

SENATE BILL No. 782

January 25, 2018, Introduced by Senators HOPGOOD, GREGORY, BIEDA, YOUNG, HOOD, ANANICH, HERTEL, KNEZEK, WARREN and JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1247.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 1247. (1) THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL IS CREATED IN THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT.**

3 **(2) THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE**
4 **FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

5 **(A) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN A HIGHER EDUCATION**
6 **TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

7 **(B) FOUR MEMBERS WHO ARE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THIS STATE,**
8 **APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:**

9 **(i) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE.**

1 (ii) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES.

3 (iii) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
4 SENATE.

5 (iv) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE
6 OF REPRESENTATIVES.

7 (C) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
8 INSTRUCTION FROM A LIST OF 3 OR MORE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SUBMITTED
9 BY THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

10 (D) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
11 INSTRUCTION FROM A LIST OF 3 OR MORE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SUBMITTED
12 BY THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS.

13 (E) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

14 (i) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT
15 ORGANIZATION.

16 (ii) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A NONPROFIT
17 ORGANIZATION THAT ENGAGES IN TEACHER AND EDUCATION RESEARCH.

18 (iii) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A SUPERINTENDENT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT.

19 (3) THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE MICHIGAN TEACHER
20 COUNCIL SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE
21 OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION.

22 (4) MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL SHALL SERVE FOR
23 TERMS OF 4 YEARS OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED, WHICHEVER IS
24 LATER, EXCEPT THAT OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED 5 SHALL SERVE FOR
25 1 YEAR, 5 SHALL SERVE FOR 2 YEARS, AND 1 SHALL SERVE FOR 3 YEARS.

26 (5) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL, AN
27 APPOINTMENT FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM SHALL BE MADE IN THE SAME MANNER

1 AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT.

2 (6) THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL SHALL BE
3 CALLED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. AT THE FIRST
4 MEETING, THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL SHALL ELECT FROM AMONG ITS
5 MEMBERS A CHAIRPERSON AND OTHER OFFICERS AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY
6 OR APPROPRIATE. AFTER THE FIRST MEETING, THE MICHIGAN TEACHER
7 COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY, OR MORE FREQUENTLY AT THE
8 CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON OR IF REQUESTED BY AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF
9 MEMBERS.

10 (7) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL
11 CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AT A MEETING OF
12 THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND
13 SERVING ARE REQUIRED FOR OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER
14 COUNCIL.

15 (8) THE BUSINESS THAT THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL MAY PERFORM
16 SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER
17 COUNCIL HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267,
18 MCL 15.261 TO 15.275.

19 (9) A WRITING PREPARED, OWNED, USED, IN THE POSSESSION OF, OR
20 RETAINED BY THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF AN
21 OFFICIAL FUNCTION IS SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT,
22 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246.

23 (10) MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL SHALL SERVE
24 WITHOUT COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER
25 COUNCIL MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES
26 INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF
27 THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL.

1 (11) THE MICHIGAN TEACHER COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE ALL OF THE
2 FOLLOWING:

3 (A) FEEDBACK TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, THE
4 STATE BOARD, AND THE LEGISLATURE ON INITIATIVES THAT IT CONSIDERS
5 CRITICAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATTRACTING, PREPARING, AND RETAINING
6 TEACHERS.

7 (B) GUIDANCE ON BEST PRACTICES FOR DEVELOPING THE PROFESSION
8 OF TEACHING, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EFFECTIVE PREPARATION
9 AND COMPENSATION, AND FOR CREATING THE BEST TEACHER INFRASTRUCTURE
10 TO SERVE THIS STATE.

11 (C) ADVICE TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ON SUBJECTS
12 REGARDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUILDING
13 A MODEL FOR INCREASING TEACHER COMPENSATION, REWARDING TEACHERS FOR
14 EXEMPLARY SERVICE, MAKING THE TEACHING PROFESSION AN ATTRACTIVE
15 OPTION FOR PROSPECTIVE EDUCATORS, AND INSTITUTING PRACTICES THAT
16 HELP RETAIN QUALITY TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOM.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
18 after the date it is enacted into law.