

HOUSE BILL No. 6234

June 10, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Spade, Polidori, Kathleen Law, Alma Smith, Gonzales, Griffin, Hopgood and Leland and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 1246 and 1536 (MCL 380.1246 and 380.1536), section 1246 as amended by 2004 PA 148 and section 1536 as added by 2006 PA 335.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1246. (1) ~~A-EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) AND~~
2 **SECTION 1536, A** school district, public school academy, or
3 intermediate school district shall not **EMPLOY OR** continue to employ
4 a person as a superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or
5 other person whose primary responsibility is administering
6 instructional programs or as a chief business official unless the
7 person ~~has completed the continuing education requirements~~
8 ~~prescribed by rule under subsection (2)~~ **POSSESSES A VALID MICHIGAN**

1 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 1536.

2 (2) ~~The superintendent of public instruction shall promulgate~~
3 ~~rules establishing continuing education requirements as a condition~~
4 ~~for continued employment for persons employed in positions~~
5 ~~described in subsection (1). The rules shall prescribe a minimum~~
6 ~~amount of continuing education that shall be completed within 5~~
7 ~~years after initial employment and shall be completed each~~
8 ~~subsequent 5 year period to meet the requirements of subsection (1)~~
9 ~~for continued employment.~~ A SCHOOL DISTRICT, PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY,
10 OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY EMPLOY AS A SUPERINTENDENT,
11 PRINCIPAL, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, OR OTHER PERSON WHOSE PRIMARY
12 RESPONSIBILITY IS ADMINISTERING INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS OR AS A
13 CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICIAL A PERSON WHO IS ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM
14 LEADING TO CERTIFICATION AS A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR NOT LATER THAN 6
15 MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED
16 THIS SENTENCE. A PERSON EMPLOYED AS A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT
17 TO THIS SUBSECTION HAS 5 YEARS TO MEET THE CERTIFICATION
18 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1536, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, PUBLIC SCHOOL
19 ACADEMY, OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT CONTINUE TO
20 EMPLOY THE PERSON AS A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR.

21 Sec. 1536. (1) The state board shall develop a school
22 administrator's certificate that ~~may~~ **SHALL** be issued to **ALL** school
23 district and intermediate school district superintendents, school
24 principals, assistant principals, and other administrators whose
25 primary responsibility is administering instructional programs **AND**
26 **WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (3), AND TO**
27 **SCHOOL DISTRICT AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT CHIEF BUSINESS**

1 OFFICIALS WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION
2 (3). ~~An individual is not required by this section to have a school~~
3 ~~administrator's certificate under this section or an endorsement~~
4 ~~under subsection (2) to be employed as a school administrator by a~~
5 ~~school district, public school academy, intermediate school~~
6 ~~district, or nonpublic school.~~

7 (2) The state board also ~~may~~ **SHALL** develop appropriate
8 certificate endorsements for school administrators, by elementary,
9 secondary, and central office level.

10 (3) The state board shall develop standards and procedures to
11 implement this section. The standards and procedures shall address
12 at least all of the following:

13 (a) The educational and professional experience requirements
14 for a certificate or endorsement under this section.

15 (b) Continuing education requirements for periodic
16 recertification. ~~These requirements shall be consistent with the~~
17 ~~continuing education requirements under section 1246.~~

18 (c) Procedures for application for and issuance of
19 certificates and endorsements under this section.

20 (d) Standards and procedures for suspension and revocation of
21 a certificate. These standards and procedures shall be based on the
22 standards and procedures for taking action against a person's
23 teaching certificate under section 1535a.

24 ~~— (4) The department shall consult and work with appropriate~~
25 ~~professional organizations, primarily organizations representing~~
26 ~~superintendents and building level administrators, in developing~~
27 ~~the standards required under this section.~~

1 ~~—— (5) For the purposes of adding 1 or more enhancement or~~
2 ~~specialty endorsements for a school administrator's certificate,~~
3 ~~the department may recognize performance-based professional~~
4 ~~learning programs offered by established state professional~~
5 ~~organizations that represent school administrators described in~~
6 ~~subsection (1). These programs must be approved by the department~~
7 ~~based on alignment with state board approved school administrator~~
8 ~~program preparation standards.~~

9 ~~—— (6) As used in this section, "established state professional~~
10 ~~organization" means an association that has served members on a~~
11 ~~statewide basis for at least 10 years.~~

12 **(4) THE STATE BOARD MAY PROVIDE A WAIVER FOR ANY PERSON WHO IS**
13 **NOT ABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION,**
14 **INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR MUST POSSESS A**
15 **VALID TEACHING CERTIFICATE, DUE TO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

16 **(5) A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS**
17 **SECTION IS VALID FOR 5 YEARS AND SHALL BE RENEWED UPON COMPLETION**
18 **OF RENEWAL UNITS AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD.**

19 **(6) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES IT CONSIDERS**
20 **NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 6 months
22 after the date it is enacted into law.