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Senate Bill 1142 (as introduced 11-26-24)
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Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to modify professional development requirements for school counselor credential renewal.

Among other things, the Code prohibits the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) from renewing an individual's school counselor credential unless the MDE determines that, within the time since the individual's school counselor credential was issued or last renewed, whichever is most recent, the individual has completed the following:

- At least 25 hours of professional development approved by the MDE that covered counseling about the college preparation and selection process.
- At least 25 hours of professional development approved by the MDE that covered career counseling, of which 5 hours must have covered military career options.¹

The bill would delete these requirements. Instead, under the bill, in order to renew an individual's school counselor credential the MDE would have to determine that, within the time period since the individual's school counselor credential was issued or last renewed, whichever was most recent, the individual completed 10 hours of professional development approved by the MDE that covered postsecondary preparation. The 10 hours of professional development could include a combination of development in the areas of college preparation and readiness, career counseling and development, and the exploration of military options.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State or local governments.

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¹ Career counseling includes the exploration of military career options and the skilled trades as well as other careers and pathways that lead to industry credentials awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or occupational skills necessary to obtain employment or advance within an occupation.