

# SENATE BILL NO. 1097

June 23, 2022, Introduced by Senators WOJNO, MOSS, BAYER, BRINKS, POLEHANKI, GEISS, SANTANA, MCMORROW, MCCANN, CHANG, HERTEL, MCBROOM and IRWIN 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 1531 (MCL 380.1531), as amended by 2018 PA 235.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1531. (1) Except as provided in this act, the  
2       superintendent of public instruction shall determine the  
3       requirements for and issue all licenses and certificates for  
4       teachers, including preprimary teachers, and the requirements for  
5       an endorsement of teachers as qualified counselors and an

1 endorsement of teachers for teaching a foreign language in an  
2 elementary grade in the public schools of the state.

3 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the  
4 superintendent of public instruction shall only issue a teaching  
5 certificate to an individual who has passed appropriate  
6 examinations as follows:

7 (a) For a secondary level teaching certificate, has passed the  
8 appropriate available subject area examination for each subject  
9 area in which he or she applies to be certified.

10 (b) For an elementary level teaching certificate, has passed,  
11 if it is available, the elementary certification examination, and  
12 has passed the appropriate available subject area examination for  
13 each subject area, if any, in which he or she applies to be  
14 certified.

15 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the  
16 superintendent of public instruction shall issue a Michigan  
17 teaching certificate to an individual holding a certificate from  
18 another state or a teaching degree from an out-of-state teacher  
19 preparation institution who applies for a Michigan teaching  
20 certificate only if the individual ~~passes~~ **meets either of the**  
21 **following, as applicable:**

22 (a) **Passes** appropriate examinations as follows:

23 (i) ~~(a)~~ For a secondary level teaching certificate, pass the  
24 appropriate available subject area examination for each subject  
25 area in which he or she applies to be certified. The superintendent  
26 of public instruction may accept passage of an equivalent  
27 examination approved by the superintendent of public instruction to  
28 meet this requirement.

29 (ii) ~~(b)~~ For an elementary level teaching certificate, pass, if

1 it is available, the elementary certification examination, and pass  
 2 the appropriate available subject area examination for each subject  
 3 area, if any, in which he or she applies to be certified. The  
 4 superintendent of public instruction may accept passage of an  
 5 equivalent examination approved by the superintendent of public  
 6 instruction to meet 1 or both of these requirements.

7 **(b) Has obtained 3 successful performance evaluations for his**  
 8 **or her teaching in the other state in which his or her teaching**  
 9 **certificate was valid within the 5 years before the individual**  
 10 **applies for a teaching certificate in this state.**

11 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the  
 12 superintendent of public instruction shall only issue a teaching  
 13 certificate to an individual who has met the elementary or  
 14 secondary, as applicable, reading credit requirements established  
 15 under superintendent of public instruction rule. If an individual  
 16 holds a teaching certificate, ~~then beginning July 1, 2009,~~  
 17 notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the superintendent of  
 18 public instruction shall not advance the individual's certification  
 19 to professional certification unless the individual has  
 20 successfully completed at least a 3-credit course of study with  
 21 appropriate field experiences in the diagnosis and remediation of  
 22 reading disabilities and differentiated instruction. To meet this  
 23 requirement, the course of study should include the following  
 24 elements, as determined by the department to be appropriate for the  
 25 individual's certification level and endorsements: interest  
 26 inventories, English language learning screening, visual and  
 27 auditory discrimination tools, language expression and processing  
 28 screening, phonemics, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension,  
 29 spelling and writing assessment tools, and instructional

1 strategies. An individual may complete the course of study either  
2 as part of his or her teacher preparation program or during the  
3 first 6 years of his or her employment in classroom teaching.

4 (5) Not later than January 11, 2002, the superintendent of  
5 public instruction, in cooperation with appropriate curriculum  
6 specialists and teacher educators, shall revise existing reading  
7 standards to recognize reading disorders and to enable teachers to  
8 make referrals for instruction and support for pupils with reading  
9 disorders.

10 (6) Subject to subsection (8), if an individual holding a  
11 teaching certificate from another state applies to the  
12 superintendent of public instruction for a Michigan teaching  
13 certificate and meets the requirements of this subsection, the  
14 superintendent of public instruction shall issue to the individual  
15 a Michigan professional education teaching certificate and  
16 applicable endorsements comparable to those the individual holds in  
17 the other state, without requiring the individual to pass the  
18 applicable subject area examination otherwise required under  
19 subsection (2) or (3). To be eligible to receive a Michigan  
20 professional education teaching certificate under this subsection,  
21 an individual shall provide evidence satisfactory to the department  
22 that he or she meets all of the following requirements:

23 (a) Has taught successfully for at least 3 years in a position  
24 for which the individual's teaching certification from the other  
25 state was valid.

26 (b) Has earned, after his or her initial certification in  
27 another state, at least 18 semester credit hours in a planned  
28 course of study at an institution of higher education approved by  
29 the superintendent of public instruction or has earned, at any

1 time, a master's or doctoral degree approved by the superintendent  
2 of public instruction.

3 (c) Has met the elementary or secondary, as applicable,  
4 reading credit requirement established under superintendent of  
5 public instruction rule.

6 (7) An individual who receives a teaching certificate and  
7 endorsement or endorsements under subsection (6) is eligible to  
8 receive 1 or more additional endorsements comparable to  
9 endorsements the individual holds in another state only if the  
10 individual passes the appropriate subject area examinations  
11 required under subsection (2) or (3).

12 (8) The superintendent of public instruction shall deny a  
13 Michigan teaching certificate to an individual described in  
14 subsection (6) for fraud, material misrepresentation, or  
15 concealment in the individual's application for a certificate or  
16 for a conviction for which an individual's teaching certificate may  
17 be revoked under section 1535a.

18 (9) The department, based upon criteria recommended under  
19 subsection (11), shall provide to approved teacher education  
20 institutions approved guidelines and criteria for use in the  
21 development or selection of subject area examinations.

22 (10) For the purposes of this section, the superintendent of  
23 public instruction, based upon criteria recommended under  
24 subsection (11), shall develop, select, or develop and select 1 or  
25 more subject area examinations. In addition, the superintendent of  
26 public instruction, based upon criteria recommended under  
27 subsection (11), shall approve an elementary certification  
28 examination and a reading subject area examination. If the  
29 department develops for use under this subsection an examination

1 that had previously been contracted for using a competitive bid  
2 process, then the department shall not expend on the development of  
3 that examination an amount that exceeds the amount that the  
4 department expended on procurement of the most recent  
5 competitively-bid version of that examination.

6 (11) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an  
7 11-member teacher examination advisory committee composed of  
8 representatives of approved teacher education institutions and  
9 Michigan education organizations and associations. Not more than  
10 1/2 of the members comprising this committee shall be certified  
11 teachers. This committee shall recommend criteria to be used by the  
12 superintendent of public instruction in the development, selection,  
13 or development and selection of subject area examinations. In  
14 addition, the committee shall recommend guidelines for the use and  
15 administration of those examinations.

16 (12) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a  
17 7-member standing technical advisory council composed of  
18 individuals who are experts in measurement and assessment. This  
19 council shall advise the superintendent of public instruction and  
20 the teacher examination committee on the validity, reliability, and  
21 other technical standards of the examinations that will be used or  
22 are being used and of the administration and use of those  
23 examinations.

24 (13) Not later than November 30 of each year, the  
25 superintendent of public instruction shall submit in writing a  
26 report on the development or selection and use of the elementary  
27 certification examination and the subject area examinations to the  
28 house and senate education committees. The report shall also  
29 contain a financial statement regarding revenue received from the

1 assessment of fees levied under subsection (15) and the amount of  
2 and any purposes for which that revenue was expended.

3 (14) The elementary certification examination and the subject  
4 area examinations required by this section may be taken at  
5 different times during an approved teacher preparation program, but  
6 the elementary certification examination and the subject area  
7 examinations, as applicable, must be passed before an individual is  
8 recommended for certification.

9 (15) The department, or if approved by the superintendent of  
10 public instruction, a private testing service, may assess fees for  
11 taking the elementary certification examination and the subject  
12 area examinations. The fees, which shall be set by the  
13 superintendent of public instruction, shall not exceed the actual  
14 cost of the examination and of administering the examination. Fees  
15 received by the department shall be expended solely for  
16 administrative expenses that it incurs in implementing this  
17 section. If the superintendent of public instruction increases a  
18 fee charged for an examination under this subsection, at least 1  
19 year before implementing the fee increase, the department shall  
20 notify each approved teacher education institution of the amount of  
21 the fee increase. An approved teacher education institution shall  
22 notify each of its affected students of the timing and amount of  
23 such a fee increase.

24 (16) If an individual holding a teaching certificate from  
25 another state applies for a Michigan teaching certificate and meets  
26 all requirements for the Michigan teaching certificate except  
27 ~~passage of the appropriate examinations~~ **the requirements** under  
28 subsection (3), the superintendent of public instruction shall  
29 issue a nonrenewable temporary teaching certificate, good for 1

1 year, to the individual. The superintendent of public instruction  
2 shall not issue a Michigan teaching certificate to the individual  
3 after expiration of the temporary teaching certificate unless the  
4 individual ~~passes appropriate examinations as described in~~ **meets**  
5 **the requirements under** subsection (3).

6 ~~(17) As used in this section:~~

7 ~~(a) "Elementary certification examination" means a~~  
8 ~~comprehensive examination for elementary certification that has~~  
9 ~~been developed or selected by the superintendent of public~~  
10 ~~instruction for demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and~~  
11 ~~understanding of the core subjects normally taught in elementary~~  
12 ~~classrooms and for determining whether or not an applicant is~~  
13 ~~eligible for an elementary level teaching certificate.~~

14 ~~(b) "Subject area examination" means an examination related to~~  
15 ~~a specific area of certification, which examination has been~~  
16 ~~developed or selected by the superintendent of public instruction~~  
17 ~~for the purpose of demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and~~  
18 ~~understanding of the subject matter and determining whether or not~~  
19 ~~an applicant is eligible for a Michigan teaching certificate.~~

20 ~~(17) (18)~~ The superintendent of public instruction shall  
21 promulgate rules for the implementation of this section.

22 ~~(18) (19)~~ Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the  
23 superintendent of public instruction shall continue to issue state  
24 elementary or secondary continuing education certificates under R  
25 390.1132(1) of the Michigan Administrative Code to individuals who  
26 completed the requirements of that rule by December 31, 1992 and  
27 who apply for that certificate not later than March 15, 1994. If  
28 the superintendent of public instruction has issued a state  
29 elementary or secondary professional education certificate to an



1 individual described in this section, the superintendent of public  
2 instruction shall consider the individual to have a state  
3 elementary or secondary, as applicable, continuing education  
4 certificate.

5       **(19)** ~~(20)~~ Not later than January 1, 2019, the superintendent  
6 of public instruction, in consultation with the department of  
7 ~~talent and economic development~~ **labor and economic opportunity** and  
8 groups or individuals representing employers, economic development  
9 agencies, trade unions, secondary school principals, middle and  
10 elementary school principals, teachers, school district and  
11 intermediate school district superintendents, and others as  
12 determined appropriate by the department, shall promulgate rules to  
13 allow an individual to use time spent engaging with local employers  
14 or technical centers toward the renewal of a teaching certificate  
15 in the same manner as state continuing education or professional  
16 development.

17       **(20) As used in this section:**

18       **(a) "Elementary certification examination" means a**  
19 **comprehensive examination for elementary certification that has**  
20 **been developed or selected by the superintendent of public**  
21 **instruction for demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and**  
22 **understanding of the core subjects normally taught in elementary**  
23 **classrooms and for determining whether or not an applicant is**  
24 **eligible for an elementary level teaching certificate.**

25       **(b) "Subject area examination" means an examination related to**  
26 **a specific area of certification, which examination has been**  
27 **developed or selected by the superintendent of public instruction**  
28 **for the purpose of demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and**  
29 **understanding of the subject matter and determining whether or not**

1 an applicant is eligible for a Michigan teaching certificate.