

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5234**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1280 (MCL 380.1280), as amended by 1995 PA
289.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1280. (1) The board of a school district that does not
2 want to be subject to the measures described in this section
3 shall ensure that each public school within the school district
4 is accredited.
5 (2) As used in subsection (1), and subject to subsection
6 (6), "accredited" means certified by the state board as having
7 met or exceeded state board-approved standards established for 6
8 areas of school operation: administration and school
9 organization, curricula, staff, school plant and facilities,
10 school and community relations, and school improvement plans and

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1 student performance. The building-level evaluation used in the
2 accreditation process shall include, but is not limited to,
3 school data collection, self-study, visitation and validation,
4 determination of performance data to be used, and the development
5 of a school improvement plan.

6 (3) The department shall develop and distribute to all
7 public schools proposed accreditation standards. Upon distribu-
8 tion of the proposed standards, the department shall hold state-
9 wide public hearings for the purpose of receiving testimony con-
10 cerning the standards. After a review of the testimony, the
11 department shall revise and submit the proposed standards to the
12 state board. After a review and revision, if appropriate, of the
13 proposed standards, the state board shall submit the proposed
14 standards to the senate and house committees that have the
15 responsibility for education legislation. Upon approval by these
16 committees, the department shall distribute to all public schools
17 the standards to be applied to each school for accreditation
18 purposes.

19 (4) The department shall develop and distribute to all
20 public schools standards for determining that a school is eligi-
21 ble for summary accreditation under subsection (6). The stan-
22 dards shall be developed, reviewed, approved, and distributed
23 using the same process as prescribed in subsection (3) for
24 accreditation standards, and shall be finally distributed and
25 implemented not later than December 31, 1994.

26 (5) The standards for accreditation or summary accreditation
27 under this section shall include pupil performance on Michigan

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1 education assessment program (MEAP) tests ~~as a criterion~~ AND
2 THE PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS ACHIEVING STATE ENDORSEMENT UNDER SEC-
3 TION 1279 AS CRITERIA, but shall not be based solely on pupil
4 performance on MEAP tests OR ON THE PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS ACHIEV-
5 ING STATE ENDORSEMENT UNDER SECTION 1279. The standards shall
6 also include multiple year change in pupil performance on ~~those~~
7 MEAP tests AND MULTIPLE YEAR CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS
8 ACHIEVING STATE ENDORSEMENT UNDER SECTION 1279 as ~~a criterion~~
9 CRITERIA. If it is necessary for the state board to revise
10 accreditation or summary accreditation standards established
11 under subsection (3) or (4) to comply with this subsection, the
12 revised standards shall be developed, reviewed, approved, and
13 distributed using the same process as prescribed in subsection
14 (3).

15 (6) If the department determines that a public school has
16 met the standards established under subsection (4) or (5) for
17 summary accreditation, the school is considered to be accredited
18 without the necessity for a full building-level evaluation under
19 subsection (2).

20 (7) If the department determines that a school has not met
21 the standards established under subsection (4) or (5) for summary
22 accreditation but that the school is making progress toward meet-
23 ing those standards, or if, based on a full building-level evalu-
24 ation under subsection (2), the department determines that a
25 school has not met the standards for accreditation but is making
26 progress toward meeting those standards, the school is in interim

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1 status and is subject to a full building-level evaluation as
2 provided in this section.

3 (8) If a school has not met the standards established under
4 subsection (4) or (5) for summary accreditation and is not eligi-
5 ble for interim status under subsection (7), the school is unac-
6 credited and subject to the measures provided in this section.

7 (9) The department shall annually review and evaluate for
8 accreditation purposes the performance of each school that is
9 unaccredited and as many of the schools that are in interim
10 status as permitted by the department's resources.

11 (10) The department shall, and the intermediate school dis-
12 trict to which a school district is constituent, a consortium of
13 intermediate school districts, or any combination thereof may,
14 provide technical assistance, as appropriate, to a school that is
15 unaccredited or that is in interim status upon request of the
16 board of the school district in which the school is located. If
17 requests to the department for technical assistance exceed the
18 capacity, priority shall be given to unaccredited schools.

19 (11) A school that has been unaccredited for 3 consecutive
20 years is subject to 1 or more of the following measures, as
21 determined by the superintendent of public instruction:

22 (a) The superintendent of public instruction or his or her
23 designee shall appoint at the expense of the affected school dis-
24 trict an administrator of the school until the school becomes
25 accredited.

26 (b) A parent, legal guardian, or person in loco parentis of
27 a child who attends the school may send his or her child to any

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1 accredited public school with an appropriate grade level within
2 the school district.

3 (c) The school, with the approval of the superintendent of
4 public instruction, shall align itself with an existing
5 research-based school improvement model or establish an affilia-
6 tion for providing assistance to the school with a college or
7 university located in this state.

8 (d) The school shall be closed.

9 (12) The department shall evaluate the school accreditation
10 program and the status of schools under this section and shall
11 submit an annual report based upon the evaluation to the senate
12 and house committees that have the responsibility for education
13 legislation. The report shall address the reasons each unaccred-
14 ited school is not accredited and shall recommend legislative
15 action that will result in the accreditation of all public
16 schools in this state.