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House Bill 4378 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Bob Brown
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a teaching certificate only to a person who had met the elementary or secondary, as applicable, reading credit requirements established under Superintendent of Public Instruction rule. Within one year after the bill's effective date, the Superintendent in cooperation with appropriate curriculum specialists and teacher educators, would have to revise existing reading standards to recognize reading disorders and to enable teachers to make referrals for instruction and support for pupils with reading disorders.

The bill also would replace references to the State Board of Education with references to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the Code's provisions on teacher certification.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Since the bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to revise reading standards to address reading disorders, it is anticipated that the Department of Education would face increased costs undertaking this project. The actual costs would depend upon the staff hours and research involved in revising the standards.

Colleges and universities that offer teacher certification programs also could face increased costs if, as a result of the revised reading standards established by the Superintendent, new or revised coursework were required. The overall fiscal impact on colleges and universities would depend upon the extent to which courses would be revised or developed, and on any offsetting tuition revenue associated with new required courses.

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