HOUSE BILL NO. 4906

September 03, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Gay-Dagnogo, Elder, Camilleri, Clemente, Sneller, Cherry, Sabo, Lasinski, Pohutsky, Kennedy, Brenda Carter, Garza, Sowerby, LaGrand, Hood, Rabhi, Stone, Tate, Shannon, Hope, Witwer, Brixie, Koleszar, Wittenberg, Chirkun, Ellison, Warren, Anthony, Manoogian, Whitsett, Kuppa, Bolden, Guerra, Pagan, Haadsma, Hammoud, Hoadley, Yancey, Cynthia Johnson, Greig, Hertel and Garrett and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code,"

by amending section 1248 (MCL 380.1248), as added by 2011 PA 102.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 1248. (1) For teachers, as defined in section 1 of
- $\mathbf{2}$ article I of 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, MCL 38.71, all both of the
- 4 conducting a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel

following apply to policies regarding personnel decisions when



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determination resulting in the elimination of a position, when conducting a recall from a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position, or in hiring after a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position by a school district or intermediate school district:

(a) Subject to subdivision (c), the board of a school district or intermediate school district shall not adopt, implement, maintain, or comply with a policy that provides that length of service or tenure status is the primary or determining factor in personnel decisions when conducting a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position, when conducting a recall from a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position, or in hiring after a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position.

(a) (b)—Subject to subdivision (c), (b), the board of a school district or intermediate school district shall ensure that the school district or intermediate school district adopts, implements, maintains, and complies with a policy that provides that all personnel decisions when conducting a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position, when conducting a recall from a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position, or in hiring after a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel determination resulting in the elimination of a position, are based on retaining effective teachers. The policy shall must ensure that a teacher who has been

- 1 rated as ineffective needing support under the performance
- 2 evaluation system under section 1249 is not given any preference
- 3 that would result in that teacher being retained over a teacher who
- 4 is evaluated as minimally effective, effective , or highly
- 5 effective under the performance evaluation system under section
- 6 1249. Effectiveness shall must be measured by the performance
- 7 evaluation system under section 1249, and the personnel decisions
- 8 shall must be made based on the following factors:
- 9 (i) Individual performance shall must be the majority factor in
- 10 making the decision, and shall must consist of but is not limited
- 11 to all of the following:
- 12 (A) Evidence of student growth, which shall must be the
- 13 predominant factor in assessing an employee's individual
- 14 performance.
- 15 (B) The teacher's demonstrated pedagogical skills, including
- 16 at least a special determination concerning the teacher's knowledge
- 17 of his or her subject area and the ability to impart that knowledge
- 18 through planning, delivering rigorous content, checking for and
- 19 building higher-level understanding, differentiating, and managing
- 20 a classroom; and consistent preparation to maximize instructional
- 21 time.
- 22 (C) The teacher's management of the classroom, manner and
- 23 efficacy of disciplining pupils, rapport with parents and other
- 24 teachers, and ability to withstand the strain of teaching, and
- 25 disciplinary record, if any.
- 26 (D) The teacher's attendance and disciplinary record, if
- 27 any.length of service.
- 28 (ii) Significant, relevant accomplishments and contributions.
- 29 This factor shall must be based on whether the individual



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- ${f 1}$ contributes to the overall performance of the school by making
- 2 clear, significant, relevant contributions above the normal
- ${f 3}$ expectations for an individual in his or her peer group and having
- 4 demonstrated a record of exceptional performance.
- 5 (iii) Relevant special training. This factor shall must be based
- 6 on completion of relevant training other than the professional
- 7 development or continuing education that is required by the
- 8 employer or by state law, and integration of that training into
- 9 instruction in a meaningful way.
- 10 (b) (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision,
- 11 length of service or tenure status shall not be a factor in a
- 12 personnel decision described in subdivision (a) or (b). However, if
- 13 that If a personnel decision involves 2 or more employees and all
- 14 other factors distinguishing those employees from each other are
- 15 equal, then length of service or tenure status may be must be
- 16 considered as a tiebreaker.
- 17 (2) If a collective bargaining agreement is in effect for
- 18 employees of a school district or intermediate school district as
- 19 of the effective date of this section and if that collective
- 20 bargaining agreement prevents compliance with subsection (1), then
- 21 subsection (1) does not apply to that school district or
- 22 intermediate school district until after the expiration of that
- 23 collective bargaining agreement.
- 24 (2) (3)—If a teacher brings an action against a school
- 25 district or intermediate school district based on this section, the
- 26 teacher's sole and exclusive remedy shall be is an order of back
- 27 pay and reinstatement commencing 30 days after a decision by a
- 28 court of competent jurisdiction. The remedy in an action brought by
- 29 a teacher based on this section shall not include lost wages, lost



- 1 benefits, or any other economic damages.
- 2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 3 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4904 (Prequest no.
- 4 03686'19) of the 100th Legislature is enacted into law.

