

# HOUSE BILL No. 5286

November 13, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Perry Bullard and Law  
and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend section 17a of chapter 84 of the Revised  
Statutes of 1846, entitled  
"Of divorce,"  
being section 552.17a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 17a of chapter 84 of the Revised  
2 Statutes of 1846, being section 552.17a of the Michigan Compiled  
3 Laws, is amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 17a. (1) The court ~~shall have jurisdiction in making~~  
5 ~~such order or judgment relative to the minor children of such~~  
6 ~~parties as authorized in this chapter to~~ MAY award custody of  
7 ~~each~~ A child to ~~+~~ A PARENT of the ~~parties~~ CHILD or a third  
8 person until ~~each~~ THE child ~~has attained the age of~~ IS 18  
9 years OF AGE and may require either parent to pay ~~such allowance~~  
10 ~~as may be deemed proper for the support of each~~ FOR THE child

1 until ~~each~~ THE child ~~shall have attained that~~ IS 18 YEARS OF  
2 age and may in case of EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING BUT  
3 NOT LIMITED TO, THE exceptional circumstances ~~, require payment~~  
4 ~~of such allowance for any~~ DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2), ORDER A  
5 PARENT TO PAY SUPPORT FOR THE child after he ~~attains that~~ OR  
6 SHE BECOMES 18 YEARS OF age. However, on application for modifi-  
7 cation of a judgment or order where applicant is in contempt, for  
8 cause shown, the court may waive the contempt and proceed to a  
9 hearing without prejudice to applicant's rights and render a  
10 determination on the merits.

11 (2) THE COURT MAY ORDER A PARENT TO PAY SUPPORT FOR HIS OR  
12 HER CHILD WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER DURING THE TIME THAT  
13 THE CHILD IS ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT IN NO CASE AFTER THE  
14 CHILD IS 21 YEARS OF AGE.