

# HOUSE BILL No. 4084

February 7, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Webb, Pitoniak, DeBeaussaert, Martin, Dolan, Stallworth, Joe Young, Jr. and Saunders and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to establish a state council for science and mathematics education; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the council.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Council" means the state council for science and mathe-  
3 matics education created in section 2.

4       (b) "Student" means any public or private elementary or sec-  
5 ondary school pupil in this state.

6       Sec. 2. The state council for science and mathematics edu-  
7 cation is created. The council shall consist of 15 members who  
8 are broadly representative of schools, colleges and universities,  
9 civic and community organizations, science museums, and  
10 businesses that employ persons in 1 or more areas of science or  
11 mathematics. The council shall exist as an autonomous unit

1 within the department of education, except for budgeting,  
2 procurement, and related management functions.

3       Sec. 3. (1) The members of the council shall be appointed  
4 by the governor. The governor shall designate a chairperson and  
5 a vice-chairperson from the members of the council to serve at  
6 the pleasure of the governor. The chairperson shall be the chief  
7 executive officer of the council. The chairperson shall appoint  
8 an executive director whose duties and responsibilities shall be  
9 prescribed by the council.

10       (2) The term of office of each member of the council shall  
11 be 4 years. However, of the members first appointed, 4 shall  
12 serve for a term of 1 year, 4 for 2 years, 4 for 3 years, and 3  
13 for 4 years. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the  
14 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

15       (3) The members of the council shall be reimbursed for  
16 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
17 their duties.

18       Sec. 4. The council shall do all of the following:

19       (a) Stimulate and encourage the study and understanding of  
20 science and mathematics by students.

21       (b) Accept gifts, contributions, and bequests of unre-  
22 stricted funds from individuals, foundations, corporations, and  
23 other organizations or institutions for the purpose of furthering  
24 the science and mathematics education of students.

25       (c) Distribute, on the basis of need, grants from funds  
26 received under this act to school districts, postsecondary  
27 educational institutions, or other nonprofit organizations for

1 the purpose of furthering the science and mathematics education  
2 of students.

3       Sec. 5. The council may do all of the following:

4       (a) Enter into contracts with individuals, school districts,  
5 postsecondary educational institutions, corporations, associa-  
6 tions, or other legal entities for services furthering the  
7 science and mathematics education of students.

8       (b) Receive from any department, division, board, bureau,  
9 commission, or agency of the state any assistance or data that  
10 will enable the council to carry out its powers and duties.

11       (c) Enter into any agreement or perform any act that may be  
12 necessary or appropriate to carry out its powers and duties.