

HOUSE BILL No. 4465

March 16, 1989; Introduced by Rep. Keith and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend section 1153 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

being section 380.1153 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1153 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
2 of 1976, being section 380.1153 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1153. (1) The board of a school district having an
5 enrollment of ~~20~~ 1 or more children of limited English-speaking
6 ability in a language classification in grades K to 12 ~~shall~~
7 MAY establish and operate a bilingual instruction program for
8 those children.

9 ~~(2) The board may establish and operate a bilingual~~
10 ~~instruction program with respect to a language classification if~~

~~1 the school district has fewer than 20 children of limited
2 English speaking ability.~~

3 (2) ~~(3)~~ Children enrolled in a bilingual instruction pro-
4 gram operated under this section may be placed in classes with
5 other children of approximately the same age and grade level. If
6 children of different age groups or grade levels are combined,
7 the board shall insure that the instruction given each child is
8 appropriate to the child's level of educational attainment.

9 ~~(4) A child of limited English speaking ability residing in
10 a district which does not have an appropriate bilingual instruc-
11 tion program or which is not required to have a bilingual
12 instruction program may enroll in a program in another school
13 district. Tuition for the child shall be paid, and transporta-
14 tion shall be provided, by the school district in which the child
15 resides.~~

16 (3) ~~(5)~~ If fewer than 20 children of limited
17 English-speaking ability in a language classification are
18 enrolled in a school district, the intermediate school board
19 shall determine whether the total number of these children resid-
20 ing in its constituent districts ~~which~~ THAT do not operate
21 bilingual instruction programs warrants the establishment of an
22 intermediate bilingual instruction-support program. An interme-
23 diate school district operating or contracting for the operation
24 of a bilingual program or service may carry children in member-
25 ship in the same manner as a local school district. ~~and shall
26 be entitled to its proportionate share of state funds available
27 for the program.~~ Membership shall be calculated under rules

1 promulgated by the state board. The intermediate school board
2 shall consider:

3 (a) Whether the cost of operating an intermediate bilingual
4 instruction-support program is justified by the number of chil-
5 dren at each grade level who would benefit from its
6 establishment.

7 (b) Whether alternative methods of providing a bilingual
8 instruction-support program, such as visiting teachers or
9 part-time instruction, can be provided.