

House Bill 5476

Sponsor: Rep. Deborah Cherry

Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5476 AS INTRODUCED 1-14-98

The bill would amend the Revised School Code in the following ways.

-- The code says that the State Board of Education must immediately nullify a teacher's teaching certificate upon the request of the teacher and may at a teacher's request nullify one or more endorsements on the certificate or a grade level certification included in the certificate that has not been used for at least ten years. House Bill 5476 would strike the word "immediately" and specify that a nullification approved on or before March 1 of a calendar year would take effect on July 1 of the same calendar year and a nullification approved after March 1 would take effect on July 1 of the next calendar year. The bill also would change the "may" to a "shall" in the case of state board nullification of endorsements and grade levels.

-- The code authorizes fees to be charged to teachers or teacher candidates for the basic skills examination, elementary certification examination, and the subject area examinations. It also permits an additional fee to be charged if a subject area examination for vocational education includes a performance examination. The bill would allow the additional fee for performance tests in other subject areas. (The fee cannot exceed the actual cost of administering the performance examination.)

-- The code says that a person holding a teaching certificate from another state who meets all requirements for the Michigan certificate except passage of the appropriate tests must be issued a nonrenewable temporary teaching certificate good for one year. A teaching certificate cannot be awarded to the person after the temporary certificate expires unless the person has passed the examinations. The bill would specify that if the person did pass the examinations, the state board would have to credit the year of teaching under the temporary certificate as one year of successful experience counting toward further teacher certification.

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