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House Bill 5596 (Substitute H-5)  
Sponsor: Representative Phillip Pavlov  
House Committee: Education

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a process for a person to earn an interim teaching certificate that would qualify the person to teach in the public schools and, after three years of satisfactory performance, receive a teaching certificate. The process could not allow for an interim certificate for special education. The bill would do the following:

- Require a person to participate in an alternative teaching program; hold a bachelor's, masters, doctorate, or professional degree with a minimum grade point average of 3.0; and pass applicable exams, in order to receive an interim certificate.
- Require alternative teaching programs to meet criteria related to credit hours, subject matter training, and enrollment.
- Require a program to have a proven record of producing successful teachers in one or more other states, or be modeled after such a program.
- Establish criteria regarding observation and coaching, and progress toward a teaching certificate, for a person holding an interim certificate to teach in a public school.
- Require the State Superintendent to develop standards for granting a teaching certificate after a person taught under an interim certificate.

Proposed MCL 380.1531i

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

State: The Department of Education would incur additional costs under this legislation. The costs would reflect the amount of administrative time and resources necessary for the State Superintendent to establish a process for a person to earn an interim teaching certificate as prescribed by the bill.

Local: Local districts could see some slight additional costs from the "intensive observation and coaching" required of the district when employing a person with an interim teaching certificate.

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