

# SENATE BILL No. 1014

December 10, 2009, Introduced by Senator PRUSI and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1531f.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 1531F. (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
2 UNDERSTANDING WITH A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE,  
3 THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A  
4 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY THAT AUTHORIZES THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC  
5 INSTRUCTION TO ISSUE A 3-YEAR LETTER OF APPROVAL OR CONTINUING  
6 APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR  
7 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY TO USE TEACHERS WHO DO NOT POSSESS A VALID  
8 MICHIGAN TEACHING CERTIFICATE TO TEACH A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL

1 LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASS. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ENTERED  
2 INTO UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REQUIRE THAT A NONCERTIFICATED  
3 TEACHER HAS DEMONSTRATED MASTERY OF THE TRIBAL LANGUAGE EITHER  
4 THROUGH A CREDENTIAL ISSUED BY A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED NATIVE  
5 AMERICAN TRIBE OR ANOTHER MEANS CONSIDERED SUITABLE BY THE  
6 DEPARTMENT. THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS  
7 FOR RENEWAL OR CONTINUING APPROVAL OF THE NONCERTIFICATED TEACHER  
8 AS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE, THE BOARD OF THE  
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
10 ACADEMY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

11 (2) CREDITS EARNED BY A PUPIL IN A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL  
12 LANGUAGE TAUGHT BY A NONCERTIFICATED TEACHER PURSUANT TO THIS  
13 SECTION MAY BE APPLIED BY THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE, SCHOOL  
14 DISTRICT, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY FOR ANY PURPOSE TO THE SAME  
15 EXTENT AS IF TAUGHT BY A CERTIFICATED TEACHER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
16 LIMITED TO, CREDIT TOWARD COMPLETION OF THE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS  
17 UNDER SECTION 1278A CONCERNING A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH.