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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
101ST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2021**

Introduced by Senator McBroom

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 118

AN ACT to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools, the intermediate school districts, community colleges, and public universities of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 163 (MCL 388.1763), as amended by 2020 PA 165.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 163. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the revised school code, the board of a district or intermediate district shall not permit any of the following:

(a) An individual who is not appropriately placed under a valid certificate, valid substitute permit, authorization, or approval issued under rules promulgated by the department to teach in an elementary or secondary school.

(b) An individual who does not satisfy the requirements of section 1233 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1233, and rules promulgated by the department to provide school counselor services to pupils in an elementary or secondary school.

(c) An individual who does not satisfy the requirements of section 1246 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1246, or who is not working under a valid substitute permit issued under rules promulgated by the department, to be employed as a superintendent, principal, or assistant principal, or as an individual whose primary responsibility is to administer instructional programs in an elementary or secondary school or in a district or intermediate district.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the revised school code, this subsection, or subsection (4) or (7), a district or intermediate district employing an individual in violation of this section before July 1, 2021 must have deducted an amount equal to the amount paid to the individual for the period of employment that is in violation of this section. Except as otherwise provided under subsection (4) or (7), a district or intermediate district employing an individual in violation of this section on or after July 1, 2021 must have deducted an amount equal to 50% of the amount paid to the individual for the period of employment that is in violation of this section. Except as otherwise provided under subsection (4), beginning July 1, 2021, if a district or intermediate district is notified by the department that it is employing an individual in violation of this section and it continues to employ the individual in violation of this section 10 business days after receiving the notification, both of the following apply:

(a) The district or intermediate district must have deducted an amount equal to 50% of the amount paid to the individual for the period of employment that is in violation of this section that occurs before the expiration of the 10-day period described in this subsection.

(b) The district or intermediate district must have deducted an amount equal to 100% of the amount paid to the individual for the period of employment that is in violation of this section that occurs after the 10-day period described in this subsection.

(3) For purposes of subsection (2), if a district or intermediate district on behalf of an individual or an individual successfully completes the credential application process through the department, including the submission of an appropriate application, required fees, and all required supporting documentation, the individual's employment with the district or intermediate district after this completion is not considered a period of employment that is in violation of this section.

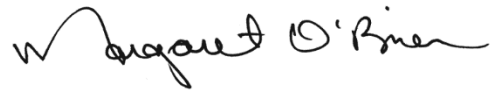
(4) A deduction under subsection (2) for employment in violation of this section that occurs on or after July 1, 2021, may be less than the amount required under that subsection if the superintendent of public instruction finds that the district or intermediate district was hindered in its ability to obtain a substitute credential to enable the district or intermediate district to employ the individual in compliance with this section due to unusual and extenuating circumstances resulting from conditions not within the control of school authorities, including, but not limited to, a natural disaster, death or serious illness of the individual or another employee, an emergency school closure, fraud or other intentional wrongdoing of the individual or another employee, or an emergency health condition as defined by city, county, or state health authorities.

(5) For employment of an individual in violation of this section that occurs on or after July 1, 2021, upon request by a district or intermediate district, the department shall credit the amount of an adjustment in payments under section 15 that is based on the employment of the individual that gave rise to the deduction under subsection (2) or (4) against the amount of the deduction under subsection (2) or (4). The amount of the credit under this subsection must not be in an amount that is greater than the deduction assessed under subsection (2) or (4).


(6) If a school official is notified by the department that he or she is employing an individual in violation of this section and knowingly continues to employ that individual, the school official is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1,500.00 for each incidence. This penalty is in addition to all other financial penalties otherwise specified in this article.

(7) There must be no deduction under subsection (2) for a period of employment in violation of this section that occurs between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved _____

Governor