

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 727

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1531i (MCL 380.1531i), as added by 2009 PA 202.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1531i. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall
2 establish a process for ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** to earn an interim
3 teaching certificate under this section that qualifies the ~~person~~
4 **INDIVIDUAL** to teach in the public schools and to earn a Michigan
5 teaching certificate using the process under this section. The
6 process shall meet all applicable requirements for an alternative
7 teaching certification process under the no child left behind act
8 of 2001, Public Law 107-110. The process shall not allow for an
9 interim teaching certificate for special education.
10 (2) The process established under subsection (1) shall provide

1 that the superintendent of public instruction will grant an interim
2 teaching certificate to ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who meets all of the
3 following:

4 (a) Is a participant in an alternative teaching program that
5 is approved by the superintendent of public instruction. To be
6 approved, a program provider shall demonstrate to the satisfaction
7 of the superintendent of public instruction that it meets all of
8 the following:

9 (i) Provides for its participants an intensive training
10 program in teaching that is determined by the superintendent of
11 public instruction to constitute the equivalent of at least 12
12 college credit hours and that includes training in at least all of
13 the following subject areas:

14 (A) Child development or child psychology.

15 (B) Family and community relationships.

16 (C) Diverse learners.

17 (D) Instructional strategies.

18 (E) A form of field-based experience in a classroom setting.

19 (ii) Has a proven record of producing successful teachers ~~in 1~~
20 ~~or more other states~~ or is modeled after a program that has a
21 proven record of producing successful teachers. ~~in 1 or more other~~
22 ~~states.~~

23 (iii) **ITS PARTICIPANTS HAVE A COHORT GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT**
24 **LEAST 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR THE EQUIVALENT ON ANOTHER SCALE, AS**
25 **DETERMINED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, UPON**
26 **EARNING THE DEGREE REQUIRED UNDER SUBDIVISION (B). IF A COHORT**
27 **MEMBER HAS EARNED MORE THAN 1 DEGREE REQUIRED UNDER SUBDIVISION**

1 (B), THE HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE EARNED BY THE COHORT MEMBER
2 MUST BE USED IN CALCULATING THE COHORT GRADE POINT AVERAGE UNDER
3 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

4 (iv) ~~(iii)~~ Accepts for participation only ~~persons~~ **INDIVIDUALS**
5 who meet the requirements of subdivision (b).

6 (b) Holds a bachelor's, master's, doctorate, or professional
7 degree from a regionally accredited college or university. ~~with a~~
8 ~~grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the~~
9 ~~equivalent on another scale, as determined by the superintendent of~~
10 ~~public instruction.~~

11 (c) Passes ~~both the basic skills examination and the~~
12 appropriate available subject area examination for each subject
13 area in which he or she applies to be certified.

14 (3) ~~A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** earning a ~~provisional~~ **MICHIGAN**
15 **TEACHING** certificate **USING THE PROCESS** under this section will be
16 subject to provisions of administrative rules governing teachers,
17 as established by the superintendent of public instruction.

18 (4) ~~A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who possesses an interim teaching
19 certificate under this section may be employed to teach in a public
20 school in the same manner as ~~a person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** holding a
21 Michigan teaching certificate issued under section 1531 if all of
22 the following requirements are met:

23 (a) While the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** is teaching under an interim
24 teaching certificate, the school district or public school academy
25 in which the ~~person~~ **INDIVIDUAL** is teaching provides intensive
26 observation and coaching in a manner and to the extent prescribed
27 by the superintendent of public instruction.

1 (b) The ~~person~~**INDIVIDUAL** is making satisfactory progress
2 toward meeting the requirements for being awarded a Michigan
3 teaching certificate under section 1531, as established by the
4 superintendent of public instruction under subsection (5).

5 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop
6 standards for granting a ~~person~~**AN INDIVIDUAL** a Michigan teaching
7 certificate issued under section 1531 after the ~~person~~**INDIVIDUAL**
8 has demonstrated satisfactory teaching performance for 3 years
9 under an interim teaching certificate and has met the requirements
10 established by the superintendent of public instruction for a
11 Michigan teaching certificate.

12 (6) The superintendent of public instruction shall promulgate
13 rules that he or she considers necessary to implement this section.

14 (7) As used in this section: ~~,"basic skills examination",~~
15 ~~"elementary~~

16 (A) **"COHORT"** MEANS ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN AN
17 ALTERNATIVE TEACHING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
18 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE
19 GRANTING OF AN INTERIM TEACHING CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SECTION TO
20 AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN THE ALTERNATIVE TEACHING PROGRAM.

21 (B) **"ELEMENTARY** certification examination" ~~,~~and "subject area
22 examination" mean those terms as defined in section 1531.