

**SENATE FISCAL AGENCY
 MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 18, 2019
TO: Members of the Michigan Senate
FROM: Cory Savino, Fiscal Analyst
RE: Executive Order 2019-9

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On April 11, 2019, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order (E.O.) 2019-9, which created the Governor's Educator Advisory Council within the Department of Education. The council was established to review and make recommendations regarding legislation relevant to the State's public education system, and to do the following at the Governor's request:

- 1) Identify and analyze issues impacting the effectiveness of Michigan's public education system.
- 2) Identify best practices in public education and recommend corresponding changes and improvements to Michigan's public education system.
- 3) Provide other information or advice relevant to public education.

Executive Order 2019-9 went into effect upon filing.

Composition of the Council

The Governor's Educator Advisory Council consists of 15 voting members appointed by the Governor and includes individuals representing various roles in Michigan's public education system. The members will represent teachers, administrators, counselors, specialists, and support staff. The Governor must designate the chairperson or co-chairpersons of the Council.

Council members will serve four-year terms, except, the members initially appointed, four members must serve for four years, four members must serve three years, three members must serve two years, and three members must serve one year. The final voting member shall be the Michigan Teacher of the Year who will serve a one-year term beginning September 1 of each year.

Operation and Implementation of the Council

The Executive Order charges the Council to review and make recommendations regarding legislation relevant to Michigan's public education system. The Council is required to adopt procedures for governing its organization and operations. The Council may perform its duties by establishing advisory workgroups to assist in performing its duties and responsibilities. The Council may adopt, reject, or modify any recommendations proposed by an advisory workgroup. The Council may make inquiries, studies, and investigations, hold hearings, receive public comments, and consult with outside experts to perform its duties.

The Department of Education must assist the Council in the performance of its duties and provide personnel to staff the Council. The budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the Council will be performed under the direction and supervision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. All departments, committees, commissioners, or officers are required to give the Council any necessary assistance it requires in the performance of its duties. Those entities also must give free access to any books, records, or documents in their custody relating to matters within the scope of the inquiry, study, or review of the Council, consistent with applicable law. The Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act.

Fiscal Impact

The E.O. will have no fiscal impact on the State or local units of government. Support for the Council will consist of reimbursement for necessary travel expenses consistent with applicable law, rules, and procedures, and subject to available funds. The Council may accept donations of labor, services, or other things of value from any public or private agency or person. Any donations must be received and used in accordance with the law. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to support the Council with staff, contractors, sub-contractors, advisors, consultants, and agents as the Council and Superintendent deem advisable and necessary, subject to available funding.

Summary

Executive Order 2019-9 created the Governor's Educator Advisory Council within the Department of Education to review and make recommendations regarding legislation relevant to Michigan's public education system. The E.O. went into effect upon filing.

If you have any questions on E.O. 2019-9, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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