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Senate Bill 1363 (Substitute S-3 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Shirley Johnson

Committee: Education

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to:

- Include domestic violence involving a child, lewd behavior, certain drug offenses, and a driving offense involving an illegal controlled substance among the types of misdemeanor convictions that require the State Board of Education to give a teacher or administrator notice that his or her certificate may be suspended because of the conviction, and that require a prosecuting attorney to notify a school district, intermediate school district (ISD), public school academy, or nonpublic school that a teacher or administrator has been convicted.
- Require the prosecuting attorney handling a case to notify the Superintendent of Public Instruction when any person employed by a school district, ISD, public school academy, or nonpublic school was convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor described in the Code.

MCL 380.1535a et al.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on the State and local units of government. According to the Department of Education, from March 20, 1998, through January 25, 2000, 14 individuals had their teaching certificates suspended or revoked as a result of a criminal conviction. The Department of Education was not able to provide the actual number of notifications by prosecutors. No statewide data regarding convictions by occupation (teachers/school administrators) are available for the additional misdemeanor convictions included in the bill. The inclusion of additional types of convictions that would result in a formal process to suspend or revoke teaching and school administrator certificates would result in additional administrative costs to the Department of Education.

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