

# SENATE BILL NO. 657

November 13, 2019, 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 1531i (MCL 380.1531i), as amended by 2018 PA  
106.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           Sec. 1531i. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall  
2   establish a process for an individual to earn an interim teaching  
3   certificate under this section that qualifies the individual to  
4   teach in ~~the~~ public schools and to earn a Michigan teaching

1 certificate using the process under this section. The process ~~shall~~  
 2 **must** meet all applicable requirements for an alternative teaching  
 3 certification process under the no child left behind act of 2001,  
 4 Public Law 107-110, ~~. The process shall not allow for an interim~~  
 5 ~~teaching certificate for special education.~~**or every student**  
 6 **succeeds act, Public Law 114-95, as applicable.**

7 (2) The process established under subsection (1) ~~shall~~**must**  
 8 provide that the superintendent of public instruction will grant an  
 9 interim teaching certificate to an individual who meets all of the  
 10 following:

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

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

- 21 (A) Child development or child psychology.
- 22 (B) Family and community relationships.
- 23 (C) Diverse learners.
- 24 (D) Instructional strategies.
- 25 (E) A form of field-based experience in a classroom setting.

26 (ii) Has a proven record of producing successful teachers or is  
 27 modeled after a program that has a proven record of producing  
 28 successful teachers.

29 (iii) Its participants have a cohort grade point average of at

1 least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent on another scale, as  
2 determined by the superintendent of public instruction, upon  
3 earning the degree required under subdivision (b). If a cohort  
4 member has earned more than 1 degree required under subdivision  
5 (b), the highest grade point average earned by the cohort member  
6 must be used in calculating the cohort grade point average under  
7 this subparagraph.

8 (iv) Accepts for participation only individuals who meet the  
9 requirements of subdivision (b).

10 (b) Holds a bachelor's, master's, doctorate, or professional  
11 degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

12 (c) Passes the appropriate available subject area examination  
13 for each subject area in which he or she applies to be certified.

14 (3) An individual earning a Michigan teaching certificate  
15 using the process under this section will be subject to provisions  
16 of administrative rules governing teachers, as established by the  
17 superintendent of public instruction.

18 (4) An individual who possesses an interim teaching  
19 certificate under this section may be employed to teach in a public  
20 school in the same manner as an individual holding a Michigan  
21 teaching certificate issued under section 1531 if ~~all~~**both** of the  
22 following requirements are met:

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

28 (b) The individual is making satisfactory progress toward  
29 meeting the requirements for being awarded a Michigan teaching

1 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 an individual a Michigan teaching  
5 certificate issued under section 1531 after the individual has  
6 demonstrated satisfactory teaching performance for 3 years under an  
7 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 (7) As used in this section:

13 (a) "Cohort" means all of the individuals enrolled in an  
14 alternative teaching program approved by the superintendent of  
15 public instruction for the 3 years immediately preceding the  
16 granting of an interim teaching certificate under this section to  
17 an individual enrolled in the alternative teaching program.

18 (b) ~~"Elementary certification examination" and "subject~~  
19 **"Subject area examination"** ~~mean those terms~~ **means that term** as  
20 defined in section 1531.