

HOUSE BILL No. 4779

May 17, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Jackson and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending sections 1246 and 1536 (MCL 380.1246 and 380.1536),
section 1246 as amended by 2004 PA 148 and section 1536 as added by
2006 PA 335.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1246. (1) ~~A-EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) AND~~
2 **SECTION 1536, A** school district, public school academy, or
3 intermediate school district shall not **EMPLOY OR** continue to employ
4 a person as a superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or
5 other person whose primary responsibility is administering
6 instructional programs or as a chief business official unless the
7 person ~~has completed the continuing education requirements~~
8 ~~prescribed by rule under subsection (2)-POSSESSES A VALID MICHIGAN~~

1 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
2 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION UNDER SECTION 1536.

3 ~~(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall promulgate~~
4 ~~rules establishing continuing education requirements as a condition~~
5 ~~for continued employment for persons employed in positions~~
6 ~~described in subsection (1). The rules shall prescribe a minimum~~
7 ~~amount of continuing education that shall be completed within 5~~
8 ~~years after initial employment and shall be completed each~~
9 ~~subsequent 5 year period to meet the requirements of subsection (1)~~
10 ~~for continued employment. A SCHOOL DISTRICT, PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY,~~
11 ~~OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY EMPLOY AS A SUPERINTENDENT,~~
12 ~~PRINCIPAL, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, OR OTHER PERSON WHOSE PRIMARY~~
13 ~~RESPONSIBILITY IS ADMINISTERING INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS OR AS A~~
14 ~~CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICIAL A PERSON WHO IS ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM~~
15 ~~LEADING TO CERTIFICATION AS A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, WHETHER OR NOT~~
16 ~~A PERSON POSSESSING A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE IS~~
17 ~~AVAILABLE FOR THE POSITION. A PERSON EMPLOYED AS A SCHOOL~~
18 ~~ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION HAS 5 YEARS TO MEET THE~~
19 ~~CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1536, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT,~~
20 ~~PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY, OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT~~
21 ~~CONTINUE TO EMPLOY THE PERSON.~~

22 Sec. 1536. (1) The ~~state board~~ SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
23 INSTRUCTION shall develop a school administrator's certificate that
24 ~~may~~ SHALL be issued to ALL school district and intermediate school
25 district superintendents, school principals, assistant principals,
26 and other administrators whose primary responsibility is
27 administering instructional programs AND WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS

1 ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (3), AND TO SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
2 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICIALS WHO MEET THE
3 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (3). ~~An individual is not~~
4 ~~required by this section to have a school administrator's~~
5 ~~certificate under this section or an endorsement under subsection~~
6 ~~(2) to be employed as a school administrator by a school district,~~
7 ~~public school academy, intermediate school district, or nonpublic~~
8 ~~school.~~

9 (2) The ~~state board~~ **SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION** also
10 ~~may~~ **SHALL** develop appropriate certificate endorsements for school
11 administrators, by elementary, secondary, and central office level.

12 (3) The ~~state board~~ **SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION** shall
13 develop standards and procedures to implement this section. The
14 standards and procedures shall address at least all of the
15 following:

16 (a) The educational and professional experience requirements
17 for a certificate or endorsement under this section.

18 (b) Continuing education requirements for periodic
19 recertification. These requirements shall be consistent with the
20 continuing education requirements under section 1246.

21 (c) Procedures for application for and issuance of
22 certificates and endorsements under this section.

23 (d) Standards and procedures for suspension and revocation of
24 a certificate. These standards and procedures shall be based on the
25 standards and procedures for taking action against a person's
26 teaching certificate under section 1535a.

27 ~~(4) The department shall consult and work with appropriate~~

~~professional organizations, primarily organizations representing
superintendents and building level administrators, in developing
the standards required under this section.~~

~~—— (5) For the purposes of adding 1 or more enhancement or
specialty endorsements for a school administrator's certificate,
the department may recognize performance based professional
learning programs offered by established state professional
organizations that represent school administrators described in
subsection (1). These programs must be approved by the department
based on alignment with state board approved school administrator
program preparation standards.~~

~~—— (6) As used in this section, "established state professional
organization" means an association that has served members on a
statewide basis for at least 10 years.~~

(4) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MAY PROVIDE A
WAIVER FOR ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT ABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT A SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATOR MUST POSSESS A VALID TEACHING CERTIFICATE, DUE TO
UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

(5) A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS
SECTION IS VALID FOR 5 YEARS AND SHALL BE RENEWED UPON COMPLETION
OF RENEWAL UNITS AS DETERMINED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
INSTRUCTION.

(6) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PROMULGATE
RULES HE OR SHE CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.