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Senate Bill 443 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Dennis Olshove
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to authorize an individual who held an elementary level or a secondary level teaching certificate to teach in 6th grade.

Specifically, the bill provides that notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, if an individual held a valid Michigan teaching certificate, the individual would be certified to teach in 6th grade regardless of whether he or she held an elementary level teaching certificate or a secondary level teaching certificate.

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Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

State: The State could see minimally reduced restricted teacher testing revenue if this bill were enacted. Currently, a person holding an elementary certificate may teach 6th grade (if in a nonself-contained classroom) only if the person passed the test(s) in the subject area(s) he or she wishes to teach. The legislation would allow someone with an elementary certificate to teach 6th grade without having taken the subject area test(s).

Local: Local districts could see some cost savings due to increased flexibility allowed by this legislation. For example, a district needing a 6th grade teacher and having excess teacher capacity in a different grade could use the extra teacher, regardless of his or her certificate grade designation, if the bill were enacted.

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