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Senate Bill 727 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Phil Pavlov
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to modify the criteria used to grant an interim teaching certificate by deleting the requirement that an individual pass the basic skills examination, and making other changes regarding a teaching program provider.

The Act requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a process for an individual to earn an interim teaching certificate that qualifies the individual to teach in the public schools and earn a Michigan teaching certificate. The process must require that an individual be a participant in an alternative teaching program that is approved by the Superintendent. To be approved, a program provider must demonstrate that it meets certain criteria, including having a proven record of producing successful teachers in one or more other states or being modeled after a program that has a proven record of producing successful teachers in one or more other states.

Under the bill, a program provider would have to have a proven record of producing successful teachers or be modeled after such a program. A program provider's participants would have to have a cohort grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent on another scale, as determined by the Superintendent, upon earning the degree.

The criteria also must require the individual to meet both of the following:

- Hold a bachelor's, master's, doctorate, or professional degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent on another scale, as determined by the Superintendent.
- Pass both the basic skills examination and the appropriate available subject area examination for each subject area in which he or she applies to be certified.

The bill would remove the requirement that the individual pass the basic skills examination. The bill also would delete the requirement that the individual have a grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent on another scale.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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