

House Bill 4681
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Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4681 AS INTRODUCED 5-1-01

House Bill 4681 would amend the Revised School Code to require the State Board of Education to appoint an additional member to the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) advisory committee: a representative of an approved teacher education institution. The appointment would have to be made not later than 90 days after the effective date of the bill. Further, the bill would update the references within the law concerning the administrative responsibility for the assessment program, by substituting the Department of Treasury for the Department of Education or state board. In doing so, the bill would codify some of the administrative changes made in Executive Order 1999-12 (which transferred to the Departments of Treasury and Career Development the administration of certain functions associated with the MEAP assessment, in association with the implementation of the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Program).

In addition, the bill would delete an outdated provision that required the Department of Education to submit, not later than July 1 of each year until the year 2000, a comprehensive report to the legislature on the status of the assessment program. That report included annual pupil assessment data; a description of the feedback provided to pupils, parents, and schools; a description of any significant alterations made in the program by the department or state board during the period covered by the report; any recommendations by the department or state board for legislative changes to the program; and, an update of the reports of the assessment advisory committees of the state board.

Finally, the bill would delete an outdated provision that allowed students to repeat assessments before their graduation during the 1997-98 school year.

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