



**House
Legislative
Analysis
Section**

Olds Plaza Building, 10th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48909
Phone: 517/373-6466

MISUSE OF CERTIFICATE

House Bill 4531
Sponsor: Rep. Terry London
Committee: Education

Complete to 3-27-95

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4531 AS INTRODUCED 3-7-95

The bill would amend the School Code to establish penalties for a person who (1) knowingly used a surrendered, suspended, revoked, nullified, fraudulently obtained, altered, or forged teaching or administrative certificate; (2) knowingly used as his or her own a valid teaching or administrative certificate of another person to obtain employment in a position requiring a certificate; or (3) remained employed in a position requiring a certificate knowing that he or she did not hold a valid certificate. (The provisions also would apply to positions requiring state board approval instead of a certificate.) The offenses would be misdemeanors, with a first offense punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of \$100, or both, and a second offense punishable by imprisonment for not less than 93 days or more than 6 months, or a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$500, or both. The bill specifies that these would be in addition to any other penalty provided by law. Further, the state board of education could refuse to issue or renew a certificate or state board approval, or to refuse to issue an endorsement for a teaching or administrator's certificate, to a person convicted of one of the offenses. The bill's provisions would take effect September 1, 1995.

MCL 380.1809

House Bill 4531 (3-27-95)