

**THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1976**

\*\*\*\*\* 380.1531j.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 \*\*\*\*\*

**380.1531j.amended Issuance of initial professional teaching certificate; requirements; rules.**

Sec. 1531j. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or a rule to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2018, the superintendent of public instruction shall not issue an initial professional teaching certificate to an individual unless the individual presents evidence satisfactory to the superintendent of public instruction demonstrating that he or she meets all of the following:

(a) The individual has successfully completed at least 3 full years of classroom teaching.

(b) The individual meets either of the following:

(i) Was rated as either effective or highly effective on his or her annual year-end performance evaluation under section 1249 for the 3 consecutive school years immediately preceding his or her application for the professional teaching certificate.

(ii) Was rated as either effective or highly effective on his or her annual year-end performance evaluation under section 1249 for at least 3 nonconsecutive school years before his or her application for the professional teaching certificate and submits a recommendation from the chief school administrator of the school at which he or she is currently employed that he or she be issued a professional teaching certificate.

(2) Not later than January 1, 2019, the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the department of talent and economic development and groups or individuals representing employers, economic development agencies, trade unions, secondary school principals, middle and elementary school principals, teachers, school district and intermediate school district superintendents, and others as determined appropriate by the department, shall promulgate rules to allow an individual to use time spent engaging with local employers or technical centers toward the renewal of a professional teaching certificate in the same manner as state continuing education or professional development.

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