

HOUSE BILL NO. 4663

April 20, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Camilleri, Koleszar, Puri, Aiyash, O'Neal, Manoogian, Weiss, Sowerby, Brabec, Hope, Hammoud, Kuppa, Pohutsky, Brenda Carter, Stone, Young, Hood and Whitsett 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 1162.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1162. (1) Subject to subsections (2), (3), and (5),
2 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the board of a school
3 district or board of directors of a public school academy shall
4 employ a certified library media specialist for each school library
5 operated by the school district or public school academy as

1 follows:

2 (a) For a school with less than 300 pupils, at least 1 half-
3 time certified library media specialist.

4 (b) For a school with 300 to 1,499 pupils, at least 1 full-
5 time certified library media specialist.

6 (c) For a school with 1,500 or more pupils, at least 2 full-
7 time certified library media specialists.

8 (2) The board of a school district or board of directors of a
9 public school academy that has less than 51 pupils enrolled in the
10 school district or public school academy may apply to the
11 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, for
12 a waiver from the requirement under subsection (1). Upon receipt of
13 a waiver application under this subsection, the department shall
14 grant the waiver. A school district or public school academy that
15 has been granted a waiver under this subsection is not subject to
16 the requirement under subsection (1).

17 (3) The board of a school district or board of directors of a
18 public school academy that has at least 51 pupils enrolled in the
19 school district or public school academy may apply to the
20 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, for
21 a waiver from the requirement under subsection (1). Upon receipt of
22 a waiver application under this subsection, the department may
23 grant the waiver. A school district or public school academy that
24 has been granted a waiver under this subsection is not subject to
25 the requirement under subsection (1).

26 (4) A certified library media specialist shall work
27 collaboratively with classroom teachers and principals or
28 comparable school administrators to provide literacy instruction to
29 pupils to ensure that pupils achieve grade-level reading

1 proficiency and to integrate information, technology, and research
2 skills with the curriculum offered by the school to meet state
3 academic and technology standards.

4 (5) This section does not apply to a cyber school.

5 (6) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Certified library media specialist" means either of the
7 following, as applicable:

8 (i) A certificated teacher under section 1531 with an ND
9 library media endorsement issued by the department.

10 (ii) Until 2024, a certificated teacher under section 1531 who
11 is in the process of obtaining an ND library media endorsement
12 issued by the department.

13 (b) "Cyber school" means that term as defined in section 551.

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