

HOUSE BILL No. 4671

May 24, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Heise, Scott and Olson and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1536 (MCL 380.1536), as amended by 2009 PA 205,
and by adding section 1246a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1246A. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
2 (2), THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
3 SHALL NOT EMPLOY A SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
4 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT A SALARY THAT EXCEEDS THE SALARY OF
5 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

6 (2) IF AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT THAT PROVIDES A SALARY FOR THE
7 SUPERINTENDENT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
8 IS IN EFFECT AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, AND IF THAT
9 SALARY IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1), THEN SUBSECTION

1 (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
2 DISTRICT UNTIL AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THAT EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.

3 (3) THE STATE BOARD SHALL POST THE SALARY OF THE
4 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ON ITS WEBSITE AND SHALL
5 PROMPTLY UPDATE THAT POSTING IF THAT SALARY CHANGES.

6 Sec. 1536. (1) The state board shall develop a school
7 administrator's certificate that shall be issued to all school
8 district and intermediate school district superintendents, school
9 principals, assistant principals, and other administrators whose
10 primary responsibility is administering instructional programs and
11 who meet the requirements established under subsection (3). An
12 individual described in section 1246(1)(a) is not required by this
13 section to have a school administrator's certificate under this
14 section or an endorsement under subsection (2) to be employed as a
15 school administrator by a school district, public school academy,
16 intermediate school district, or nonpublic school.

17 (2) The state board also shall develop appropriate certificate
18 endorsements for school administrators, by elementary, secondary,
19 and central office level.

20 (3) ~~The~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (4), THE** state board shall
21 develop standards, and the superintendent of public instruction
22 shall develop procedures, to implement this section. The standards
23 and procedures shall address at least all of the following:

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

26 (b) Continuing education requirements for periodic
27 recertification. These requirements shall be consistent with the

1 continuing education requirements under section 1246.

2 (c) Procedures for application for and issuance of
3 certificates and endorsements under this section.

4 (d) Standards and procedures for suspension and revocation of
5 a certificate. These standards and procedures shall be based on the
6 standards and procedures for taking action against a person's
7 teaching certificate under section 1535a.

8 (4) **THE EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**
9 **FOR A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE**
10 **LEVEL SHALL MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

11 (A) **SHALL NOT REQUIRE ANY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BEYOND A**
12 **MASTER'S DEGREE.**

13 (B) **SHALL ALLOW A CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL**
14 **WITHOUT REGARD TO THE TYPE OR SUBJECT AREA OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S**
15 **MASTER'S DEGREE.**

16 (C) **SHALL ALLOW A CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL**
17 **WHO POSSESSES AN EARNED PROFESSIONAL DEGREE OR OTHER DEGREE THAT**
18 **THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE EQUIVALENT TO A MASTER'S DEGREE.**

19 (D) **SHALL NOT LIMIT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS TO**
20 **EXPERIENCE IN K-12 EDUCATION, AND SHALL ALLOW A CERTIFICATE TO BE**
21 **ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH APPROPRIATE EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS OR**
22 **ANOTHER PROFESSION.**

23 (5) ~~(4)~~—The department shall consult and work with appropriate
24 professional organizations, primarily organizations representing
25 superintendents and building-level administrators, in developing
26 the standards required under this section. **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**
27 **ENSURE THAT THE STANDARDS ARE REVISED AS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH**

1 **SUBSECTION (4).**

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

10 (7) ~~(6)~~—A school administrator's certificate issued under this
11 section is valid for 5 years and shall be renewed upon completion
12 of renewal units as determined by the superintendent of public
13 instruction.

14 (8) ~~(7)~~—The department shall recognize alternative pathways to
15 earning the basic school administrator's certificate based on
16 experience or alternative preparation, or both, if the alternative
17 certification program is submitted by an established state
18 professional organization and meets criteria set forth by state
19 board approved school administrator program preparation standards.

20 (9) ~~(8)~~—As used in this section, "established state
21 professional organization" means an association that has served
22 members on a statewide basis for at least 10 years.