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Senate Bill 989 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Dayna Polehanki
Committee: Education

## CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to remove a provision that prohibits the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) from granting an Interim Teaching Certificate (ITC) with a special education endorsement to an individual enrolled in an alternative route certification program beginning July 21, 2027.

MCL 380.1531i

## BRIEF RATIONALE

Reportedly, Michigan schools face a shortage of special education teachers. To rectify this issue, the State enacted Public Act 316 of 2020, which allowed the SPI to approve an alternative pathway that granted an ITC with a special education endorsement. Testimony before the Senate Committee on Education indicates that these alternative pathway programs have found success, placing teachers in many special education classrooms. Accordingly, it has been suggested that the sunset that would prohibit the SPI from granting these ITCs be removed.

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## FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Michigan Department of Education or local school districts.

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