

**THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1976**

**380.1809 Improper use of certain certificates or credentials as misdemeanor; penalties.**

Sec. 1809.

(1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a person who uses or attempts to use a teaching certificate that he or she knows is surrendered, suspended, revoked, nullified, fraudulently obtained, altered, or forged, or who uses or attempts to use as his or her own a valid teaching certificate that he or she knows is issued to another person, to obtain employment in a position requiring a valid teaching certificate or who remains employed in a position requiring a valid teaching certificate knowing that he or she does not hold a valid teaching certificate is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as follows:

(a) For the first offense, by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(b) For a second or subsequent offense, by imprisonment for not less than 93 days or more than 6 months, or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(2) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a person who uses or attempts to use a school administrator's certificate that he or she knows is surrendered, suspended, revoked, nullified, fraudulently obtained, altered, or forged, or who uses or attempts to use as his or her own a valid school administrator's certificate that he or she knows is issued to another person, to obtain employment as a school administrator or who remains employed in a position requiring a valid school administrator's certificate knowing that he or she does not hold a valid school administrator's certificate is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as follows:

(a) For the first offense, by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(b) For a second or subsequent offense, by imprisonment for not less than 93 days or more than 6 months, or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(3) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a person who uses or attempts to use a state board approval that he or she knows is surrendered, suspended, revoked, nullified, fraudulently obtained, altered, or forged, or who uses or attempts to use as his or her own a valid state board approval that he or she knows is issued to another person, to obtain employment in a position requiring a valid state board approval or who remains employed in a position requiring a valid state board approval knowing that he or she does not hold a valid state board approval is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as follows:

(a) For the first offense, by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(b) For a second or subsequent offense, by imprisonment for not less than 93 days or more than 6 months, or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(4) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a person who uses or attempts to use a college or university transcript or a certificate or other credential that he or she knows is fraudulently obtained, altered, or forged, or who uses or attempts to use as his or her own a college or university transcript or a certificate or other credential that he or she knows is that of another person, to obtain a teaching certificate, school administrator's certificate, or state board approval in this state is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable as follows:

(a) For the first offense, by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(b) For a second or subsequent offense, by imprisonment for not less than 93 days or more than 6 months, or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(5) The state board may refuse to issue or renew a teaching certificate, school administrator's certificate, or state board approval, or refuse to issue an endorsement for a teaching certificate or school administrator's certificate, to a person convicted of a violation of this section.

(6) As used in this section, "state board approval" means that term as defined in section 1539b.

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