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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 12-63—sSB 382

*Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee
Education Committee*

AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER CERTIFICATION

SUMMARY: This act, with one exception, prohibits teachers who receive an elementary education endorsement on or after July 1, 2013 from using that endorsement to teach kindergarten. It thus requires them to obtain an early childhood nursery through grade three endorsement in order to teach kindergarten. Elementary education endorsements issued before that date continue to be valid for teaching kindergarten.

Generally, under the act, elementary education endorsements issued on or after July 1, 2013 are valid only for grades one through six. But the act allows individuals to teach kindergarten with such an endorsement issued on or after that date if they (1) have been admitted to a teacher preparation program in the elementary education endorsement area on or before the start of the 2012 fall semester, (2) successfully complete the program, and (3) receive the endorsement by July 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

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