

SENATE BILL No. 123

February 8, 1989, Introduced by Senators N. SMITH, WELBORN, SCHWARZ, SEDERBURG, SHINKLE, FREDRICKS, CRUCE, CROPSEY, POSTHUMUS, DI NELLO, DILLINGHAM, EHLERS, CARL and O'BRIEN and referred to the Committee on Education and Mental Health.

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, "COMPETENCY AND
6 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST" MEANS A TEST ADMINISTERED BY A LOCAL
7 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING A PUPIL'S
8 COMPETENCY IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS AS
9 DEFINED BY THE STATE BOARD, AND SCIENCE.

1 (2) BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1993, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
2 SUBSECTION (14), THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL INDICATE
3 EACH PUPIL'S COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST RESULTS ON
4 THE PUPIL'S TRANSCRIPT. THE TRANSCRIPT MAY INCLUDE A PROFILE OF
5 COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS IN THE TESTED SKILLS.

6 (3) NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 1990, THE DEPARTMENT, BASED
7 UPON GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (10), SHALL
8 PROVIDE TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS GUIDELINES FOR THEM TO CONSIDER
9 IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR SELECTION AND USE OF A COMPETENCY AND
10 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST, INCLUDING GUIDELINES FOR SETTING A
11 PASSING TEST SCORE.

12 (4) NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 1991, THE STATE BOARD SHALL
13 DEVELOP OR SELECT AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS A
14 COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST. PERIODICALLY, BUT NOT
15 LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY 5 YEARS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL EVALU-
16 ATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPGRADING THE COMPETENCY AND
17 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TESTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

18 (5) NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 1991, EACH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
19 SHALL INDICATE IN WRITING TO THE DEPARTMENT WHETHER THE SCHOOL
20 DISTRICT WILL USE THE COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST
21 DEVELOPED OR SELECTED BY THE STATE BOARD, WHETHER THE SCHOOL DIS-
22 TRICT WILL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR STATE BOARD APPROVAL THE
23 DISTRICT'S OWN LOCALLY-DEVELOPED OR SELECTED COMPETENCY AND
24 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST, OR WHETHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS
25 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (14), WILL NOT BE GIVING A COMPETENCY AND
26 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST TO ITS PUPILS.

1 (6) UPON REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL
2 ASSISTANCE TO A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS
3 COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TESTS AND, UPON REQUEST, PRO-
4 VIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE
5 ADMINISTRATION OF ITS COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TESTS.
6 UPON REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSIST-
7 ANCE TO A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINIS-
8 TRATION OF ASSESSMENT TESTS FOR PUPILS IN GRADES 1 TO 10.

9 (7) BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1991, A PUPIL WHO ATTENDS SCHOOL
10 IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT GIVES A COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY
11 SKILLS TEST SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE HIS OR HER
12 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST
13 IN THE 10TH GRADE AND, IF NECESSARY, 1 OR MORE TIMES BEFORE
14 GRADUATION.

15 (8) A PUPIL WHO HAS NOT SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
16 COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST SHALL BE PROVIDED OPPOR-
17 TUNITIES FOR REINSTRUCTION IN EACH DEFICIENT SKILL AREA AND MAY
18 BE RETESTED IN DEFICIENT SKILL AREAS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

19 (9) THE STATE BOARD SHALL APPOINT A COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYA-
20 BILITY SKILLS TEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT
21 NOT BE LIMITED TO, REPRESENTATIVES OF PARENTS, BUSINESSES, AND
22 APPROPRIATE EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS. THE STATE
23 BOARD SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TECHNICAL
24 CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE ON THE VALIDITY, RELIABILITY, AND OTHER
25 TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF THE COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
26 TEST. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE STATE BOARD,
27 NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 1989, GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT

1 AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
2 TESTS AND MAY RECOMMEND CONSOLIDATION OF THE COMPETENCY AND
3 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TESTS AND THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSESSMENT
4 PROGRAM 10TH GRADE TEST.

5 (10) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1990, THE STATE BOARD, BASED
6 UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY
7 SKILLS TEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9), SHALL
8 ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONSIDER IN THE
9 DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
10 TESTS.

11 (11) THE BOARD OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT GIVES A COMPE-
12 TENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST TO ITS PUPILS SHALL MAKE
13 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ANNUALLY THE RESULTS OF THE TEST ON A
14 DISTRICT AND BUILDING-BY-BUILDING BASIS.

15 (12) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1995 AND EACH YEAR THEREAF-
16 TER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT IN WRITING A SUMMARY ANALYSIS
17 OF THE COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST PROGRAM TO THE
18 SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES THAT HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDU-
19 CATION LEGISLATION.

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

22 (14) A SCHOOL BOARD, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER
23 OF MEMBERS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SERVE ON THE BOARD, MAY ANNUALLY
24 EXEMPT ITSELF AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THIS SECTION.