

# SENATE BILL No. 273

April 17, 1991, Introduced by Senators EMMONS, WARTNER,  
DEGROW and SCHWARZ and referred to the Committee on  
Education.

A bill to amend sections 651, 1246, and 1536 of Act No. 451  
of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended  
"The school code of 1976,"  
sections 651 and 1246 as amended by Act No. 163 of the Public  
Acts of 1986 and section 1536 as amended by Act No. 161 of the  
Public Acts of 1990, being sections 380.651, 380.1246, and  
380.1536 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Sections 651, 1246, and 1536 of Act No. 451 of  
2 the Public Acts of 1976, sections 651 and 1246 as amended by Act  
3 No. 163 of the Public Acts of 1986 and section 1536 as amended by  
4 Act No. 161 of the Public Acts of 1990, being sections 380.651,  
5 380.1246, and 380.1536 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended  
6 to read as follows:

1       Sec. 651. ~~-(1) An intermediate superintendent shall possess~~  
2 ~~the following minimum qualifications:~~

3       ~~(a) Forty-five months' experience as a teacher or adminis-~~  
4 ~~trator in public or nonpublic schools.~~

5       ~~(b) A teacher's certificate issued by the state board and a~~  
6 ~~master's degree in education from a college or university~~  
7 ~~approved by a recognized accrediting agency.~~

8       ~~This subsection shall not apply after June 30, 1988.~~

9       (1) ~~-(2) Beginning July 1, 1988, and except~~ EXCEPT as pro-  
10 vided in subsection ~~-(3)~~ (2) and in section 1536, a person  
11 employed by an intermediate school district as a superintendent  
12 or other person whose primary responsibility is administering  
13 instructional programs or as a chief business official shall pos-  
14 sess a valid Michigan school administrator's certificate issued  
15 by the state board.

16       (2) ~~-(3)~~ An intermediate school district may employ as a  
17 superintendent or other person whose primary responsibility is  
18 administering instructional programs or as a chief business offi-  
19 cial a person who is enrolled in a program leading to certifica-  
20 tion as a school administrator, WHETHER OR NOT A PERSON POSSESS-  
21 ING A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE  
22 POSITION. Beginning July 1, 1988, a person who is employed as a  
23 school administrator pursuant to this subsection shall have 5  
24 years to meet the certification requirements of section 1536.

25       (3) ~~-(4) Beginning July 1, 1988, a~~ A person employed by an  
26 intermediate school district as a superintendent or other person  
27 whose primary responsibility is administering instructional

1 programs shall possess a valid teacher's certificate. HOWEVER,  
2 UNTIL JULY 1, 1996, THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON  
3 WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS ADMINISTERING SPECIAL EDUCATION  
4 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS.

5       Sec. 1246. ~~-(1) A person employed by a school district as a~~  
6 ~~superintendent of schools shall possess at least an earned~~  
7 ~~bachelor's degree from a college acceptable to the state board~~  
8 ~~and shall be the possessor of or be eligible for a teacher's cer-~~  
9 ~~tificate or have educational qualifications equivalent thereto,~~  
10 ~~under standards determined by the state board. This subsection~~  
11 ~~shall not apply after June 30, 1988.~~

12       (1) ~~-(2) Beginning July 1, 1988, and except~~ EXCEPT as pro-  
13 vided in subsection ~~-(3)~~ (2) and in section 1536, a person  
14 employed by a school district as a superintendent, principal,  
15 assistant principal, or other person whose primary responsibility  
16 is administering instructional programs or as a chief business  
17 official shall possess a valid Michigan school administrator's  
18 certificate issued by the state board.

19       (2) ~~-(3)~~ A school district may employ as a superintendent,  
20 principal, assistant principal, or other person whose primary  
21 responsibility is administering instructional programs or as a  
22 chief business official a person who is enrolled in a program  
23 leading to certification as a school administrator, WHETHER OR  
24 NOT A PERSON POSSESSING A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE IS  
25 AVAILABLE FOR THE POSITION. Beginning July 1, 1988, a person who  
26 is employed as a school administrator pursuant to this subsection

1 shall have 5 years to meet the certification requirements of  
2 section 1536.

3       (3) ~~(4) Beginning July 1, 1988, a~~ A person employed by a  
4 school district as a superintendent, principal, assistant princi-  
5 pal, or other person whose primary responsibility is administer-  
6 ing instructional programs shall possess a valid teacher's  
7 certificate. HOWEVER, UNTIL JULY 1, 1996, THIS SUBSECTION DOES  
8 NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS ADMINISTER-  
9 ING SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS.

10       Sec. 1536. (1) The state board shall develop a school  
11 administrator's certificate which shall be issued to all school  
12 district and intermediate school district superintendents, prin-  
13 cipals, assistant principals, and other persons whose primary  
14 responsibility is administering instructional programs and to  
15 school district and intermediate school district chief business  
16 officials.

17       (2) A school administrator's certificate developed under  
18 subsection (1) shall be issued not later than July 1, 1990 to all  
19 persons who are employed by the department of education, the  
20 department of mental health, the department of social services,  
21 and the department of corrections in a position the state board  
22 determines to be equivalent to a position specified in subsection  
23 (1).

24       (3) The state board also shall develop appropriate certifi-  
25 cate endorsements for school district and intermediate school  
26 district superintendents; chief business officials; ~~and~~  
27 BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS, by elementary school, middle school, and

1 high school level; ~~building administrators;~~ and for persons who  
2 are employed by the department of education, the department of  
3 mental health, the department of social services, and the depart-  
4 ment of corrections in a position the state board determines to  
5 be equivalent to a position specified in this subsection or whose  
6 primary responsibility is administering instructional programs  
7 for K to 12 pupils. The state board shall determine the educa-  
8 tional and professional experience requirements for and issue all  
9 certificates for these administrators and shall determine how ~~a~~  
10 ~~school administrator~~ THESE ADMINISTRATORS may obtain renewal  
11 units for periodic recertification.

12 (4) The state board may provide a waiver for any person who  
13 is not able to meet the requirements described in this section,  
14 INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT AN ADMINISTRATOR MUST POSSESS A  
15 VALID TEACHING CERTIFICATE, due to unusual circumstances.

16 (5) The state board shall issue an initial school  
17 administrator's certificate to any person who is employed by the  
18 department of education, the department of mental health, the  
19 department of social services, or the department of corrections  
20 in a position the state board determines to be equivalent to a  
21 position specified in subsection (1) and WHO does not meet the  
22 certification requirements for the position the person holds on  
23 July 1, 1990. A school administrator's certificate issued under  
24 this subsection is valid only while the person is employed by  
25 that department in such a position. A person who holds a school  
26 administrator's certificate issued under this subsection must  
27 meet the certification requirements of subsections (1) and ~~(7)~~

1 (8) and section 1531a if the person desires to transfer to a  
2 different position within that department that requires a school  
3 administrator's certificate or to a position that requires a  
4 school administrator's certificate in another department, a  
5 school district, or an intermediate school district.

6 (6) UNTIL JULY 1, 1996, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A SCHOOL  
7 ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE TO A PERSON WITH TEMPORARY OR FULL  
8 APPROVAL AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR OR SUPERVISOR EVEN IF  
9 THE PERSON DOES NOT POSSESS A VALID TEACHING CERTIFICATE, IF THE  
10 PERSON APPLIES FOR AND MEETS ALL OF THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR A  
11 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SECTION OR RULES  
12 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S  
13 CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE  
14 REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE  
15 UNDER THIS SECTION.

16 (7) ~~—(6)—~~ A school administrator's certificate issued under  
17 this section is valid for 5 years and shall be renewed upon com-  
18 pletion of renewal units as determined by the state board.

19 (8) ~~—(7)—~~ The state board shall promulgate rules to imple-  
20 ment this section.