

# HOUSE BILL No. 4616

April 12, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Trim and Kosteva and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend section 1561 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

being section 380.1561 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Section 1561 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts  
2 of 1976, being section 380.1561 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4       Sec. 1561. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and  
5 (3), every parent, guardian, or other person in this state having  
6 control and charge of a child from the age of 6 to the child's  
7 ~~sixteenth~~ EIGHTEENTH birthday ~~—~~ shall send that child to  
8 ~~the~~ A public ~~schools~~ SCHOOL during the entire school year.  
9 The child's attendance shall be continuous and consecutive for  
10 the school year fixed by the school district in which the child

1 is enrolled. In a school district ~~which~~ THAT maintains school  
2 during the entire calendar year and in which the school year is  
3 divided into quarters, a child shall not be compelled to attend  
4 the public school more than 3 quarters in 1 calendar year, but a  
5 child shall not be absent for 2 consecutive quarters.

6 (2) A child becoming 6 years of age before December 1 shall  
7 be enrolled on the first school day of the school year in which  
8 the child's sixth birthday occurs. A child becoming 6 years of  
9 age on or after December 1 shall be enrolled on the first school  
10 day of the school year following the school year in which the  
11 child's sixth birthday occurs.

12 (3) A child shall not be required to attend ~~the~~ A public  
13 ~~schools~~ SCHOOL in ANY OF the following cases:

14 (a) ~~A~~ THE child ~~who~~ is attending regularly and is being  
15 taught in a state approved nonpublic school ~~, which~~ THAT  
16 teaches subjects comparable to those taught in the public schools  
17 to children of corresponding age and grade, as determined by the  
18 course of study for the public schools of the district within  
19 which the nonpublic school is located.

20 (b) ~~A~~ THE child ~~who~~ is regularly employed as a page or  
21 messenger in either house of the legislature during the period of  
22 the employment.

23 (c) ~~A~~ THE child ~~under~~ IS LESS THAN 9 years of age ~~who~~  
24 AND does not reside within 2-1/2 miles by the nearest traveled  
25 road of a public school. If transportation is furnished for  
26 pupils in the school district of the child's residence, this  
27 ~~exemption~~ SUBDIVISION does not apply.

1 (d) ~~A~~ THE child from the age of 12 to the child's  
2 fourteenth birthday ~~while~~ IS in attendance at confirmation  
3 classes conducted for a period of ~~not to exceed~~ 5 months OR  
4 LESS in either of those years.

5 (e) ~~A~~ THE child ~~who~~ is regularly enrolled in ~~the~~ A  
6 public ~~schools~~ SCHOOL while in attendance at religious instruc-  
7 tion classes for not more than 2 class hours per week, off public  
8 school property during public school hours, upon written request  
9 of the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis, AND under  
10 rules promulgated by the state board.

11 (F) THE CHILD HAS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.