

HOUSE BILL No. 4287

February 23, 1989, Introduced by Rep. O'Neill and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976,
entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

as amended, being sections 380.1 to 380.1852 of the Michigan
Compiled Laws, by adding section 1282a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, as
2 amended, being sections 380.1 to 380.1852 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 1282a to read as
4 follows:

5 SEC. 1282A. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "BASIC AND EMPLOYA-
6 BILITY SKILLS TEST" MEANS A BATTERY OF TESTS ADMINISTERED BY A
7 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING COMPETENCY IN
8 ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND OTHER SUBJECT AREAS DETERMINED
9 BY THE STATE BOARD. THE BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST

1 SHALL ALSO BE USED TO ASSESS COMPETENCY IN SELECTED EMPLOYABILITY
2 SKILLS AS DEFINED BY THE STATE BOARD.

3 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL APPOINT A BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY
4 SKILLS TEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE
5 LIMITED TO, REPRESENTATIVES OF PARENTS, THE COMMUNITY, LABOR,
6 MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATE EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS AND
7 ASSOCIATIONS. THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE
8 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE ON THE VALIDI-
9 TY, RELIABILITY, AND OTHER TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF THE BASIC AND
10 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL RECOM-
11 MEND TO THE STATE BOARD, NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 1989, GUIDE-
12 LINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE BASIC AND
13 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST.

14 (3) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1990, THE STATE BOARD, BASED
15 UPON THE GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED BY THE BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY
16 SKILLS TEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2), SHALL
17 PROVIDE TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION IN
18 THE DEVELOPMENT OR SELECTION AND USE OF A BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY
19 SKILLS TEST.

20 (4) NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 1990, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
21 DEVELOP OR SELECT AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS A
22 BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST. PERIODICALLY, BUT NOT LESS
23 FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY 5 YEARS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL EVALUATE AND
24 RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
25 TEST DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

26 (5) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1991, EACH LOCAL SCHOOL
27 DISTRICT SHALL INDICATE BY BOARD RESOLUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT

1 WHETHER IT WILL USE THE BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST
2 DEVELOPED OR SELECTED BY THE STATE BOARD OR WILL SUBMIT TO THE
3 DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT THE DISTRICT'S OWN
4 LOCALLY-DEVELOPED OR SELECTED BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
5 TEST.

6 (6) UPON REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL
7 ASSISTANCE TO A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND
8 ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BASIC AND EMPLOYA-
9 BILITY SKILLS TEST.

10 (7) THE REQUIREMENT OF TAKING A STATE-APPROVED BASIC AND
11 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER
12 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY LAW OR BY THE BOARD OF A LOCAL SCHOOL
13 DISTRICT.

14 (8) BEGINNING MAY 1, 1991, A PUPIL SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPOR-
15 TUNITY TO TAKE HIS OR HER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BASIC AND
16 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST IN THE 10TH GRADE AND SHALL BE REQUIRED
17 TO TAKE THE TEST BEFORE GRADUATION.

18 (9) A PUPIL WHO IS ASSESSED AS NOT COMPETENT IN A SUBJECT OR
19 SKILL AREA TESTED BY A BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST MAY
20 REPEAT THE TEST AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. IN ADDI-
21 TION, THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PUPIL
22 IS ENROLLED SHALL PROVIDE THAT THERE BE AT LEAST 1 MEETING
23 ATTENDED BY AT LEAST THE PUPIL, A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR
24 PERSON IN LOCO PARENTIS OF THE PUPIL, AND A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT'S STAFF WHO IS COMPETENT IN THE MEASUREMENT AND EVALU-
26 ATION OF PUPILS. THE PURPOSE OF EACH MEETING SHALL BE TO
27 DETERMINE AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE PUPIL WHICH IS DESIGNED

1 TO HAVE THE PUPIL REACH COMPETENCE IN EACH SUBJECT OR SKILL AREA
2 IN WHICH HE OR SHE WAS ASSESSED AS NOT COMPETENT. THE SCHOOL
3 BOARD MAY PROVIDE SPECIAL REMEDIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE PUPIL OR MAY
4 DEVELOP A REMEDIAL PROGRAM USING THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS REGU-
5 LARLY PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

6 (10) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL INDICATE THE
7 RESULTS OF THE BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST ON EACH
8 PUPIL'S TRANSCRIPT.

9 (11) UPON COMPLETION OF ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH
10 SCHOOL DIPLOMA, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY REPEAT THE BASIC AND EMPLOYABI-
11 LITY SKILLS TEST AT ANY TIME THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULARLY OFFERS
12 THE TEST AND UPON DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCE SHALL BE GIVEN A
13 REVISED TRANSCRIPT INDICATING COMPETENCY IN THE SUBJECT OR SKILL
14 AREA IN WHICH HE OR SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED AS NOT
15 COMPETENT.

16 (12) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1993 AND EACH YEAR THEREAF-
17 TER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT IN WRITING A SUMMARY ANALYSIS
18 OF THE BASIC AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST PROGRAM TO THE SENATE
19 AND HOUSE COMMITTEES THAT HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATION
20 LEGISLATION.

21 (13) THE STATE BOARD MAY EXEMPT SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPILS
22 FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.