

THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1976

***** 380.1233.amended[2] THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 *****

380.1233.amended[2] Teaching or counseling by noncertificated teacher; prohibition; exceptions; notice to superintendent of public instruction; waiving student teaching as requirement for vocational certification; competency test; employment as substitute teacher; renewal of school counselor credential; career counseling; professional development; approval by department; rules.

Sec. 1233. (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, and subject to sections 1233b and 1233c, the board of a school district or intermediate school district shall not permit a teacher who does not hold a valid teaching certificate to teach in a grade or department of the school.

(2) The board of a school district or intermediate school district shall not allow an individual to serve in a counseling role in the school district or intermediate school district, as the role is defined by the superintendent of public instruction, unless the individual meets 1 or more of the following:

(a) The individual holds a valid teaching certificate with a school counseling endorsement.

(b) The individual meets all of the following:

(i) Holds a master's degree awarded after completion of an approved school counselor education program that includes at least all of the following skills and content areas or their equivalent:

(A) Guidance services--philosophy, principles, and practices.

(B) Individual and group analysis--nature and range of human characteristics and appraisal methods.

(C) Guidance information--vocational development theory, educational and occupational information.

(D) Counseling theory and practice--individual and group procedures, administration and coordination relationships, professional relationships, and ethics.

(E) Supervised experiences--laboratory, practicum, or internship.

(F) Evaluation--statistics and research methodology, follow-up evaluation, and measurement methods.

(ii) Has successfully completed the department's guidance counselor examination.

(iii) Has been recommended by an approved school counselor education program to provide services as a school counselor.

(c) The individual meets both of the following:

(i) Has at least 5 years of successful experience serving in a school counseling role in another state within the immediately preceding 7-year period.

(ii) Has successfully completed the department's guidance counselor examination.

(3) Except for teachers engaged to teach under section 1233b and teachers engaged to teach in a community district under section 1233c, the intermediate superintendent shall notify the superintendent of public instruction immediately of the names of noncertificated teachers teaching in violation of subsection (1) and the names of individuals serving in counseling roles in violation of subsection (2), the employing district, and the amount of time the noncertificated teachers or unqualified individuals were employed.

(4) A vocational teacher preparation institution shall utilize the employment experience of an annually authorized teacher for the purpose of waiving student teaching as a requirement for vocational certification if the annually authorized teacher is supervised by the teacher preparation institution.

(5) All vocational education teachers certified after June 1, 1995 shall pass a competency test.

(6) The board of a school district or intermediate school district may employ an individual without a teaching certificate as a substitute teacher if the individual has at least 60 semester hours of college credit or an associate degree from a college, university, or community college and, for substitute teaching in grades 9 to 12, is at least 22 years of age. The 60 semester hours do not need to be from the same college, university, or community college. The department shall amend any applicable rule as necessary to be consistent with this subsection.

(7) Beginning February 6, 2020, the department shall not renew an individual's school counselor credential unless the department determines that, within the time period since the individual's school counselor credential was issued or last renewed, whichever is most recent, the individual has completed at least 25 hours of professional development approved by the department under subsection (9) covering counseling about the college preparation and selection process and at least 25 hours of professional development approved by the department under subsection (9) covering career counseling. For the purposes of this subsection, career counseling includes, but is not limited to, exploration of military career options and the skilled trades as well as other careers and pathways that lead to industry credentials awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or occupational skills necessary to obtain employment or advance within

an occupation. The hours of professional development required under this subsection covering career counseling shall include at least 5 hours covering military career options. The hours of professional development required under this subsection are a part of and not in addition to professional development requirements under department rule.

(8) An individual may complete the professional development hours for the purposes of subsection (7) as part of the professional development provided by a school district, intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic school under section 1527 if the content and curriculum of the professional development provided under section 1527 are approved by the department under subsection (9).

(9) The department shall approve the professional development for the purposes of subsection (7). The department shall only approve a professional development program or course for the purposes of subsection (7) if the department determines that the content and curriculum for the professional development meet standards that are developed by the department in consultation with the department of talent and economic development and groups representing school counselors, college admissions professionals, financial aid officers, employers, and others as determined appropriate by the department. The department shall develop these standards by July 1, 2018 and shall facilitate the involvement in the development of the standards of the groups required under this subsection.

(10) The superintendent of public instruction shall promulgate or modify rules as necessary to implement subsections (7) to (9).

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