



HOUSE BILL No. 5605

February 20, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Agee, Cherry, Schroer, Scott, Brewer, Dobronski, Prusi, DeMars, Tesanovich, Stallworth, DeHart, Emerson, LaForge, Martinez, Hood, Wetters, Profit, Baird, Gire, Kelly, Brater, Parks, Freeman, Baade, Hanley, Gubow and Pitoniak and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend section 1531 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The revised school code,"

as amended by Act No. 289 of the Public Acts of 1995, being section 380.1531 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 1528.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1531 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
2 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 289 of the Public Acts of 1995,
3 being section 380.1531 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 and section 1528 is added to read as follows:

5 SEC. 1528. (1) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1997, THE STATE
6 BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS GUIDELINES
7 FOR ESTABLISHING SUMMER FIELD PROGRAMS WITH BUSINESSES AND
8 ORGANIZATIONS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS THAT WILL ALLOW

1 THESE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN WORK EXPERIENCE RELATED TO THEIR
2 DISCIPLINES AND TO CONTINUOUSLY BE INVOLVED IN THE MOST CURRENT
3 APPLICATIONS AND PRACTICES IN THEIR DISCIPLINES, AND SHALL SUBMIT
4 TO THE LEGISLATURE RECOMMENDATIONS ON LEGISLATION THAT WOULD
5 FOSTER AND PROMOTE THIS TYPE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

6 (2) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1997, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
7 SUBMIT TO THE LEGISLATURE RECOMMENDATIONS ON LEGISLATION THAT
8 WOULD PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS TO ACT AS MASTER TEACHERS
9 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1526.

10 Sec. 1531. (1) Except as provided in this act, the state
11 board shall determine the requirements for and issue all licenses
12 and certificates for teachers, including preprimary teachers, and
13 the requirements for an endorsement of teachers as qualified
14 counselors and an endorsement of teachers for teaching a foreign
15 language in an elementary grade in the public schools of the
16 state.

17 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the state
18 board shall only issue a teaching certificate to a person who has
19 passed appropriate examinations as follows:

20 (a) For a secondary level teaching certificate, has passed
21 both the basic skills examination and the appropriate available
22 subject area examination for each subject area in which he or she
23 applies to be certified.

24 (b) For an elementary level teaching certificate, has passed
25 the basic skills examination and, if it is available, the elemen-
26 tary certification examination, and has passed the appropriate

1 available subject area examination for each subject area, if any,
2 in which he or she applies to be certified.

3 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the state
4 board shall issue a Michigan teaching certificate to a person
5 holding a certificate from another state or a teaching degree
6 from an out-of-state teacher preparation institution who applies
7 for a Michigan teaching certificate only if the person passes
8 appropriate examinations as follows:

9 (a) For a secondary level teaching certificate, pass both
10 the basic skills examination and the appropriate available
11 subject area examination for each subject area in which he or she
12 applies to be certified. The state board may accept passage of
13 an equivalent examination approved by the state board to meet 1
14 or both of these requirements.

15 (b) For an elementary level teaching certificate, pass the
16 basic skills examination and, if it is available, the elementary
17 certification examination, and pass the appropriate available
18 subject area examination for each subject area, if any, in which
19 he or she applies to be certified. The state board may accept
20 passage of an equivalent examination approved by the state board
21 to meet 1 or more of these requirements.

22 (4) Subject to ~~subsection (6)~~ SUBSECTIONS (6) AND (14), if
23 a person holding a teaching certificate from another state
24 applies to the state board for a Michigan teaching certificate
25 and meets the requirements of this subsection, the state board
26 shall issue to the person a Michigan professional education
27 teaching certificate and applicable endorsements comparable to

1 those the person holds in the other state, without requiring the
2 person to pass a basic skills examination or the applicable
3 subject area examination otherwise required under subsection (2)
4 or (3). To be eligible to receive a Michigan professional educa-
5 tion teaching certificate under this subsection, a person shall
6 provide evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she
7 meets all of the following requirements:

8 (a) Has taught successfully for at least 3 years in a posi-
9 tion for which the person's teaching certification from the other
10 state was valid.

11 (b) Has earned, after his or her initial certification in
12 another state, at least 18 semester credit hours in a planned
13 course of study at a state board approved institution of higher
14 education or has earned, at any time, a state board approved
15 master's or doctoral degree.

16 (c) Has met the elementary or secondary, as applicable,
17 reading credit requirement established under state board rule.

18 (5) A person who receives a teaching certificate and
19 endorsement or endorsements under subsection (4) is eligible to
20 receive 1 or more additional endorsements comparable to endorse-
21 ments the person holds in another state only if the person passes
22 the appropriate subject area examinations required under
23 subsection (2) or (3).

24 (6) The state board shall deny a Michigan teaching certifi-
25 cate to a person described in subsection (4) for fraud, material
26 misrepresentation, or concealment in the person's application for

1 a certificate or for a conviction for which a person's teaching
2 certificate may be revoked under section 1535a.

3 (7) The department, based upon criteria recommended pursuant
4 to subsection (9), shall provide to state board approved teacher
5 education institutions state board approved guidelines and cri-
6 teria for use in the development or selection of a basic skills
7 examination and approved guidelines and criteria for use in the
8 development or selection of subject area examinations.

9 (8) For the purposes of this section, the state board, based
10 upon criteria recommended pursuant to subsection (9), shall
11 develop, select, or develop and select 1 or more basic skills
12 examinations and subject area examinations. In addition, the
13 state board, based upon criteria recommended pursuant to subsec-
14 tion (9), shall approve an elementary certification examination
15 and a reading subject area examination.

16 (9) The state board shall appoint an 11-member teacher exam-
17 ination advisory committee comprised of representatives of
18 approved teacher education institutions and Michigan education
19 organizations and associations. Not more than 1/2 of the members
20 comprising this committee shall be certified teachers. This com-
21 mittee shall recommend criteria to be used by the state board in
22 the development, selection, or development and selection of 1 or
23 more basic skills examinations, and criteria to be used by the
24 state board in the development, selection, or development and
25 selection of subject area examinations. In addition, the commit-
26 tee shall recommend guidelines for the use and administration of
27 those examinations AND SHALL RECOMMEND CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION

1 OR DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE ASSESSMENT MECHANISM DESCRIBED IN
2 SUBSECTION (14)(A). The basic skills examinations referred to in
3 this subsection may be developed by the state board or selected
4 by the state board from commercially or university developed
5 examinations. In addition, an approved teacher education insti-
6 tution, pursuant to guidelines and criteria described in subsec-
7 tion (7), may develop an examination at its own expense for
8 approval by the state board. An approved teacher education
9 institution that develops its own examination is liable for any
10 litigation that results from the use of its examination.

11 (10) The state board shall appoint a 7-member standing tech-
12 nical advisory council comprised of persons who are experts in
13 measurement and assessment. This council shall advise the state
14 board and the teacher examination committee on the validity,
15 reliability, and other technical standards of the examinations
16 AND ASSESSMENT MECHANISMS that will be used or are being used and
17 of the administration and use of those examinations AND ASSESS-
18 MENT MECHANISMS.

19 (11) Not later than November 30 of each year, the state
20 board shall submit in writing a report on the development or
21 selection and use of the basic skills examination, the elementary
22 certification examination, ~~and~~ the subject area examinations,
23 AND THE ASSESSMENT MECHANISM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (14)(A) to
24 the house and senate education committees. The report shall also
25 contain a financial statement regarding revenue received from the
26 assessment of fees levied pursuant to subsection (13) and the
27 amount of and any purposes for which that revenue was expended.

1 (12) The basic skills examination, the elementary
2 certification examination, and the subject area examinations
3 required by this section may be taken at different times during
4 an approved teacher preparation program, but the basic skills
5 examination must be passed before a person is enrolled for stu-
6 dent teaching and the elementary certification examination and
7 the subject area examinations, as applicable, must be passed
8 before a person is recommended for certification.

9 (13) The department, or if approved by the state board, a
10 private testing service, may assess fees for taking the basic
11 skills examination, elementary certification examination, and the
12 subject area examinations. The fees, which shall be set by the
13 state board, shall not exceed \$50.00 for a basic skills examina-
14 tion or \$75.00 for an elementary certification examination or a
15 subject area examination. However, if a subject area examination
16 for vocational education includes a performance examination, an
17 additional fee may be assessed for taking the performance exami-
18 nation, not to exceed the actual cost of administering the per-
19 formance examination. Fees received by the department shall be
20 expended solely for administrative expenses that it incurs in
21 implementing this section.

22 (14) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002, IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER
23 REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A TEACHING CERTIFICATE, THE
24 STATE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A TEACHING CERTIFICATE TO A PERSON ONLY
25 IF THE PERSON HAS GRADUATED FROM A STATE BOARD APPROVED TEACHER
26 EDUCATION INSTITUTION THAT INCLUDES AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
27 IN ITS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1 (A) A REQUIREMENT THAT, BEFORE BEING ADMITTED INTO THE
2 PROGRAM, A PERSON MUST COMPLETE AN ASSESSMENT MECHANISM DESIGNED
3 TO ASSESS A PERSON'S ACTUAL APTITUDE FOR TEACHING. THIS ASSESS-
4 MENT MUST BE USED AS A CRITERION FOR ADMISSION INTO THE PROGRAM.
5 NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1, 1997, BASED UPON CRITERIA RECOMMENDED BY
6 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER SUBSECTION (6), THE STATE BOARD
7 SHALL PROVIDE TO STATE BOARD APPROVED TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITU-
8 TIONS THE STATE BOARD'S GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE DEVELOP-
9 MENT OR SELECTION AND USE OF AN ASSESSMENT MECHANISM DESCRIBED IN
10 THIS SUBDIVISION.

11 (B) A REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMBINED TOTAL TIME SPENT IN BOTH
12 GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES AND IN THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM BE
13 AT LEAST 5 ACADEMIC YEARS.

14 (C) A REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON IN THE PROGRAM COMPLETE,
15 BEFORE GRADUATING, BOTH A CLASSROOM INTERNSHIP AND A FIELD PRO-
16 GRAM WITH A BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE PERSON OBTAINS
17 FIRSTHAND OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE DIRECTLY RELATED TO A SUBJECT
18 MATTER THE PERSON WILL BE CERTIFIED TO TEACH. THE DURATION OF
19 THE CLASSROOM INTERNSHIP AND OF THE FIELD PROGRAM SHALL BE AS
20 DETERMINED BY THE TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

21 (15) ~~(14)~~ If a person holding a teaching certificate from
22 another state applies for a Michigan teaching certificate and
23 meets all requirements for the Michigan teaching certificate
24 except passage of the appropriate examinations under
25 subsection (3), the state board shall issue a nonrenewable tempo-
26 rary teaching certificate, good for 1 year, to the person. The
27 state board shall not issue a Michigan teaching certificate to

1 the person after expiration of the temporary teaching certificate
2 unless the person passes appropriate examinations as described in
3 subsection (3).

4 (16) ~~(15)~~ As used in this section:

5 (a) "Basic skills examination" means an examination devel-
6 oped or selected by the state board or developed pursuant to sub-
7 section (9) by an approved teacher education institution for the
8 purpose of demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and under-
9 standing of basic language and mathematical skills and other
10 skills necessary for the certificate sought, and for determining
11 whether or not an applicant is eligible for a provisional
12 Michigan teaching certificate.

13 (b) "Elementary certification examination" means a compre-
14 hensive examination for elementary certification that has been
15 developed or selected by the state board for demonstrating the
16 applicant's knowledge and understanding of the core subjects nor-
17 mally taught in elementary classrooms and for determining whether
18 or not an applicant is eligible for an elementary level teaching
19 certificate.

20 (c) "Subject area examination" means an examination related
21 to a specific area of certification, which examination has been
22 developed or selected by the state board for the purpose of
23 demonstrating the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the
24 subject matter and determining whether or not an applicant is
25 eligible for a Michigan teaching certificate.

26 (17) ~~(16)~~ The state board shall promulgate rules for the
27 implementation of this section.

1 (18) ~~(17)~~ Notwithstanding any rule promulgated by the
2 state board to the contrary, the state board shall continue to
3 issue state elementary or secondary continuing education certifi-
4 cates pursuant to R 390.1132(1) of the Michigan administrative
5 code to persons who completed the requirements of that rule by
6 December 31, 1992 and who apply for that certificate not later
7 than March 15, 1994. If the state board has issued a state ele-
8 mentary or secondary professional education certificate to a
9 person described in this section, the state board shall consider
10 the person to have a state elementary or secondary, as applica-
11 ble, continuing education certificate.