

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 1073

Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Kuipers

Senate Committee: Education

House Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1073 AS REPORTED FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE:

The bill would amend the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1246) to require that school administrators complete continuing education requirements every five years. Currently, a public school district, public school academy, or intermediate school district is prohibited from employing a superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other person whose primary responsibility is administering instructional programs, or a chief business official, unless the person has completed continuing education requirements prescribed by rule by the State Board of Education. The rules prescribe a minimum amount of continuing education to be completed within a five-year period as a condition of continuing employment.

Under the bill, the same requirements would apply; however, the rules would have to prescribe a minimum amount of continuing education to be completed within five years after initial employment, and to be completed each subsequent five-year period for continued employment. The bill also states that a district or academy could not "continue to employ" a person unless the requirements were met.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION:

The members of the House Education Committee reported out the Senate-passed version of the bill without amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. School districts could bear some of the cost of continuing education courses taken by administrative personnel, creating an indeterminate potential local cost.

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