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Senate Bill 1073 (as enrolled)
Sponsor: Senator Wayne Kuipers
Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code 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 must 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.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. The proposed requirement to complete continuing education courses every five years could have a minimal impact on local school districts. Local districts most likely would bear the cost of any continuing education courses taken by administrative personnel.

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