

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).

27 (iv) ~~(iii)~~ Accepts for participation only ~~persons~~ **INDIVIDUALS**

1 who meet the requirements of subdivision (b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10          (7) As used in this section, "~~basic skills examination~~",  
11 "elementary certification examination" ~~,~~ and "subject area  
12 examination" mean those terms as defined in section 1531.