## **HOUSE BILL No. 5629**

May 15, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Nesbitt and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code,"

by amending sections 1230d, 1535a, and 1539b (MCL 380.1230d, 380.1535a, and 380.1539b), as amended by 2006 PA 680.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1230d. (1) If a person who is employed in any capacity by
- 2 a school district, intermediate school district, public school
- 3 academy, or nonpublic school; who has applied for a position with a
- 4 school district, intermediate school district, public school
- 5 academy, or nonpublic school and has had an initial criminal
- 6 history check under section 1230 or criminal records check under
- 7 section 1230a; or who is regularly and continuously working under
- 8 contract in a school district, intermediate school district, public
- school academy, or nonpublic school, is charged with a crime listed

- 1 in section 1535a(1) or 1539b(1) or a violation of a substantially
- 2 similar law of another state, a political subdivision of this state
- 3 or another state, or of the United States, the person shall report
- 4 to the department and to the school district, intermediate school
- 5 district, public school academy, or nonpublic school that he or she
- 6 has been charged with the crime. All of the following apply to this
- 7 reporting requirement:
- 8 (a) The person shall make the report on a form prescribed by
- 9 the department.
- 10 (b) The person shall submit the report to the department and
- 11 to the superintendent of the school district or intermediate school
- 12 district or chief administrator of the public school academy or
- 13 nonpublic school.
- 14 (c) The person shall submit the report within 3 business days
- 15 after being arraigned for the crime.
- 16 (2) If a person who is employed in any capacity by or is
- 17 regularly and continuously working under contract in a school
- 18 district, intermediate school district, public school academy, or
- 19 nonpublic school enters a plea of guilt or no contest to or is the
- 20 subject of a finding of guilt by a judge or jury of any crime after
- 21 having been initially charged with a crime described in section
- 22 1535a(1) or 1539b(1), then the person immediately shall disclose to
- 23 the court, on a form prescribed by the state court administrative
- 24 office, that he or she is employed by or regularly and continuously
- working under contract in a school district, intermediate school
- 26 district, public school academy, or nonpublic school. The person
- 27 shall immediately provide a copy of the form to the prosecuting

- 1 attorney in charge of the case, to the superintendent of public
- 2 instruction, and to the superintendent or chief administrator of
- 3 the school district, intermediate school district, public school
- 4 academy, or nonpublic school.
- 5 (3) A person who violates subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of a
- 6 crime, as follows:
- 7 (a) If the person violates either subsection (1) or (2) and
- 8 the crime involved in the violation is a misdemeanor that is a
- 9 listed offense or is a felony, the person is guilty of a felony
- 10 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of
- 11 not more than \$2,000.00, or both.
- 12 (b) If the person violates either subsection (1) or (2) and
- 13 the crime involved in the violation is a misdemeanor that is not a
- 14 listed offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
- 15 imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than
- 16 \$1,000.00, or both.
- 17 (4) A person who violates subsection (1) or (2) may be
- 18 discharged from his or her employment or have his or her contract
- 19 terminated. If the board of a school district or intermediate
- 20 school district or board of directors of a public school academy
- 21 finds, after providing notice and the opportunity for a hearing,
- 22 that a person employed by the school district, intermediate school
- 23 district, or public school academy has violated subsection (1) or
- 24 (2), the board or board of directors may discharge the person from
- 25 his or her employment. However, if a collective bargaining
- 26 agreement that applies to the affected person is in effect as of
- 27 January 1, 2006, and if that collective bargaining agreement is not

- 1 in compliance with this subsection, then this subsection does not
- 2 apply to that school district, intermediate school district, or
- 3 public school academy until after the expiration of that collective
- 4 bargaining agreement.
- 5 (5) If a person submits a report that he or she has been
- 6 charged with a crime, as required under subsection (1), and the
- 7 person is subsequently not convicted of any crime after the
- 8 completion of judicial proceedings resulting from that charge, then
- 9 the person may request the department and the school district,
- 10 intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic
- 11 school to delete the report from its records concerning the person.
- 12 Upon receipt of the request from the person and of documentation
- 13 verifying that the person was not convicted of any crime after the
- 14 completion of judicial proceedings resulting from that charge, the
- 15 department or a school district, intermediate school district,
- 16 public school academy, or nonpublic school shall delete the report
- 17 from its records concerning the person.
- 18 (6) If the prosecuting attorney in charge of a case receives a
- 19 form as provided under subsection (2), the prosecuting attorney
- 20 shall notify the superintendent of public instruction and the
- 21 superintendent or chief administrator of any school district,
- 22 intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic
- 23 school in which the person is employed by forwarding a copy of the
- 24 form to each of them not later than 7 days after receiving the
- 25 form. If the court receives a form as provided under subsection
- 26 (2), the court shall notify the superintendent of public
- 27 instruction and the superintendent or chief administrator of any

school district, intermediate school district, public school 1 2 academy, or nonpublic school in which the person is employed by forwarding to each of them a copy of the form and information 3 4 regarding the sentence imposed on the person not later than 7 days after the date of sentencing, even if the court is maintaining the 5 6 file as a nonpublic record. (7) The department of information technology shall work with 7 the department and the department of state police to develop and 8 9 implement an automated program that does a comparison of the department's list of registered educational personnel, and of any 10 11 other list maintained by the department of individuals employed or

regularly and continuously working under contract in a school, with

actually school employees at the time of the comparison or who are

the comparison. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, this comparison

comparison during January and June of each year until July 1, 2008.

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shall include convictions contained in a nonpublic record. The

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- 1 school academy, or nonpublic school of a conviction. If a
- 2 comparison discloses that a person on the department's list of
- 3 registered educational personnel has been convicted of a crime, or
- 4 if the department is otherwise notified by the department of state
- 5 police that such a person has been convicted of a crime, the
- 6 department shall notify the superintendent or chief administrator
- 7 and the board or governing body of the school district,
- 8 intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic
- 9 school in which the person is employed of that conviction.
- 10 (7) (8) If a school district, intermediate school district,
- 11 public school academy, or nonpublic school receives a report under
- 12 this section of a conviction, within 60 days after receiving the
- 13 report the school district, intermediate school district, public
- 14 school academy, or nonpublic school shall submit to the department
- 15 in the form and manner prescribed by the department a report
- 16 detailing the information received and any action taken as a result
- 17 by the school district, intermediate school district, public school
- 18 academy, or nonpublic school. The department shall maintain a copy
- 19 of this report for at least 6 years.
- 20 (8)  $\frac{(9)}{}$  As used in this section:
- 21 (a) "At school" means in a classroom, elsewhere on school
- 22 property, or on a school bus or other school-related vehicle.
- 23 (b) "Felony" means that term as defined in section 1 of
- 24 chapter I of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL
- **25** 761.1.
- 26 (c) "Listed offense" means that term as defined in section 2
- 27 of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.722.

- 1 (d) "Regularly and continuously work under contract" means any
- 2 of the following:
- 3 (i) To work at school on a more than intermittent or sporadic
- 4 basis as an owner or employee of an entity that has a contract with
- 5 a school district, intermediate school district, public school
- 6 academy, or nonpublic school to provide food, custodial,
- 7 transportation, counseling, or administrative services, or to
- 8 provide instructional services to pupils or related and auxiliary
- 9 services to special education pupils.
- 10 (ii) To work at school on a more than intermittent or sporadic
- 11 basis as an individual under a contract with a school district,
- 12 intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic
- 13 school to provide food, custodial, transportation, counseling, or
- 14 administrative services, or to provide instructional services to
- 15 pupils or related and auxiliary services to special education
- 16 pupils.
- 17 (e) "School property" means that term as defined in section 33
- 18 of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.733.
- 19 Sec. 1535a. (1) Subject to subsection (2), if a person who
- 20 holds a teaching certificate that is valid in this state has been
- 21 convicted of a crime described in this subsection, within 10
- 22 working days after receiving notice of the conviction the
- 23 superintendent of public instruction shall notify the person in
- 24 writing that his or her teaching certificate may be suspended
- 25 because of the conviction and of his or her right to a hearing
- 26 before the superintendent of public instruction. The hearing shall
- 27 be conducted as a contested case under the administrative

- 1 procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328. If the
- 2 person does not avail himself or herself of this right to a hearing
- 3 within 15 working days after receipt of this written notification,
- 4 the teaching certificate of that person shall be suspended. If a
- 5 hearing takes place, the superintendent of public instruction shall
- 6 complete the proceedings and make a final decision and order within
- 7 120 working days after receiving the request for a hearing. Subject
- 8 to subsection (2), the superintendent of public instruction may
- 9 suspend the person's teaching certificate based upon the issues and
- 10 evidence presented at the hearing. This subsection applies to any
- 11 of the following crimes:
- 12 (a) Any felony.
- 13 (b) Any of the following misdemeanors:
- 14 (i) Criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree or an attempt
- 15 to commit criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree.
- 16 (ii) Child abuse in the third or fourth degree or an attempt to
- 17 commit child abuse in the third or fourth degree.
- 18 (iii) A misdemeanor involving cruelty, torture, or indecent
- 19 exposure involving a child.
- 20 (iv) A misdemeanor violation of section 7410 of the public
- 21 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7410.
- 22 (v) A violation of section 115, 141a, 335a, or 359 of the
- 23 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.115, 750.141a, 750.335a,
- 24 and 750.359, or a misdemeanor violation of section 81, 81a, or 145d
- 25 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81, 750.81a, and
- **26** 750.145d.
- 27 (vi) A misdemeanor violation of section 701 of the Michigan

- 1 liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1701.
- 2 (vii) Any misdemeanor that is a listed offense.
- 3 (c) A violation of a substantially similar law of another
- 4 state, of a political subdivision of this state or another state,
- 5 or of the United States.
- 6 (2) If a person who holds a teaching certificate that is valid
- 7 in this state has been convicted of a crime described in this
- 8 subsection, the superintendent of public instruction shall find
- 9 that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency
- 10 action and shall order summary suspension of the person's teaching
- 11 certificate under section 92 of the administrative procedures act
- 12 of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.292, and shall subsequently provide an
- 13 opportunity for a hearing as provided under that section. This
- 14 subsection does not limit the superintendent of public
- 15 instruction's ability to order summary suspension of a person's
- 16 teaching certificate for a reason other than described in this
- 17 subsection. This subsection applies to conviction of any of the
- 18 following crimes:
- 19 (a) Criminal sexual conduct in any degree, assault with intent
- 20 to commit criminal sexual conduct, or an attempt to commit criminal
- 21 sexual conduct in any degree.
- 22 (b) Felonious assault on a child, child abuse in the first
- 23 degree, or an attempt to commit child abuse in the first degree.
- 24 (c) Cruelty, torture, or indecent exposure involving a child.
- 25 (d) A violation of section 7401(2)(a)(i), 7403(2)(a)(i), 7410,
- 26 or 7416 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401,
- 27 333.7403, 333.7410, and 333.7416.

- 1 (e) A violation of section 83, 89, 91, 145a, 145b, 145c, 316,
- 2 317, 350, 448, 455, or 529 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- 3 MCL 750.83, 750.89, 750.91, 750.145a, 750.145b, 750.145c, 750.316,
- 4 750.317, 750.350, 750.448, 750.455, and 750.529, or a felony
- 5 violation of section 145d of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- 6 MCL 750.145d.
- 7 (f) A violation of section 158 of the Michigan penal code,
- 8 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.158, if a victim is an individual less than 18
- 9 years of age.
- 10 (g) Except for a juvenile disposition or adjudication, a
- 11 violation of section 338, 338a, or 338b of the Michigan penal code,
- 12 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.338, 750.338a, and 750.338b, if a victim is an
- 13 individual less than 18 years of age.
- 14 (h) A violation of section 349 of the Michigan penal code,
- 15 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.349, if a victim is an individual less than 18
- 16 years of age.
- 17 (i) An offense committed by a person who was, at the time of
- 18 the offense, a sexually delinquent person as defined in section 10a
- 19 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.10a.
- 20 (j) Any other crime that is a listed offense.
- 21 (k) An attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense listed in
- 22 subdivision (a), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), or (j).
- (l) A violation of a substantially similar law of another
- 24 state, of a political subdivision of this state or another state,
- 25 or of the United States.
- 26 (m) Any other crime listed in subsection (1), if the
- 27 superintendent of public instruction determines the public health,

- 1 safety, or welfare requires emergency action based on the
- 2 circumstances underlying the conviction.
- 3 (3) All of the following apply to any proceedings affecting a
- 4 person's teaching certificate under this section:
- 5 (a) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a
- 6 designee to perform the investigatory and prosecutorial functions
- 7 involved in the proceedings. However, the superintendent of public
- 8 instruction must approve any settlement, conditional agreement, or
- 9 other decision not to proceed with charges.
- 10 (b) Any final action that affects the status of a person's
- 11 teaching certificate shall be taken by the superintendent of public
- 12 instruction.
- 13 (c) The superintendent of public instruction after a hearing
- 14 shall not take action against a person's teaching certificate under
- 15 subsection (1) or (2) unless the superintendent of public
- 16 instruction finds that the conviction is reasonably and adversely
- 17 related to the person's present fitness to serve in an elementary
- 18 or secondary school in this state or that the conviction
- 19 demonstrates that the person is unfit to teach in an elementary or
- 20 secondary school in this state. Further, the superintendent of
- 21 public instruction may take action against a person's teaching
- 22 certificate under subsection (1) or (2) based on a conviction that
- 23 occurred before April 1, 2004 if the superintendent of public
- 24 instruction finds that the conviction is reasonably and adversely
- 25 related to the person's present fitness to serve in an elementary
- 26 or secondary school in this state or that the conviction
- 27 demonstrates that the person is unfit to teach in an elementary or

- 1 secondary school in this state. For the purposes of this section,
- 2 conviction of a listed offense is reasonably and adversely related
- 3 to the person's fitness to serve in an elementary or secondary
- 4 school in this state and demonstrates that the person is unfit to
- 5 teach in an elementary or secondary school in this state.
- 6 (4) If a person who has entered a plea of guilt or no contest
- 7 to or who is the subject of a finding of guilt by a judge or jury
- 8 of a crime listed in subsection (2) has been suspended from active
- 9 performance of duty by a public school, school district,
- 10 intermediate school district, or nonpublic school during the
- 11 pendency of proceedings under this section, the public school,
- 12 school district, intermediate school district, or nonpublic school
- 13 employing the person shall discontinue the person's compensation
- 14 until the superintendent of public instruction has made a final
- 15 determination of whether or not to suspend or revoke the person's
- 16 teaching certificate. If the superintendent of public instruction
- 17 does not suspend or revoke the person's teaching certificate, the
- 18 public school, school district, intermediate school district, or
- 19 nonpublic school shall make the person whole for lost compensation,
- 20 without interest. However, if a collective bargaining agreement is
- 21 in effect as of January 1, 2006 for employees of a school district,
- 22 intermediate school district, or public school academy, and if the
- 23 terms of that collective bargaining agreement are inconsistent with
- 24 this subsection, then this subsection does not apply to that school
- 25 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy
- 26 until after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement.
- 27 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after the

- 1 completion of a person's sentence, the person may request a hearing
- 2 on reinstatement of his or her teaching certificate. Based upon the
- 3 issues and evidence presented at the hearing, the superintendent of
- 4 public instruction may reinstate, continue the suspension of, or
- 5 permanently revoke the person's teaching certificate. The
- 6 superintendent of public instruction shall not reinstate a person's
- 7 teaching certificate unless the superintendent of public
- 8 instruction finds that the person is currently fit to serve in an
- 9 elementary or secondary school in this state and that reinstatement
- 10 of the person's teaching certificate will not adversely affect the
- 11 health, safety, and welfare of pupils. If a person's conviction was
- 12 for a listed offense, the person is not entitled to request a
- 13 hearing on reinstatement under this subsection, and the
- 14 superintendent of public instruction shall not reinstate the
- 15 person's teaching certificate under this subsection.
- 16 (6) All of the following apply to a person described in this
- 17 section whose conviction is reversed upon final appeal:
- 18 (a) The person's teaching certificate shall be reinstated upon
- 19 his or her notification to the superintendent of public instruction
- 20 of the reversal.
- 21 (b) If the suspension of the person's teaching certificate
- 22 under this section was the sole cause of his or her discharge from
- 23 employment, the person shall be reinstated, upon his or her
- 24 notification to the appropriate local or intermediate school board
- 25 of the reversal, with full rights and benefits, to the position he
- or she would have had if he or she had been continuously employed.
- 27 (c) If the person's compensation was discontinued under

- 1 subsection (4), the public school, school district, intermediate
- 2 school district, or nonpublic school shall make the person whole
- 3 for lost compensation.
- 4 (7) If the prosecuting attorney in charge of a case receives a
- 5 form as provided under section 1230d, the prosecuting attorney
- 6 shall notify the superintendent of public instruction, and any
- 7 public school, school district, intermediate school district, or
- 8 nonpublic school in which the person is employed by forwarding a
- 9 copy of the form to each of them not later than 7 days after
- 10 receiving the form. If the court receives a form as provided under
- 11 section 1230d, the court shall notify the superintendent of public
- 12 instruction and any public school, school district, intermediate
- 13 school district, or nonpublic school in which the person is
- 14 employed by forwarding to each of them a copy of the form and
- 15 information regarding the sentence imposed on the person not later
- 16 than 7 days after the date of sentencing, even if the court is
- 17 maintaining the file as a nonpublic record.
- 18 (8) Not later than 7 days after receiving notification from
- 19 the prosecuting attorney or the court under subsection (7) or
- 20 learning through an authoritative source that a person who holds a
- 21 teaching certificate has been convicted of a crime listed in
- 22 subsection (1), the superintendent of public instruction shall
- 23 request the court to provide a certified copy of the judgment of
- 24 conviction and sentence or other document regarding the disposition
- 25 of the case to the superintendent of public instruction and shall
- 26 pay any fees required by the court. The court shall provide this
- 27 certified copy within 7 days after receiving the request and fees

- 1 under this section or after entry of the judgment or other
- 2 document, whichever is later, even if the court is maintaining the
- 3 judgment or other document as a nonpublic record.
- 4 (9) If the superintendent of a school district or intermediate
- 5 school district, the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic
- 6 school, the president of the board of a school district or
- 7 intermediate school district, or the president of the governing
- 8 board of a nonpublic school is notified or learns through an
- 9 authoritative source that a person who holds a teaching certificate
- 10 and who is employed by the school district, intermediate school
- 11 district, or nonpublic school has been convicted of a crime
- 12 described in subsection (1) or (2), the superintendent, chief
- 13 administrative officer, or board president shall notify the
- 14 superintendent of public instruction of that conviction within 15
- 15 days after learning of the conviction.
- 16 (10) For the purposes of this section, a certified copy of the
- 17 judgment of conviction and sentence is conclusive evidence of
- 18 conviction of a crime described in this section. For the purposes
- 19 of this section, conviction of a crime described in this section is
- 20 considered to be reasonably and adversely related to the ability of
- 21 the person to serve in an elementary or secondary school and is
- 22 sufficient grounds for suspension or revocation of the person's
- 23 teaching certificate.
- 24 (11) For any hearing under subsection (1), if the
- 25 superintendent of public instruction does not make a final decision
- 26 and order within 120 working days after receiving the request for
- 27 the hearing, as required under subsection (1), the superintendent

- 1 of public instruction shall submit a report detailing the reasons
- 2 for the delay to the standing committees and appropriations
- 3 subcommittees of the senate and house of representatives that have
- 4 jurisdiction over education and education appropriations. The
- 5 failure of the superintendent of public instruction to make a final
- 6 decision and order within this 120 working day time limit, or the
- 7 failure of any other official or agency to meet a time limit
- 8 prescribed in this section, does not affect the validity of an
- 9 action taken under this section affecting a person's teaching
- 10 certificate.
- 11 (12) Beginning July 1, 2004, the superintendent of public
- 12 instruction shall submit to the legislature a quarterly report of
- 13 all final actions he or she has taken under this section affecting
- 14 a person's teaching certificate during the preceding quarter. The
- 15 report shall contain at least all of the following with respect to
- 16 each person whose teaching certificate has been affected:
- 17 (a) The person's name, as it appears on the teaching
- 18 certificate.
- 19 (b) The school district, intermediate school district, public
- 20 school academy, or nonpublic school in which the person was
- 21 employed at the time of the conviction, if any.
- (c) The offense for which the person was convicted and the
- 23 date of the offense and date of the conviction.
- 24 (d) Whether the action taken by the superintendent of public
- 25 instruction was a summary suspension, suspension due to failure to
- 26 request a hearing, suspension, revocation, or reinstatement of the
- 27 teaching certificate.

- 1 (13) This section does not do any of the following:
- 2 (a) Prohibit a person who holds a teaching certificate from
- 3 seeking monetary compensation from a school board or intermediate
- 4 school board if that right is available under a collective
- 5 bargaining agreement or another statute.
- 6 (b) Limit the rights and powers granted to a school district
- 7 or intermediate school district under a collective bargaining
- 8 agreement, this act, or another statute to discipline or discharge
- 9 a person who holds a teaching certificate.
- 10 (14) The superintendent of public instruction may promulgate,
- 11 as necessary, rules to implement this section pursuant to the
- 12 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- **13** 24.328.
- 14 (15) The department of information technology shall work with
- 15 the department and the department of state police to develop and
- 16 implement an automated program that does a comparison of the
- 17 department's list of individuals holding a teaching certificate or
- 18 state board approval, and of any other list maintained by the
- 19 department of individuals employed or regularly and continuously
- 20 working under contract in a school, with the conviction information
- 21 received by the department of state police. This comparison shall
- 22 only include individuals who are actually school employees at the
- 23 time of the comparison or who are regularly and continuously
- 24 working under contract at the time of the comparison. Unless
- 25 otherwise prohibited by law, this comparison shall include
- 26 convictions contained in a nonpublic record. The department and the
- 27 department of state police shall perform this comparison during

- 1 January and June of each year until July 1, 2008. The department of
- 2 state police shall take all reasonable and necessary measures using
- 3 the available technology to ensure the accuracy of this comparison
- 4 before transmitting the information under this subsection to the
- 5 department. The department shall take all reasonable and necessary
- 6 measures using the available technology to ensure the accuracy of
- 7 this comparison before notifying a school district, intermediate
- 8 school district, public school academy, or nonpublic school of a
- 9 conviction. If a comparison discloses that a person on the
- 10 department's list of individuals holding a teaching certificate or
- 11 state board approval has been convicted of a crime, or if the
- 12 department is otherwise notified by the department of state police
- 13 that such a person has been convicted of a crime, the department
- 14 shall notify the superintendent or chief administrator and the
- 15 board or governing body of the school district, intermediate school
- 16 district, public school academy, or nonpublic school in which the
- 17 person is employed of that conviction.
- 18 (15)  $\frac{(16)}{}$  As used in this section:
- 19 (a) "Conviction" means a judgment entered by a court upon a
- 20 plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill, or nolo contendere or upon
- 21 a jury verdict or court finding that a defendant is guilty or
- 22 guilty but mentally ill.
- 23 (b) "Felony" means that term as defined in section 1 of
- 24 chapter I of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL
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- 26 (c) "Listed offense" means that term as defined in section 2
- 27 of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.722.

- 1 (d) "Prosecuting attorney" means the prosecuting attorney for
- 2 a county, an assistant prosecuting attorney for a county, the
- 3 attorney general, the deputy attorney general, an assistant
- 4 attorney general, a special prosecuting attorney, or, in connection
- 5 with the prosecution of an ordinance violation, an attorney for the
- 6 political subdivision that enacted the ordinance upon which the
- 7 violation is based.
- 8 (e) "Regularly and continuously work under contract" means
- 9 that term as defined in section 1230d.
- 10 Sec. 1539b. (1) Subject to subsection (2), if a person who
- 11 holds state board approval has been convicted of a crime described
- 12 in this subsection, within 10 working days after receiving notice
- 13 of the conviction the superintendent of public instruction shall
- 14 notify the person in writing that his or her state board approval
- 15 may be suspended because of the conviction and of his or her right
- 16 to a hearing before the superintendent of public instruction. The
- 17 hearing shall be conducted as a contested case under the
- 18 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- 19 24.328. If the person does not avail himself or herself of this
- 20 right to a hearing within 15 working days after receipt of this
- 21 written notification, the person's state board approval shall be
- 22 suspended. If a hearing takes place, the superintendent of public
- 23 instruction shall complete the proceedings and make a final
- 24 decision and order within 120 working days after receiving the
- 25 request for a hearing. Subject to subsection (2), the
- 26 superintendent of public instruction may suspend the person's state
- 27 board approval, based upon the issues and evidence presented at the

- 1 hearing. This subsection applies to any of the following crimes:
- 2 (a) Any felony.
- 3 (b) Any of the following misdemeanors:
- 4 (i) Criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree or an attempt
- 5 to commit criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree.
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- 19 (vii) Any misdemeanor that is a listed offense.
- 20 (c) A violation of a substantially similar law of another
- 21 state, of a political subdivision of this state or another state,
- 22 or of the United States.
- 23 (2) If a person who holds state board approval has been
- 24 convicted of a crime described in this subsection, the
- 25 superintendent of public instruction shall find that the public
- 26 health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action and shall
- 27 order summary suspension of the person's state board approval under

- 1 section 92 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
- 2 306, MCL 24.292, and shall subsequently provide an opportunity for
- 3 a hearing as required under that section. This subsection does not
- 4 limit the superintendent of public instruction's ability to order
- 5 summary suspension of a person's state board approval for a reason
- 6 other than described in this subsection. This subsection applies to
- 7 conviction of any of the following crimes:
- 8 (a) Criminal sexual conduct in any degree, assault with intent
- 9 to commit criminal sexual conduct, or an attempt to commit criminal
- 10 sexual conduct in any degree.
- 11 (b) Felonious assault on a child, child abuse in the first
- 12 degree, or an attempt to commit child abuse in the first degree.
- 13 (c) Cruelty, torture, or indecent exposure involving a child.
- 14 (d) A violation of section 7401(2)(a)(i), 7403(2)(a)(i), 7410,
- 15 or 7416 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7401,
- **16** 333.7403, 333.7410, and 333.7416.
- 17 (e) A violation of section 83, 89, 91, 145a, 145b, 145c, 316,
- 18 317, 350, 448, 455, or 529 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- **19** MCL 750.83, 750.89, 750.91, 750.145a, 750.145b, 750.145c, 750.316,
- 20 750.317, 750.350, 750.448, 750.455, and 750.529, or a felony
- 21 violation of section 145d of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- 22 MCL 750.145d.
- 23 (f) A violation of section 158 of the Michigan penal code,
- 24 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.158, if a victim is an individual less than 18
- 25 years of age.
- 26 (g) Except for a juvenile disposition or adjudication, a
- 27 violation of section 338, 338a, or 338b of the Michigan penal code,

- 1 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.338, 750.338a, and 750.338b, if a victim is an
- 2 individual less than 18 years of age.
- 3 (h) A violation of section 349 of the Michigan penal code,
- 4 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.349, if a victim is an individual less than 18
- 5 years of age.
- 6 (i) An offense committed by a person who was, at the time of
- 7 the offense, a sexually delinquent person as defined in section 10a
- 8 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.10a.
- 9 (j) Any other crime that is a listed offense.
- 10 (k) An attempt or conspiracy to commit an offense listed in
- 11 subdivision (a), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), or (j).
- 12 (l) A violation of a substantially similar law of another
- 13 state, of a political subdivision of this state or another state,
- 14 or of the United States.
- 15 (m) Any other crime listed in subsection (1), if the
- 16 superintendent of public instruction determines the public health,
- 17 safety, or welfare requires emergency action based on the
- 18 circumstances underlying the conviction.
- 19 (3) All of the following apply to any proceedings affecting a
- 20 person's state board approval under this section:
- 21 (a) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a
- 22 designee to perform the investigatory and prosecutorial functions
- 23 involved in the proceedings. However, the superintendent of public
- 24 instruction must approve any settlement, conditional agreement, or
- 25 other decision not to proceed with charges.
- 26 (b) Any final action that affects the status of a person's
- 27 state board approval shall be taken by the superintendent of public

- 1 instruction.
- 2 (c) The superintendent of public instruction after a hearing
- 3 shall not take action against a person's state board approval under
- 4 subsection (1) or (2) unless the superintendent of public
- 5 instruction finds that the conviction is reasonably and adversely
- 6 related to the person's present fitness to serve in an elementary
- 7 or secondary school in this state or that the conviction
- 8 demonstrates that the person is unfit to teach in an elementary or
- 9 secondary school in this state. Further, the superintendent of
- 10 public instruction may take action against a person's state board
- 11 approval under subsection (1) or (2) based on a conviction that
- 12 occurred before April 1, 2004 if the superintendent of public
- 13 instruction finds that the conviction is reasonably and adversely
- 14 related to the person's present fitness to serve in an elementary
- 15 or secondary school in this state. For the purposes of this
- 16 section, conviction of a listed offense is reasonably and adversely
- 17 related to the person's fitness to serve in an elementary or
- 18 secondary school in this state and demonstrates that the person is
- 19 unfit to teach in an elementary or secondary school in this state.
- 20 (4) If a person who has entered a plea of guilt or no contest
- 21 to or who is the subject of a finding of guilt by a judge or jury
- 22 of a crime listed in subsection (2) has been suspended from active
- 23 performance of duty by a public school, school district,
- 24 intermediate school district, or nonpublic school during the
- 25 pendency of proceedings under this section, the public school,
- 26 school district, intermediate school district, or nonpublic school
- 27 employing the person shall discontinue the person's compensation

until the superintendent of public instruction has made a final 1 2 determination of whether or not to suspend or revoke the person's state board approval. If the superintendent of public instruction 3 4 does not suspend or revoke the person's state board approval, the 5 public school, school district, intermediate school district, or 6 nonpublic school shall make the person whole for lost compensation, without interest. However, if a collective bargaining agreement is 7 in effect as of January 1, 2006 for employees of a school district, 8 intermediate school district, or public school academy, and if the 9 10 terms of that collective bargaining agreement are inconsistent with 11 this subsection, then this subsection does not apply to that school 12 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy 13 until after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement. 14 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after the completion of the person's sentence, the person may request a 15 hearing on reinstatement of his or her state board approval. Based 16 17 upon the issues and evidence presented at the hearing, the 18 superintendent of public instruction may reinstate, continue the 19 suspension of, or permanently revoke the person's state board 20 approval. The superintendent of public instruction shall not 21 reinstate a person's state board approval unless the superintendent 22 of public instruction finds that the person is currently fit to 23 serve in an elementary or secondary school in this state and that 24 reinstatement of the person's state board approval will not adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of pupils. If a 25 26 person's conviction was for a listed offense, the person is not 27 entitled to request a hearing on reinstatement under this

- 1 subsection, and the superintendent of public instruction shall not
- 2 reinstate the person's state board approval under this subsection.
- 3 (6) All of the following apply to a person described in this
- 4 section whose conviction is reversed upon final appeal:
- 5 (a) The person's state board approval shall be reinstated upon
- 6 his or her notification to the superintendent of public instruction
- 7 of the reversal.
- 8 (b) If the suspension of the state board approval was the sole
- 9 cause of his or her discharge from employment, the person shall be
- 10 reinstated upon his or her notification to the appropriate local or
- 11 intermediate school board of the reversal, with full rights and
- 12 benefits, to the position he or she would have had if he or she had
- 13 been continuously employed.
- 14 (c) If the person's compensation was discontinued under
- 15 subsection (4), the public school, school district, intermediate
- 16 school district, or nonpublic school shall make the person whole
- 17 for lost compensation.
- 18 (7) If the prosecuting attorney in charge of a case receives a
- 19 form as provided under section 1230d, the prosecuting attorney
- 20 shall notify the superintendent of public instruction, and any
- 21 public school, school district, intermediate school district, or
- 22 nonpublic school in which the person is employed by forwarding a
- 23 copy of the form to each of them not later than 7 days after
- 24 receiving the form. If the court receives a form as provided under
- 25 section 1230d, the court shall notify the superintendent of public
- 26 instruction and any public school, school district, intermediate
- 27 school district, or nonpublic school in which the person is

- 1 employed by forwarding to each of them a copy of the form and
- 2 information regarding the sentence imposed on the person not later
- 3 than 7 days after the date of the sentencing, even if the court is
- 4 maintaining the file as a nonpublic record.
- 5 (8) Not later than 7 days after receiving notification from
- 6 the prosecuting attorney or the court under subsection (7) or
- 7 learning through an authoritative source that a person who holds
- 8 state board approval has been convicted of a crime listed in
- 9 subsection (1), the superintendent of public instruction shall
- 10 request the court to provide a certified copy of the judgment of
- 11 conviction and sentence or other document regarding the disposition
- 12 of the case to the superintendent of public instruction and shall
- 13 pay any fees required by the court. The court shall provide this
- 14 certified copy within 7 days after receiving the request and fees
- 15 under this section or after entry of the judgment or other
- 16 document, whichever is later, even if the court is maintaining the
- 17 judgment or other document as a nonpublic record.
- 18 (9) If the superintendent of a school district or intermediate
- 19 school district, the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic
- 20 school, the president of the board of a school district or
- 21 intermediate school district, or the president of the governing
- 22 board of a nonpublic school is notified or learns through an
- 23 authoritative source that a person who holds state board approval
- 24 and who is employed by the school district, intermediate school
- 25 district, or nonpublic school has been convicted of a crime
- 26 described in subsection (1) or (2), the superintendent, chief
- 27 administrative officer, or board president shall notify the

- 1 superintendent of public instruction of that conviction within 15
- 2 days after learning of the conviction.
- 3 (10) For the purposes of this section, a certified copy of the
- 4 judgment of conviction and sentence is conclusive evidence of
- 5 conviction of a crime described in this section. For the purposes
- 6 of this section, conviction of a crime described in this section is
- 7 considered to be reasonably and adversely related to the ability of
- 8 the person to serve in an elementary or secondary school and is
- 9 sufficient grounds for suspension or revocation of the person's
- 10 state board approval.
- 11 (11) For any hearing under subsection (1), if the
- 12 superintendent of public instruction does not make a final decision
- 13 and order within 120 working days after receiving the request for
- 14 the hearing, as required under subsection (1), the superintendent
- 15 of public instruction shall submit a report detailing the reasons
- 16 for the delay to the standing committees and appropriations
- 17 subcommittees of the senate and house of representatives that have
- 18 jurisdiction over education and education appropriations. The
- 19 failure of the superintendent of public instruction to make a final
- 20 decision and order within this 120 working day time limit, or the
- 21 failure of any other official or agency to meet a time limit
- 22 prescribed in this section, does not affect the validity of an
- 23 action taken under this section affecting a person's state board
- 24 approval.
- 25 (12) Beginning July 1, 2004, the superintendent of public
- 26 instruction shall submit to the legislature a quarterly report of
- 27 all final actions he or she has taken under this section affecting

- 1 a person's state board approval during the preceding quarter. The
- 2 report shall contain at least all of the following with respect to
- 3 each person whose state board approval has been affected:
- 4 (a) The person's name, as it appears on the state board
- 5 approval.
- 6 (b) The school district, intermediate school district, public
- 7 school academy, or nonpublic school in which the person was
- 8 employed at the time of the conviction, if any.
- 9 (c) The offense for which the person was convicted and the
- 10 date of the offense and date of the conviction.
- 11 (d) Whether the action taken by the superintendent of public
- 12 instruction was a summary suspension, suspension due to failure to
- 13 request a hearing, suspension, revocation, or reinstatement of the
- 14 state board approval.
- 15 (13) This section does not do any of the following:
- 16 (a) Prohibit a person who holds state board approval from
- 17 seeking monetary compensation from a school board or intermediate
- 18 school board if that right is available under a collective
- 19 bargaining agreement or another statute.
- 20 (b) Limit the rights and powers granted to a school district
- 21 or intermediate school district under a collective bargaining
- 22 agreement, this act, or another statute to discipline or discharge
- 23 a person who holds state board approval.
- 24 (c) Exempt a person who holds state board approval from the
- 25 operation of section 1535a if the person holds a certificate
- 26 subject to that section.
- 27 (d) Limit the ability of a state licensing body to take action

against a person's license or registration for the same conviction. 1 2 (14) The superintendent of public instruction may promulgate, as necessary, rules to implement this section pursuant to the 3 4 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 5 24.328. 6 - (15) The department of information technology shall work with the department and the department of state police to develop and 7 implement an automated program that does a comparison of the 8 9 department's list of individuals holding a teaching certificate or state board approval, and of any other list maintained by the 10 11 department of individuals employed or regularly and continuously working under contract in a school, with the conviction information 12 13 received by the department of state police. This comparison shall 14 only include individuals who are actually school employees at the time of the comparison or who are regularly and continuously 15 working under contract at the time of the comparison. Unless 16 otherwise prohibited by law, this comparison shall include 17 18 convictions contained in a nonpublic record. The department and the 19 department of state police shall perform this comparison during January and June of each year until July 1, 2008. The department of 20 21 state police shall take all reasonable and necessary measures using 22 the available technology to ensure the accuracy of this comparison 23 before transmitting the information under this subsection to the 24 department. The department shall take all reasonable and necessary 25 measures using the available technology to ensure the accuracy of 26 this comparison before notifying a school district, intermediate 27 school district, public school academy, or nonpublic school of a

- 1 conviction. If a comparison discloses that a person on the
- 2 department's list of individuals holding a teaching certificate or
- 3 state board approval has been convicted of a crime, or if the
- 4 department is otherwise notified by the department of state police
- 5 that such a person has been convicted of a crime, the department
- 6 shall notify the superintendent or chief administrator and the
- 7 board or governing body of the school district, intermediate school
- 8 district, public school academy, or nonpublic school in which the
- 9 person is employed of that conviction.
- 10 (15)  $\frac{(16)}{(16)}$  As used in this section:
- 11 (a) "Conviction" means a judgment entered by a court upon a
- 12 plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill, or nolo contendere or upon
- 13 a jury verdict or court finding that a defendant is guilty or
- 14 guilty but mentally ill.
- 15 (b) "Felony" means that term as defined in section 1 of
- 16 chapter I of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL
- **17** 761.1.
- 18 (c) "Listed offense" means that term as defined in section 2
- 19 of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.722.
- 20 (d) "Prosecuting attorney" means the prosecuting attorney for
- 21 a county, an assistant prosecuting attorney for a county, the
- 22 attorney general, the deputy attorney general, an assistant
- 23 attorney general, a special prosecuting attorney, or, in connection
- 24 with the prosecution of an ordinance violation, an attorney for the
- 25 political subdivision that enacted the ordinance upon which the
- 26 violation is based.
- (e) "Regularly and continuously work under contract" means

- 1 that term as defined in section 1230d.
- 2 (f) "State board approval" means a license, certificate,
- 3 approval not requiring a teaching certificate, or other evidence of
- 4 qualifications to hold a particular position in a school district
- 5 or intermediate school district or in a nonpublic school, other
- 6 than a teacher's certificate subject to section 1535a, that is
- 7 issued to a person by the state board or the superintendent of
- 8 public instruction under this act or a rule promulgated under this
- **9** act.

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