

# HOUSE BILL No. 4969

July 12, 1989, Introduced by Rep. Bryant 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; and to add  
part 14a.

## 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 and part 14a is added to read as follows:

4 PART 14A

5 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

6 SEC. 1111. THIS PART SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE  
7 "SESQUICENTENNIAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS COMMITMENT TO  
8 EDUCATION PROGRAM".

1 SEC. 1112. EACH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL DO BOTH OF THE  
2 FOLLOWING:

3 (A) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN IN EACH SCHOOL BUILDING A SCHOOL  
4 IMPROVEMENT PROCESS. A GROUP OF TEACHERS AND 1 OR MORE SCHOOL  
5 ADMINISTRATORS, TRAINED IN THE PROCESS, SHALL DETERMINE NEED AND  
6 BRING INTO THE SCHOOL, FOR SHARING WITH TEACHERS AND WORKING WITH  
7 THEM TO ASSURE THE USE OF, THE MOST ADVANCED APPROPRIATE KNOWL-  
8 EDGE NEEDED IN THE CLASSROOM. THE PROCESS SHALL INVOLVE PARENTS,  
9 PUPILS, TEACHERS, LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS, AND SCHOOL  
10 ADMINISTRATORS.

11 (B) DEVELOP A BROAD CONCEPTUAL MISSION STATEMENT.

12 SEC. 1113. AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL DO ALL OF  
13 THE FOLLOWING:

14 (A) ARRANGE CONFERENCES THAT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PAR-  
15 ENTS, PUPILS, TEACHERS, LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRA-  
16 TORS, REPRESENTATIVES OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND GOVERN-  
17 MENT LEADERS, AND OTHERS TO DISCUSS METHODS OF IMPROVING  
18 SCHOOLS.

19 (B) ON REQUEST, ADVISE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON HOW  
20 TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS REQUIRED  
21 BY SECTION 1112(A).

22 (C) ON REQUEST, ADVISE CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON HOW  
23 TO DEVELOP A SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY  
24 SECTION 1112(B).

25 SEC. 1114. THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE  
26 TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS A MODEL

1 SHOWING HOW A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS MAY BE ESTABLISHED AND  
2 MAINTAINED.

3        SEC. 1115. AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY APPLY TO THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A GRANT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 133 OF  
5 THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, ACT NO. 94 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS  
6 OF 1979, BEING SECTION 388.1733 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS,  
7 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL. UNDER THIS PRO-  
8 GRAM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
9 DISTRICTS THAT WILL ESTABLISH NOT LESS THAN 3 EXPERIMENTAL  
10 SCHOOLS THAT SHALL BE OPERATED JOINTLY BY CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS  
11 IN COOPERATION WITH SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION OF STATE PUBLIC OR PRI-  
12 VATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES, WHICH SCHOOLS SHALL PROVIDE WAYS  
13 FOR TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, AND LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS TO  
14 STUDY THE EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOLS. ACCESS OF PUPILS FOR ATTENDANCE  
15 SHALL BE AS AGREED UPON BY THE OPERATING DISTRICTS, OR, ABSENT  
16 AGREEMENT, SHALL BE BASED UPON THE SAME PERCENTAGES THAT THE LAST  
17 OFFICIAL PUPIL MEMBERSHIP COUNT FOR EACH DISTRICT IS OF THE COM-  
18 BINED OPERATING DISTRICT PUPIL MEMBERSHIP COUNT.

19        SEC. 1116. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND  
20 OPERATE OR CONTRACT WITH 1 OR MORE STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES OR  
21 UNIVERSITIES OR 1 OR MORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR BOTH,  
22 TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AT LEAST 2, BUT NOT MORE THAN 3, PER-  
23 MANENT TEACHER INSTITUTES. THE TEACHER INSTITUTES SHALL PROVIDE  
24 HIGH QUALITY, ONGOING EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR TEACHERS, SCHOOL  
25 ADMINISTRATORS, AND LOCAL AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

26        SEC. 1117. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
27 DISTRICT MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 1 OR MORE

1 TEACHER GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 134 OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID  
2 ACT OF 1979, ACT NO. 94 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1979, BEING SECTION  
3 388.1734 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS. THE GRANTS SHALL BE  
4 AWARDED FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF CONCEPTS OF EDUCATIONAL  
5 EXCELLENCE.

6 SEC. 1118. (1) A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
7 DISTRICT MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR GRANTS AS  
8 PROVIDED IN SECTION 135 OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, ACT  
9 NO. 94 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1979, BEING SECTION 388.1735 OF THE  
10 MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, FOR TEACHERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN A MENTOR  
11 TEACHER PROGRAM. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, A DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH  
12 IN EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EACH JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL A  
13 PROCESS FOR DESIGNATING AND SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST 1% BUT NOT  
14 MORE THAN 10% OF ITS CLASSROOM TEACHERS IN ANY SCHOOL BUILDING,  
15 NOT COUNTING THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK PRIMARILY AS COUNSELORS, AS  
16 MENTOR TEACHERS.

17 (2) EACH MENTOR TEACHER SHALL BE ASSIGNED A PROPORTIONATE  
18 SHARE OF THE PUPILS IN THE BUILDING AND SHALL ACT AS THE MENTOR  
19 TEACHER FOR THOSE PUPILS AS LONG AS THEY ARE ENROLLED IN THAT  
20 SCHOOL, UNLESS THE MENTOR IS REPLACED BY A DIFFERENT MENTOR AT  
21 THE REQUEST OF THE MENTOR OR PUPIL. A MENTOR TEACHER SHALL  
22 ENCOURAGE THE PUPILS ASSIGNED TO HIM OR HER, ENDEAVOR TO DISCOVER  
23 THEIR TALENTS AND AREAS OF CONCERN REGARDING EDUCATION AND GEN-  
24 ERAL WELL-BEING, AND GENERALLY ACT AS A CONTINUING SUPPORT MECHA-  
25 NISM FOR THOSE PUPILS. A MENTOR TEACHER SHALL ALSO WORK WITH THE  
26 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS TO FURTHER  
27 EXCELLENCE IN THE EDUCATION OFFERED IN THAT BUILDING.

1 (3) QUALIFICATIONS FOR MENTOR TEACHER STATUS SHALL INCLUDE  
2 PROVEN EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AS WELL AS A PROVEN ABILITY TO  
3 RELATE CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH, AND TO APPRECIATE AND BE APPRECIATED  
4 BY, PUPILS.

5 SEC. 1119. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DIS-  
6 TRICT MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 1 OR MORE  
7 GRANTS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 136 OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF  
8 1979, ACT NO. 94 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1979, BEING SECTION  
9 388.1736 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, FOR TEACHERS WHO PARTICI-  
10 PATE IN A SABBATICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, 2 OR  
11 MORE DISTRICTS OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICTS THAT HAVE TENURED TEACH-  
12 ERS WHO HAVE TAUGHT IN THE DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT, AS  
13 APPROPRIATE, FOR EACH OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 5 YEARS MAY  
14 PERMIT THESE TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE POSITIONS IN THEIR DISTRICTS  
15 FOR 1 SCHOOL YEAR. NOT MORE THAN 5% OF THE TEACHERS IN ANY DIS-  
16 TRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AT  
17 ANY 1 TIME, AND THE EXCHANGE OF TEACHERS MAY NOT ADD TO THE  
18 RACIAL IMBALANCE OF STAFFING OF ANY PARTICIPATING DISTRICT OR  
19 INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT.

20 SEC. 1120. TWO CONSENTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY APPLY TO THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A GRANT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 137 OF  
22 THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, ACT NO. 94 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS  
23 OF 1979, BEING SECTION 388.1737 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS,  
24 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A VOLUNTARY INTEGRA-  
25 TION EXCHANGE PROGRAM. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR A  
26 JUNIOR OR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1 DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE FOR A  
27 VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH A SIMILAR SCHOOL IN

1 ANOTHER DISTRICT, WHICH SCHOOL HAS A SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT  
2 RACIAL BALANCE. THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM MAY INVOLVE WHATEVER IS  
3 AGREED UPON BY THE PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS AND APPROVED BY THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HAVING  
5 PUPILS OF 1 SCHOOL VOLUNTARILY TAKE 1 OR MORE CLASSES AT THE  
6 OTHER SCHOOL.

7 SEC. 1121. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DIS-  
8 TRICT MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A GRANT AS  
9 PROVIDED IN SECTION 138 OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, ACT  
10 NO. 94 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1979, BEING SECTION 388.1738 OF THE  
11 MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, TO OPERATE A PRE-JOB, PRE-GRADUATE, RESI-  
12 DENTIAL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM, CONSISTING OF 1 OR 2  
13 SESSIONS LASTING NOT MORE THAN 6 WEEKS EACH, SHALL EMPHASIZE THE  
14 TEACHING OF SURVIVAL SKILLS, LIFE SKILLS, SELF-ESTEEM, AND SUP-  
15 PLEMENTARY VERBAL, MATHEMATICS, THINKING, AND CONTEXTUAL  
16 PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS, AND SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON FREEDOM  
17 AND RESPONSIBILITY, CIVIL RIGHTS, CAREER PLANNING, JOB MARKET  
18 ENTRY, AND ENTRY INTO MILITARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

19 SEC. 1122. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DIS-  
20 TRICT MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A GRANT AS  
21 PROVIDED IN SECTION 139 OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, ACT  
22 NO. 94 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1979, BEING SECTION 388.1739 OF THE  
23 MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A SCHOOL DROPOUT  
24 PREVENTION AND RETRIEVAL PROGRAM. A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER  
25 THIS SECTION SHALL BE DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE RETENTION AND SUP-  
26 PLEMENT THE EDUCATION OF POTENTIAL DROPOUTS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH  
27 12 AND TO ENGAGE, MOTIVATE, AND PREPARE SCHOOL DROPOUTS TO

1 ACQUIRE EITHER A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR A GENERAL EDUCATION  
2 DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE.

3 SEC. 1123. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMULGATE, AS  
4 NECESSARY, RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART PURSUANT TO THE ADMINIS-  
5 TRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, ACT NO. 306 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF  
6 1969, BEING SECTIONS 24.201 TO 24.328 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED  
7 LAWS.

8 Sec. 1561. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and  
9 (3), every parent, guardian, or other person in this state having  
10 control and charge of a child from the age of 6 to the child's  
11 ~~sixteenth~~ EIGHTEENTH birthday ~~—~~ shall send that child to the  
12 public schools during the entire school year. The child's  
13 attendance shall be continuous and consecutive for the school  
14 year fixed by the school district in which the child is  
15 enrolled. In a school district which maintains school during the  
16 entire calendar year and in which the school year is divided into  
17 quarters, a child shall not be compelled to attend the public  
18 school more than 3 quarters in 1 calendar year, but a child shall  
19 not be absent for 2 consecutive quarters.

20 (2) A child becoming 6 years of age before December 1 shall  
21 be enrolled on the first school day of the school year in which  
22 the child's sixth birthday occurs. A child becoming 6 years of  
23 age on or after December 1 shall be enrolled on the first school  
24 day of the school year following the school year in which the  
25 child's sixth birthday occurs.

26 (3) A child shall not be required to attend the public  
27 schools in the following cases:

1 (a) A child who is attending regularly and is being taught  
2 in a state approved nonpublic school ~~—~~ which teaches subjects  
3 comparable to those taught in the public schools to children of  
4 corresponding age and grade, as determined by the course of study  
5 for the public schools of the district within which the nonpublic  
6 school is located.

7 (b) A child who is regularly employed as a page or messenger  
8 in either house of the legislature during the period of the  
9 employment.

10 (c) A child under 9 years of age who does not reside within  
11 2-1/2 miles by the nearest traveled road of a public school. If  
12 transportation is furnished for pupils in the school district of  
13 the child's residence, this exemption does not apply.

14 (d) A child from the age of 12 to the child's fourteenth  
15 birthday while in attendance at confirmation classes conducted  
16 for a period of not to exceed 5 months in either of those years.

17 (e) A child who is regularly enrolled in the public schools  
18 while in attendance at religious instruction classes for not more  
19 than 2 class hours per week, off public school property during  
20 public school hours, upon written request of the parent, guardi-  
21 an, or person in loco parentis under rules promulgated by the  
22 state board.

23 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless  
24 all of the following bills of the 85th Legislature are enacted  
25 into law:

26 (a) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4968 (request  
27 no. 01511'89).



1 (b) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4967 (request  
2 no. 01512'89).