
- 22 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2) (B) TO TEACH IN AN INDUSTRIAL
- 23 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM OR A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
- 24 PROGRAM FOR UP TO 10 YEARS. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
- 25 INSTRUCTION MAY PERMIT THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO EMPLOY
- 26 THE TEACHER FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS.
- 27 (7) (6)—If the noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher completes

- 1 3 years of successful classroom teaching, as determined by regular
- 2 observation and review by school district, INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
- 3 DISTRICT, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY PERSONNEL and teacher
- 4 preparation institution personnel, the department of education and
- 5 a teacher preparation institution shall utilize the teaching
- 6 experience of a noncertificated, nonendorsed teacher for the
- 7 purpose of waiving student teaching as a condition for receiving a
- 8 continued employment authorization in the school district,
- 9 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY and a
- 10 provisional teaching certificate.
- 11 (8) AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGED TO TEACH UNDER THIS SECTION IS
- 12 SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 1526 AND 1527.
- Sec. 1249. (1) Subject to subsection (4), with the involvement
- 14 of teachers and school administrators, the board of a school
- 15 district or intermediate school district or board of directors of a
- 16 public school academy shall adopt and implement for all teachers
- 17 and school administrators a rigorous, transparent, and fair
- 18 performance evaluation system that does all of the following:
- 19 (a) Evaluates the teacher's or school administrator's job
- 20 performance at least annually while providing timely and
- 21 constructive feedback.
- (b) Establishes clear approaches to measuring student growth
- 23 and provides teachers and school administrators with relevant data
- 24 on student growth.
- (c) Evaluates a teacher's or school administrator's job
- 26 performance, using multiple rating categories that take into
- 27 account student growth and assessment data. Student growth must be

- 1 measured using multiple measures that may include student learning
- 2 objectives, achievement of individualized education program goals,
- 3 nationally normed or locally developed assessments that are aligned
- 4 to state standards, research-based growth measures, or alternative
- 5 assessments that are rigorous and comparable across schools within
- 6 the school district, intermediate school district, or public school
- 7 academy. If the performance evaluation system implemented by a
- 8 school district, intermediate school district, or public school
- 9 academy under this section does not already include the rating of
- 10 teachers as highly effective, effective, minimally effective, and
- 11 ineffective, then the school district, intermediate school
- 12 district, or public school academy shall revise the performance
- 13 evaluation system not later than September 19, 2011 to ensure that
- 14 it rates teachers as highly effective, effective, minimally
- 15 effective, or ineffective.
- 16 (d) Uses the evaluations, at a minimum, to inform decisions
- 17 regarding all of the following:
- 18 (i) The effectiveness of teachers and school administrators,
- 19 ensuring that they are given ample opportunities for improvement.
- 20 (ii) Promotion, retention, and development of teachers and
- 21 school administrators, including providing relevant coaching,
- 22 instruction support, or professional development.
- 23 (iii) Whether to grant tenure or full certification, or both,
- 24 to teachers and school administrators using rigorous standards and
- 25 streamlined, transparent, and fair procedures.
- 26 (iv) Removing ineffective tenured and untenured teachers and
- 27 school administrators after they have had ample opportunities to

- 1 improve, and ensuring that these decisions are made using rigorous
- 2 standards and streamlined, transparent, and fair procedures.
- 3 (2) The board of a school district or intermediate school
- 4 district or board of directors of a public school academy shall
- 5 ensure that the performance evaluation system for teachers meets
- 6 all of the following:
- 7 (a) The performance evaluation system shall include at least
- 8 an annual year-end evaluation for all teachers. Beginning with the
- 9 2015-2016 school year, an annual year-end evaluation shall meet all
- 10 of the following:
- 11 (i) For the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 school years,
- 12 25% of the annual year-end evaluation shall be based on student
- 13 growth and assessment data. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school
- 14 year, 40% of the annual year-end evaluation shall be based on
- 15 student growth and assessment data.
- 16 (ii) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, for core
- 17 content areas in grades and subjects in which state assessments are
- 18 administered, 50% of student growth must be measured using the
- 19 state assessments, and the portion of student growth not measured
- 20 using state assessments must be measured using multiple research-
- 21 based growth measures or alternative assessments that are rigorous
- 22 and comparable across schools within the school district,
- 23 intermediate school district, or public school academy. Student
- 24 growth also may be measured by student learning objectives or
- 25 nationally normed or locally adopted assessments that are aligned
- 26 to state standards, or based on achievement of individualized
- 27 education program goals.

- 1 (iii) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the portion of
- 2 a teacher's annual year-end evaluation that is not based on student
- 3 growth and assessment data, as described under subparagraph (i),
- 4 shall be based primarily on a teacher's performance as measured by
- 5 the evaluation tool developed or adopted by the school district,
- 6 intermediate school district, or public school academy under
- 7 subdivision (f).
- **8** (iv) The portion of a teacher's evaluation that is not
- 9 measured using student growth and assessment data, as described
- 10 under subparagraph (i), or using the evaluation tool developed or
- 11 adopted by the school district, intermediate school district, or
- 12 public school academy, as described under subparagraph (iii), shall
- incorporate criteria enumerated in section 1248(1)(b)(i) to (iii)
- 14 that are not otherwise evaluated under subparagraph (i) or (iii).
- 15 (b) If there are student growth and assessment data available
- 16 for a teacher for at least 3 school years, the annual year-end
- 17 evaluation shall be based on the student growth and assessment data
- 18 for the most recent 3-consecutive-school-year period. If there are
- 19 not student growth and assessment data available for a teacher for
- 20 at least 3 school years, the annual year-end evaluation shall be
- 21 based on all student growth and assessment data that are available
- 22 for the teacher.
- 23 (c) The annual year-end evaluation shall include specific
- 24 performance goals that will assist in improving effectiveness for
- 25 the next school year and are developed by the school administrator
- 26 or his or her designee conducting the evaluation, in consultation
- 27 with the teacher, and any recommended training identified by the

- 1 school administrator or designee, in consultation with the teacher,
- 2 that would assist the teacher in meeting these goals. For a teacher
- 3 described in subdivision (d), the school administrator or designee
- 4 shall develop, in consultation with the teacher, an individualized
- 5 development plan that includes these goals and training and is
- 6 designed to assist the teacher to improve his or her effectiveness.
- 7 (d) The performance evaluation system shall include a midyear
- 8 progress report for a teacher who is in the first year of the
- 9 probationary period prescribed by section 1 of article II of 1937
- 10 (Ex Sess) PA 4, MCL 38.81, or who received a rating of minimally
- 11 effective or ineffective in his or her most recent annual year-end
- 12 evaluation. The midyear progress report shall be used as a
- 13 supplemental tool to gauge a teacher's improvement from the
- 14 preceding school year and to assist a teacher to improve. All of
- 15 the following apply to the midyear progress report:
- 16 (i) The midyear progress report shall be based at least in
- 17 part on student achievement.
- 18 (ii) The midyear progress report shall be aligned with the
- 19 teacher's individualized development plan under subdivision (c).
- 20 (iii) The midyear progress report shall include specific
- 21 performance goals for the remainder of the school year that are
- 22 developed by the school administrator conducting the annual year-
- 23 end evaluation or his or her designee and any recommended training
- 24 identified by the school administrator or designee that would
- 25 assist the teacher in meeting these goals. At the midyear progress
- 26 report, the school administrator or designee shall develop, in
- 27 consultation with the teacher, a written improvement plan that

- 1 includes these goals and training and is designed to assist the
- 2 teacher to improve his or her rating.
- 3 (iv) The midyear progress report shall not take the place of
- 4 an annual year-end evaluation.
- 5 (e) The performance evaluation system shall include classroom
- 6 observations to assist in the performance evaluations. All of the
- 7 following apply to these classroom observations:
- 8 (i) A classroom observation shall include a review of the
- 9 teacher's lesson plan and the state curriculum standard being used
- 10 in the lesson and a review of pupil engagement in the lesson.
- 11 (ii) A classroom observation does not have to be for an entire
- 12 class period.
- 13 (iii) Unless a teacher has received a rating of effective or
- 14 highly effective on his or her 2 most recent annual year-end
- 15 evaluations, there shall be at least 2 classroom observations of
- 16 the teacher each school year. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school
- 17 year, at least 1 observation must be unscheduled.
- 18 (iv) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the school
- 19 administrator responsible for the teacher's performance evaluation
- 20 shall conduct at least 1 of the observations. Other observations
- 21 may be conducted by other observers who are trained in the use of
- 22 the evaluation tool that is used under subdivision (f). These other
- 23 observers may be teacher leaders.
- (v) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a school
- 25 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy
- 26 shall ensure that, within 30 days after each observation, the
- 27 teacher is provided with feedback from the observation.

- 1 (f) For the purposes of conducting annual year-end evaluations
- 2 under the performance evaluation system, by the beginning of the
- 3 2016-2017 school year, the school district, intermediate school
- 4 district, or public school academy shall adopt and implement 1 or
- 5 more of the evaluation tools for teachers that are included on the
- 6 list under subsection (5). However, if a school district,
- 7 intermediate school district, or public school academy has 1 or
- 8 more local evaluation tools for teachers or modifications of an
- 9 evaluation tool on the list under subsection (5), and the school
- 10 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy
- 11 complies with subsection (3), the school district, intermediate
- 12 school district, or public school academy may conduct annual year-
- 13 end evaluations for teachers using 1 or more local evaluation tools
- 14 or modifications. The evaluation tools shall be used consistently
- 15 among the schools operated by a school district, intermediate
- 16 school district, or public school academy so that all similarly
- 17 situated teachers are evaluated using the same evaluation tool.
- 18 (q) The performance evaluation system shall assign an
- 19 effectiveness rating to each teacher of highly effective,
- 20 effective, minimally effective, or ineffective, based on his or her
- 21 score on the annual year-end evaluation described in this
- 22 subsection.
- 23 (h) As part of the performance evaluation system, and in
- 24 addition to the requirements of section 1526, a school district,
- 25 intermediate school district, or public school academy is
- 26 encouraged to assign a mentor or coach to each teacher who is
- 27 described in subdivision (d).

- 1 (i) The performance evaluation system may allow for exemption
- 2 of student growth data for a particular pupil for a school year
- 3 upon the recommendation of the school administrator conducting the
- 4 annual year-end evaluation or his or her designee and approval of
- 5 the school district superintendent or his or her designee,
- 6 intermediate superintendent or his or her designee, or chief
- 7 administrator of the public school academy, as applicable.
- 8 (j) The performance evaluation system shall provide that, if a
- 9 teacher is rated as ineffective on 3 consecutive annual year-end
- 10 evaluations, the school district, public school academy, or
- 11 intermediate school district shall dismiss the teacher from his or
- 12 her employment. This subdivision does not affect the ability of a
- 13 school district, intermediate school district, or public school
- 14 academy to dismiss a teacher from his or her employment regardless
- 15 of whether the teacher is rated as ineffective on 3 consecutive
- 16 annual year-end evaluations.
- 17 (k) The performance evaluation system shall provide that, if a
- 18 teacher is rated as highly effective on 3 consecutive annual year-
- 19 end evaluations, the school district, intermediate school district,
- 20 or public school academy may choose to conduct a year-end
- 21 evaluation biennially instead of annually. However, if a teacher is
- 22 not rated as highly effective on 1 of these biennial year-end
- 23 evaluations, the teacher shall again be provided with annual year-
- 24 end evaluations.
- (l) The performance evaluation system shall provide that, if a
- 26 teacher who is not in a probationary period prescribed by section 1
- 27 of article II of 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, MCL 38.81, is rated as

- 1 ineffective on an annual year-end evaluation, the teacher may
- 2 request a review of the evaluation and the rating by the school
- 3 district superintendent, intermediate superintendent, or chief
- 4 administrator of the public school academy, as applicable. The
- 5 request for a review must be submitted in writing within 20 days
- 6 after the teacher is informed of the rating. Upon receipt of the
- 7 request, the school district superintendent, intermediate
- 8 superintendent, or chief administrator of the public school
- 9 academy, as applicable, shall review the evaluation and rating and
- 10 may make any modifications as appropriate based on his or her
- 11 review. However, the performance evaluation system shall not allow
- 12 for a review as described in this subdivision more than twice in a
- 3 3-school-year period.
- 14 (m) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the school
- 15 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy
- 16 shall provide training to teachers on the evaluation tool or tools
- 17 used by the school district, intermediate school district, or
- 18 public school academy in its performance evaluation system and on
- 19 how each evaluation tool is used. This training may be provided by
- 20 a school district, intermediate school district, or public school
- 21 academy, or by a consortium consisting of 2 or more of these.
- (n) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a school
- 23 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy
- 24 shall ensure that training is provided to all evaluators and
- 25 observers. The training shall be provided by an individual who has
- 26 expertise in the evaluation tool or tools used by the school
- 27 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy,

- 1 which may include either a consultant on that evaluation tool or
- 2 framework or an individual who has been trained to train others in
- 3 the use of the evaluation tool or tools. This subdivision does not
- 4 prohibit a school district, intermediate school district, public
- 5 school academy, or consortium consisting of 2 or more of these,
- 6 from providing the training in the use of the evaluation tool or
- 7 tools if the trainer has expertise in the evaluation tool or tools.
- 8 (3) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, a school
- 9 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy
- 10 shall post on its public website all of the following information
- 11 about the evaluation tool or tools it uses for its performance
- 12 evaluation system for teachers:
- 13 (a) The research base for the evaluation framework,
- 14 instrument, and process or, if the school district, intermediate
- 15 school district, or public school academy adapts or modifies an
- 16 evaluation tool from the list under subsection (5), the research
- 17 base for the listed evaluation tool and an assurance that the
- 18 adaptations or modifications do not compromise the validity of that
- 19 research base.
- 20 (b) The identity and qualifications of the author or authors
- 21 or, if the school district, intermediate school district, or public
- 22 school academy adapts or modifies an evaluation tool from the list
- 23 under subsection (5), the identity and qualifications of a person
- 24 with expertise in teacher evaluations who has reviewed the adapted
- 25 or modified evaluation tool.
- 26 (c) Either evidence of reliability, validity, and efficacy or
- 27 a plan for developing that evidence or, if the school district,

- 1 intermediate school district, or public school academy adapts or
- 2 modifies an evaluation tool from the list under subsection (5), an
- 3 assurance that the adaptations or modifications do not compromise
- 4 the reliability, validity, or efficacy of the evaluation tool or
- 5 the evaluation process.
- 6 (d) The evaluation frameworks and rubrics with detailed
- 7 descriptors for each performance level on key summative indicators.
- 8 (e) A description of the processes for conducting classroom
- 9 observations, collecting evidence, conducting evaluation
- 10 conferences, developing performance ratings, and developing
- 11 performance improvement plans.
- 12 (f) A description of the plan for providing evaluators and
- 13 observers with training.
- 14 (4) If a collective bargaining agreement was in effect for
- 15 teachers or school administrators of a school district, public
- 16 school academy, or intermediate school district as of July 19,
- 17 2011, if that same collective bargaining agreement is still in
- 18 effect as of November 5, 2015, and if that collective bargaining
- 19 agreement prevents compliance with subsection (1), then subsection
- 20 (1) does not apply to that school district, public school academy,
- 21 or intermediate school district until after the expiration of that
- 22 collective bargaining agreement.
- 23 (5) The department shall establish and maintain a list of
- 24 teacher evaluation tools that have demonstrated evidence of
- 25 efficacy and that may be used for the purposes of this section.
- 26 That list initially shall include at least the evaluation models
- 27 recommended in the final recommendations released by the Michigan

- 1 council on educator effectiveness in July 2013. The list shall
- 2 include a statement indicating that school districts, intermediate
- 3 school districts, and public school academies are not limited to
- 4 only using the evaluation tools that are included on the list. A
- 5 school district, intermediate school district, or public school
- 6 academy is not required to use an evaluation tool for teacher
- 7 evaluations that is the same as it uses for school administrator
- 8 evaluations or that has the same author or authors as the
- 9 evaluation tool it uses for school administrator evaluations. The
- 10 department shall promulgate rules establishing standards and
- 11 procedures for adding an evaluation tool to or removing an
- 12 evaluation tool from the list. These rules shall include a process
- 13 for a school district, intermediate school district, or public
- 14 school academy to submit its own evaluation tool for review for
- 15 placement on the list.
- 16 (6) The training required under subsection (2) shall be paid
- 17 for from the funds available in the educator evaluation reserve
- 18 fund created under section 95a of the state school aid act, MCL
- **19** 388.1695a.
- 20 (7) This section does not affect the operation or
- 21 applicability of section 1248.
- 22 (8) As used in this section, "teacher" means an individual who
- 23 has a valid Michigan teaching certificate or authorization OR WHO
- 24 IS ENGAGED TO TEACH UNDER SECTION 1233B; who is employed, or
- 25 contracted for, by a school district, intermediate school district,
- 26 or public school academy; and who is assigned by the school
- 27 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy to

- 1 deliver direct instruction to pupils in any of grades K to 12 as a
- 2 teacher of record.
- 3 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 4 after the date it is enacted into law.
- 5 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 6 unless House Bill No. 5142 of the 99th Legislature is enacted into
- 7 law.