

Legislative Analysis



REVISE TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT

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House Bill 5393

Sponsor: Rep. Margaret O'Brien

Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5393 AS INTRODUCED 2-9-12

House Bill 5393 would amend the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1527) to revise the professional development requirement for public school teachers.

Now under the law, a school district or charter school must provide at least five days of teacher professional development each school year. Instead, House Bill 5393 would require that each school district or charter school provide at least 30 hours of teacher professional development each year. The bill specifies, as does the current law, that this professional development is not to be counted toward the professional development that is required for novice teachers under Section 1526 of the Revised School Code.

(Note: Section 1526 of the Revised School Code reads as follows:

For the first 3 years of his or her employment in classroom teaching, a teacher shall be assigned by the school in which he or she teaches to 1 or more master teachers, or college professors or retired master teachers, who shall act as a mentor or mentors to the teacher. During the 3-year period, the teacher shall also receive intensive professional development induction into teaching, based on a professional development plan that is consistent with the requirements of Section 3a of [PA 4 of 1937; MCLA 38.83a], including classroom management and instructional delivery. During the 3-year period, the intensive professional development induction into teaching shall consist of at least 15 days of professional development, the experiencing of effective practices in university-linked professional development schools, and regional seminars conducted by master teachers and other mentors.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no state or local fiscal impact.

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