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Legislative Update

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Teacher Probationary Bill Signed Into Law

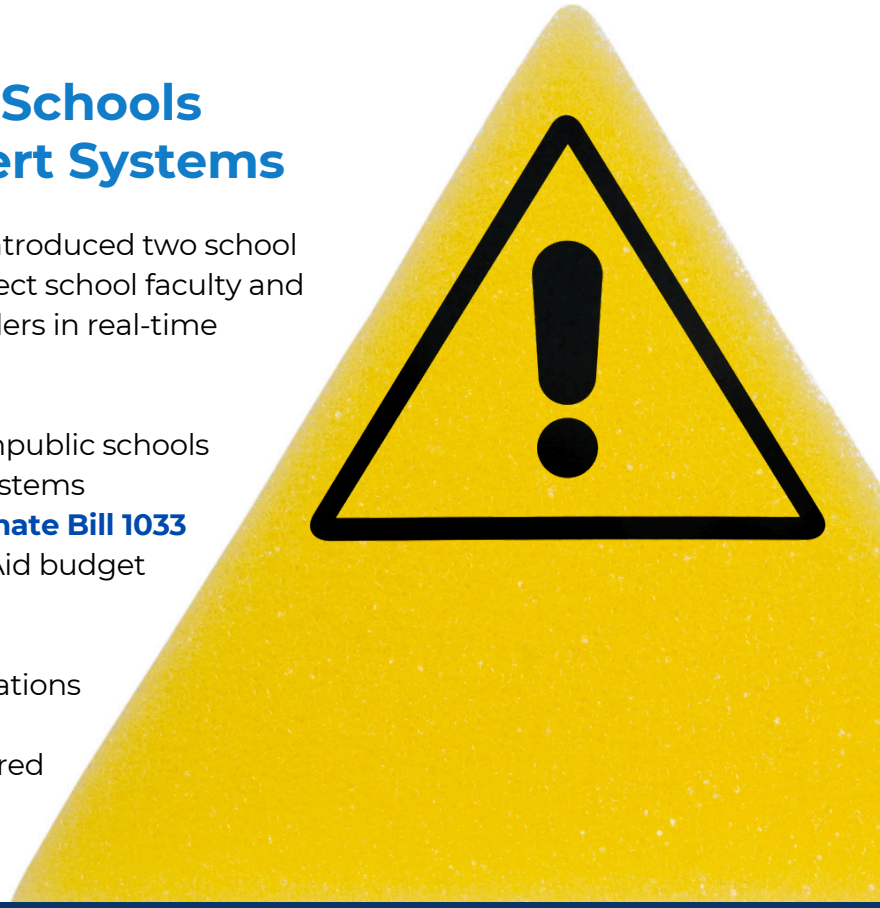
This week Governor Whitmer signed legislation that modifies requirements for a teacher to successfully complete a probationary period. Under Senate Bill 744 (**Public Act 134 of 2024**), successful completion will now require earning an "effective" rating on three year-end performance evaluations and achieving at least four full school years of employment. The bill will take effect in Spring 2025 (90 days after the current Legislature adjourns on a year-end date yet to be determined).

New Legislation Calls for Schools to Install Mobile Panic Alert Systems

Senator Michael Webber (R-Rochester Hills) introduced two school school safety bills this week designed to connect school faculty and staff, law enforcement, and other first responders in real-time during emergency situations.

Senate Bill 1032 would require public and nonpublic schools across the state to install mobile panic alert systems beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. **Senate Bill 1033** would provide funding in the current School Aid budget for schools to begin implementation.

The bills were referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Similar bills (House Bills **5954** and **5990**) were introduced in the House and referred to the chamber's Education Committee.



Legislation Proposes Increase to Maximum Age Requirement for Special Education Services

Senator Kristin McDonald Rivet (D-Bay City) introduced a three-bill package that seeks to start the discussion on how to provide special education services to young adults.

Senate Bill 1025 calls for increasing the maximum age requirement for special education services and programs from 26 to 40 years.

Senate Bill 1026 would require the licensing of adult day care facilities through the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential.



Senate Bill 1027 would create a fund within the State Treasury for allocating funding to licensed adult day care facilities for administrative and operation costs.

The bills were referred to the Senate Housing and Human Services Committee.