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House Bill 4378

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Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4378 AS INTRODUCED 3-4-99

House Bill 4378 would amend the Revised School Code to add reading requirements to the public school teaching certificate. Specifically, within one year after the bill took effect, the State Board of Education would be required to develop new reading standards, or to revise the existing reading standards, in order to address reading disorders, and to enable teachers to provide effective instruction and support for students with reading disorders. The bill would then require the State Board of Education to issue an elementary or secondary teaching certificate only to an applicant who had met the reading credit requirements established under state board rule.

Under current law, the State Board of Education determines the requirements for, and then also issues, all licenses and certificates for teachers in the public schools of this state (including preprimary teachers, counselors, and elementary-grade foreign language teachers). Generally, a teaching certificate may be issued only to those who have passed appropriate examinations, or if the applicant has been certified in another state, only to those who provide evidence of education and training similar to Michigan's, including having met the elementary or secondary reading credit requirement established under state board rule.

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