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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-133—HB 6292

*Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee
Appropriations Committee*

AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SUMMARY: This act adds a competency area to the teacher preparation training program, which candidates must complete to earn professional certification. Under existing law, the State Board of Education has established teaching standards competency areas that include: (1) development and characteristics of learners, (2) evidence- and standards-based instruction, (3) evidence-based classroom and behavior management, and (4) assessment and professional behaviors and responsibilities. The act requires candidates to complete training in a fifth competency area: children's social and emotional learning and development. This training must provide instruction about (1) a comprehensive, coordinated social and emotional assessment of, and early intervention for, children whose behavior indicates social or emotional problems; (2) the availability of treatment services for these children; and (3) referrals for assessment, intervention, or treatment services.

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