

HOUSE BILL No. 4696

May 31, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Melton and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1531i (MCL 380.1531i), as added by 2009 PA 202.

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 Michigan 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. ~~The process shall not allow for an interim teaching~~
9 ~~certificate for special education.~~

10 (2) The process established under subsection (1) shall provide

1 that the superintendent of public instruction ~~will~~**SHALL** grant an
2 interim teaching certificate to a person who meets all of the
3 following:

4 (a) Is a participant in an alternative teaching program that
5 is approved by the superintendent of public instruction. To be
6 approved, a program provider shall demonstrate to the satisfaction
7 of the superintendent of public instruction that it meets all of
8 the following:

9 (i) Provides for its participants an intensive training program
10 in teaching that is determined by the superintendent of public
11 instruction to constitute the equivalent of at least 12 college
12 credit hours and that includes training in at least all of the
13 following subject areas:

14 (A) Child development or child psychology.

15 (B) Family and community relationships.

16 (C) Diverse learners.

17 (D) Instructional strategies.

18 (E) A form of field-based experience in a classroom setting.

19 (ii) Has a proven record of producing successful teachers in 1
20 or more other states or is modeled after a program that has a
21 proven record of producing successful teachers in 1 or more other
22 states.

23 (iii) Accepts for participation only persons who meet the
24 requirements of subdivision (b).

25 (b) Holds a bachelor's, master's, doctorate, or professional
26 degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a
27 grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the

1 equivalent on another scale, as determined by the superintendent of
2 public instruction.

3 (c) Passes both the basic skills examination and the
4 appropriate available subject area examination for each subject
5 area in which he or she applies to be certified.

6 (3) A person earning a provisional certificate under this
7 section will be subject to provisions of administrative rules
8 governing teachers, as established by the superintendent of public
9 instruction.

10 (4) A person who possesses an interim teaching certificate
11 under this section may be employed to teach in a public school in
12 the same manner as a person holding a Michigan teaching certificate
13 issued under section 1531 if all of the following requirements are
14 met:

15 (a) While the person is teaching under an interim teaching
16 certificate, the school district or public school academy in which
17 the person is teaching provides intensive observation and coaching
18 in a manner and to the extent prescribed by the superintendent of
19 public instruction.

20 (b) The person is making satisfactory progress toward meeting
21 the requirements for being awarded a Michigan teaching certificate
22 under section 1531, as established by the superintendent of public
23 instruction under subsection (5).

24 (5) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop
25 standards for granting a person a Michigan teaching certificate
26 issued under section 1531 after the person has demonstrated
27 satisfactory teaching performance for ~~3~~2 years under an interim

1 teaching certificate and has met the requirements established by
2 the superintendent of public instruction for a Michigan teaching
3 certificate.

4 (6) IF A PERSON WHO POSSESSES AN INTERIM TEACHING CERTIFICATE
5 UNDER THIS SECTION PASSES AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATE AVAILABLE
6 SUBJECT AREA EXAMINATION AND IS RECOMMENDED BY THE ALTERNATIVE
7 TEACHING PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AREA ENDORSEMENT AFTER
8 BEING ISSUED THE INTERIM TEACHING CERTIFICATE UNDER SUBSECTION (2),
9 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL ISSUE THE ADDITIONAL
10 SUBJECT AREA ENDORSEMENT FOR THE PERSON'S INTERIM TEACHING
11 CERTIFICATE.

12 (7) ~~(6)~~—The superintendent of public instruction shall
13 promulgate rules that he or she considers necessary to implement
14 this section.

15 (8) ~~(7)~~—As used in this section, "basic skills examination",
16 "elementary certification examination", and "subject area
17 examination" mean those terms as defined in section 1531.