

SENATE BILL No. 965

October 29, 2009, Introduced by Senators KUIPERS, PAPPAGEORGE and VAN WOERKOM 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 1531i.

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 TO EARN AN INTERIM TEACHING
3 CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT QUALIFIES THE PERSON TO TEACH
4 IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO EARN A PERMANENT TEACHING CERTIFICATE
5 USING THE PROCESS UNDER THIS SECTION. THE PROCESS SHALL MEET ALL
6 APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHING CERTIFICATION
7 PROCESS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001, PUBLIC LAW 107-
8 110.

9 (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 WHO MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) IS A PARTICIPANT IN AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHING PROGRAM THAT
4 IS APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. TO BE
5 APPROVED, A PROGRAM PROVIDER SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION
6 OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION THAT IT MEETS ALL OF
7 THE FOLLOWING:

8 (i) PROVIDES FOR ITS PARTICIPANTS AN INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM
9 IN TEACHING THAT IS THE DETERMINED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
10 INSTRUCTION TO CONSTITUTE THE EQUIVALENT OF AT LEAST 12 COLLEGE
11 CREDIT HOURS AND THAT INCLUDES TRAINING IN AT LEAST ALL OF THE
12 FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS:

13 (A) CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR CHILD PSYCHOLOGY.

14 (B) FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS.

15 (C) DIVERSE LEARNERS.

16 (D) INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES.

17 (E) A FORM OF FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE IN A CLASSROOM SETTING.

18 (ii) ACCEPTS FOR PARTICIPATION ONLY PERSONS WHO MEET THE
19 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION (B).

20 (B) HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED
21 COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WITH A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.75
22 ON A 4.0 SCALE OR THE EQUIVALENT ON ANOTHER SCALE, AS DETERMINED BY
23 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

24 (C) PASSES APPLICABLE EXAMINATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

25 (i) FOR TEACHING AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL UNDER AN INTERIM
26 TEACHING CERTIFICATE, PASSES BOTH THE BASIC SKILLS EXAMINATION AND
27 THE APPROPRIATE AVAILABLE SUBJECT AREA EXAMINATION FOR EACH SUBJECT

1 AREA IN WHICH HE OR SHE APPLIES TO BE CERTIFIED. THE SUPERINTENDENT
2 OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MAY ACCEPT PASSAGE OF AN EQUIVALENT
3 EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO
4 MEET 1 OR BOTH OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.

5 (ii) FOR TEACHING AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL UNDER AN INTERIM
6 TEACHING CERTIFICATE, PASSES THE BASIC SKILLS EXAMINATION AND THE
7 ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION, AND PASSES THE APPROPRIATE
8 AVAILABLE SUBJECT AREA EXAMINATION FOR EACH SUBJECT AREA, IF ANY,
9 IN WHICH HE OR SHE APPLIES TO BE CERTIFIED. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
10 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MAY ACCEPT PASSAGE OF AN EQUIVALENT EXAMINATION
11 APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO MEET 1 OR
12 MORE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.

13 (3) A PERSON WHO POSSESSES AN INTERIM TEACHING CERTIFICATE
14 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE EMPLOYED TO TEACH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN
15 THE SAME MANNER AS A PERSON HOLDING A MICHIGAN TEACHING CERTIFICATE
16 ISSUED UNDER SECTION 1531 IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE
17 MET:

18 (A) WHILE THE PERSON IS TEACHING UNDER AN INTERIM TEACHING
19 CERTIFICATE, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY IN WHICH
20 THE PERSON IS TEACHING PROVIDES INTENSIVE OBSERVATION AND COACHING
21 IN A MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT PRESCRIBED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
22 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

23 (B) THE PERSON IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING
24 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING AWARDED A MICHIGAN TEACHING CERTIFICATE
25 UNDER SECTION 1531, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
26 INSTRUCTION UNDER SUBSECTION (4).

27 (4) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL DEVELOP

1 STANDARDS FOR GRANTING A PERSON A MICHIGAN TEACHING CERTIFICATE
2 ISSUED UNDER SECTION 1531 AFTER THE PERSON HAS DEMONSTRATED
3 SATISFACTORY TEACHING PERFORMANCE FOR 4 YEARS UNDER AN INTERIM
4 TEACHING CERTIFICATE.

5 (5) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PROMULGATE
6 RULES THAT HE OR SHE CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

7 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "BASIC SKILLS EXAMINATION",
8 "ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION", AND "SUBJECT AREA
9 EXAMINATION" MEAN THOSE TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1531.