

# Legislative Analysis



## FREE ENTERPRISE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

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**House Bill 4826 (H-2) as reported from committee**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Tommy Brann**  
**1st Committee: Education**  
**2nd Committee: Ways and Means**  
**Complete to 12-6-20**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4826 would amend the Revised School Code to encourage school districts and public school academies (PSAs, or charter schools) to include a program of instruction in free enterprise and entrepreneurship in their social studies curriculum for grades 9 through 12 beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. A district or PSA would not be precluded from including that instruction in other subject areas or grade levels.

A program of instruction described above would have to be project-based and could include instruction in at least all of the following:

- Business vocabulary, including entrepreneurship, free enterprise, business finance, goods and services, and innovation.
- Entrepreneurs from this state and around the world.
- Action activities, including setting short- and long-term goals.
- Business basics, including taxes for businesses and corporations, essential skills for business owners, and product- and service-based business ideas.
- Creating a student project-based business plan.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

Proposed MCL 380.1166b

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

### POSITIONS:

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Michigan Department of Education (12-1-20)
- Grand Rapids Chamber (10-8-19)
- Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes (12-10-19)
- Detroit Chassis, LLC (12-10-19)
- The Henry Ford (12-10-19)
- PVS Chemicals (12-10-19)

The following entities indicated opposition to the bill (12-10-19):  
Michigan Association of School Boards  
Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals

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