

HOUSE BILL NO. 5960

July 22, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Hope, Camilleri, Brixie, Sowerby, Peterson, Sabo, Tyrone Carter, Hood, Pohutsky, Kennedy, Manoogian, Chirkun, Shannon, Anthony, Stone, Brenda Carter, Lasinski, Greig, Hertel, Bolden, Pagan, Guerra, Yancey, Gay-Dagnogo and Koleszar and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1277 (MCL 380.1277), as amended by 2018 PA 231.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1277. (1) Considering criteria established by the state
2 board, in addition to the requirements specified in section 1280
3 for accreditation under that section, if the board of a school
4 district wants all of the schools of the school district to be
5 accredited under section 1280, the board ~~shall~~**must** adopt and



1 implement and, not later than September 1 each year, ~~shall~~**must**
2 make available to the department a copy of a 3- to 5-year school
3 improvement plan and continuing school improvement process for each
4 school within the school district. The school improvement plans
5 ~~shall~~**must** include, but are not limited to, a mission statement,
6 goals based on student academic objectives for all students,
7 curriculum alignment corresponding with those goals, evaluation
8 processes, staff development, development and utilization of
9 community resources and volunteers, the role of adult and community
10 education, libraries and community colleges in the learning
11 community, and building level decision making. School board
12 members, school building administrators, teachers and other school
13 employees, pupils, parents of pupils attending that school, and
14 other residents of the school district ~~shall~~**must** be invited and
15 allowed to voluntarily participate in the development, review, and
16 evaluation of the **school** district's school improvement plans. Upon
17 request of the board of a school district, the department and the
18 intermediate school district shall assist the school district in
19 the development and implementation of **school** district school
20 improvement plans. Educational organizations may also provide
21 assistance for these purposes. ~~School~~**Each school and the board of**
22 **the school district shall annually update school** improvement plans
23 described in this section. ~~shall be updated annually by each school~~
24 ~~and by the board of the school district.~~

25 (2) School improvement plans ~~shall~~**must** include at least all
26 of the following additional matters:

27 (a) Goals centered on student academic learning.

28 (b) Strategies to accomplish the goals **described in**
29 **subdivision (a).**



1 (c) Evaluation of the plan.

2 (d) Development of alternative measures of assessment that
3 will provide authentic assessment of pupils' achievements, skills,
4 and competencies.

5 (e) Methods for effective use of technology as a way of
6 improving learning and delivery of services and for integration of
7 evolving technology in the curriculum.

8 (f) Ways to make available in as many fields as practicable
9 opportunities for structured on-the-job learning, such as
10 apprenticeships and internships that involve active, direct, and
11 hands-on learning, combined with classroom instruction that
12 enhances a pupil's employability, including, but not limited to,
13 instruction relating to problem solving, personal management,
14 organizational and negotiation skills, and teamwork.

15 (g) A requirement that each school operated by the school
16 district provide to pupils a variety of age-appropriate career
17 informational resources in grades K to 12 and an opportunity to do
18 each of the following:

19 (i) During grade levels that the board of the school district
20 considers appropriate, complete 1 or more experiences in a field of
21 ~~a~~**the** pupil's interests or aptitude and participate in a follow-up
22 process that provides the pupil with sufficient reflection of those
23 experiences.

24 (ii) During grades K to 12, discuss career interests, options,
25 and preparations with a school counselor or, as considered
26 appropriate by the board of the school district, another
27 knowledgeable adult.

28 (h) Programs that will provide pupils in grades 6 to 12 work-
29 based learning activities that ensure those pupils make connections



1 with workers or experts in a variety of fields.

2 (i) Programs or instruction that ensure every pupil in grade
3 12 knows how to develop and use a resume, letter of reference,
4 school record, and talent portfolio, as described in section 1278b.

5 (j) **Development and implementation of targeted professional**
6 **development plans for each teacher employed by the school. As used**
7 **in this subdivision, "targeted professional development plan" means**
8 **a plan that is developed in conjunction with the teacher to whom**
9 **the plan will apply and that is designed to maximize the value of**
10 **that teacher's professional development.**

11 (3) Each intermediate school board shall adopt and implement
12 and, not later than September 1 each year, shall make available to
13 the department a copy of a 3- to 5-year intermediate school
14 district school improvement plan and continuing school improvement
15 process for the intermediate school district. Constituent and
16 intermediate school board members, school building administrators,
17 teachers and other school employees, pupils, parents of pupils, and
18 residents of the intermediate school district ~~shall~~**must** be invited
19 and allowed to voluntarily participate in the development, review,
20 and evaluation of the intermediate school district's school
21 improvement plan. Upon request of the intermediate school board,
22 the department shall assist the intermediate school district in the
23 development and implementation of an intermediate school district
24 school improvement plan. ~~An~~**The intermediate school board shall**
25 **annually update an** intermediate school district school improvement
26 plan described in this section. ~~shall be updated annually by the~~
27 ~~intermediate school board.~~ An intermediate school district school
28 improvement plan ~~shall~~**must** include at least all of the following:

29 (a) Methods to assist districts in improving pupils' academic



1 learning.

2 (b) Assurance that all pupils have reasonable access to all
3 programs offered by the intermediate school district, including,
4 but not limited to, transportation if necessary.

5 (c) A plan for professional development that supports academic
6 learning.

7 (d) Methods to assist school districts in integrating applied
8 academics and career and employability skills into all curricular
9 areas.

10 (e) Ways to make available in as many fields as practicable
11 opportunities for structured on-the-job learning, such as
12 apprenticeships and internships, combined with classroom
13 instruction.

14 (f) Collaborative efforts with supporting agencies that
15 enhance academic learning.

16 (g) Long-range cost containment measures, including additional
17 services that might be provided at reduced costs by the
18 intermediate school district or through cooperative programs, and
19 cost reduction programs such as interdistrict cooperation in
20 special education and other programs and services.

21 (h) To the extent that it would improve school effectiveness,
22 specific recommendations on consolidation or enhanced interdistrict
23 cooperation, or both, along with possible sources of revenue.

24 (i) Evaluation of the plan.

