

SENATE BILL No. 781

January 25, 2018, Introduced by Senators YOUNG, GREGORY, BIEDA, HOOD,
HOPGOOD, ANANICH, HERTEL, KNEZEK, WARREN and JOHNSON 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 1531o.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1531o. (1) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL REIMBURSE A TEACHER
2 EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE COST OF EARNING AN
3 ENDORSEMENT IN A CRITICAL SHORTAGE DISCIPLINE INCLUDED ON THE LIST
4 COMPILED UNDER SECTION 61 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT
5 ACT OF 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1361. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL
6 PROVIDE THE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TEACHER UPON EARNING THE
7 ENDORSEMENT IF THE TEACHER COMMITS TO WORKING IN THE SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS AFTER EARNING THE ENDORSEMENT. A
9 TEACHER IS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IF HE

1 OR SHE PROVIDES TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROOF THAT HE OR SHE HAS
2 EARNED THE ENDORSEMENT AND PROOF OF HIS OR HER PAYMENT OF THE COST
3 OF EARNING THE ENDORSEMENT, IN A FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT.

5 (2) IF A TEACHER WHO RECEIVES REIMBURSEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION
6 (1) VOLUNTARILY LEAVES THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT
7 PROVIDED THE REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER RECEIVING THE
8 REIMBURSEMENT, THE TEACHER SHALL REPAY THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE
9 REIMBURSEMENT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

10 (3) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PRIORITIZE A REIMBURSEMENT UNDER
11 SUBSECTION (1) TO A TEACHER WHO IS TEACHING IN A FIELD FOR WHICH HE
12 OR SHE DOES NOT HAVE AN ENDORSEMENT AND WHO EARNS AN ENDORSEMENT IN
13 THAT FIELD.

14 (4) SUBJECT TO AN APPROPRIATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
15 REIMBURSE A SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE SCHOOL
16 DISTRICT UNDER THIS SECTION.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
18 after the date it is enacted into law.