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Senate Bill 70 (Substitute S-1)
Sponsor: Senator Nancy Cassis
Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to do the following:

- Delay from July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2008, the beginning date of a requirement that a certified teacher receive instruction on reading disabilities within the first six years of classroom teaching.**
- Permit a person to complete the required course as part of his or her teacher preparation training.**

The Code provides that, for a person holding a teaching certificate, beginning July 1, 2007, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may not renew the person's provisional teaching certificate or advance the person's certification to professional certification unless, during the first six years of his or her employment in classroom teaching, the person successfully completes at least a three-credit course of study with appropriate field experiences in the diagnosis and remediation of reading disabilities and differentiated instruction.

Under the bill, this requirement would apply beginning July 1, 2008.

The bill would remove the requirement that the course be completed during the first six years of classroom teaching, and instead would permit a person to complete the course of study either as part of his or her teacher preparation program or during the first six years of classroom teaching. The bill also would remove the reference to a provisional teaching certificate. Under the bill, the Superintendent could not advance a person's certification to professional certification unless the person had successfully completed the three-credit course as specified.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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