

SENATE BILL No. 729

September 24, 2003, Introduced by Senators CLARK-COLEMAN, BASHAM, BERNERO, SCHAUER, JACOBS, CHERRY, SWITALSKI, BRATER, CLARKE, PRUSI, SCOTT, OLSHOVE, BARCIA, EMERSON, JELINEK and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1970 PA 38, entitled

"An act to provide for assessment and remedial assistance programs of students in reading, mathematics and vocational education,"

by amending sections 1, 2, and 6 (MCL 388.1081, 388.1082, and 388.1086).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. A statewide program of assessment of educational
2 progress and remedial assistance in the basic skills of students
3 in reading, mathematics, language arts, ~~and/or~~ or other general
4 subject areas is established in the department of education.

5 ~~which~~ **This** program shall **do all of the following:**

6 (a) Establish meaningful achievement goals in the basic
7 skills for students, and identify those students with the
8 greatest educational need in these skills.

9 (b) Provide the state with the information needed to

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1 allocate state funds and professional services in a manner best
2 calculated to equalize educational opportunities for students to
3 achieve competence in ~~such~~ **those** basic skills.

4 (c) Provide school systems with strong incentives to
5 introduce educational programs to improve the education of
6 students in ~~such~~ **those** basic skills and model programs to raise
7 the level of achievement of students.

8 (d) Develop a system for educational self-renewal that would
9 continuously evaluate the programs and by this means help each
10 school to discover and introduce program changes that are most
11 likely to improve the quality of education.

12 (e) Provide the public periodically with information
13 concerning the progress of the state system of education. ~~Such~~
14 ~~programs~~ **This program** shall extend ~~current~~ **other** department of
15 education efforts to conduct periodic and comprehensive
16 assessment of educational progress.

17 Sec. 2. (1) The statewide assessment program of educational
18 progress shall cover all students annually ~~at two~~ **in at least 2**
19 grade levels in public schools.

20 (2) The department of education ~~, hereinafter referred to~~
21 ~~as the department,~~ shall develop and conduct the program, and
22 may utilize the assistance of appropriate testing organizations
23 ~~and/or~~ **or** testing ~~specialist~~ **specialists**. ~~The program shall~~
24 ~~expand the current basic skills testing inventory in grades 4 and~~
25 ~~7 coordinated by the department.~~

26 (3) The program shall assess competencies in the basic
27 skills and collect and utilize other relevant information

1 essential to the assessment program.

2 (4) Based on information from the program, students shall be
3 identified who have extraordinary need for assistance to improve
4 their competence in the basic skills.

5 (5) Information from the program shall be given to each
6 school as soon as possible to assist it in its efforts to improve
7 the achievement of students in the basic skills.

8 Sec. 6. The department **of education** shall promulgate rules
9 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act ~~—~~ in
10 accordance with ~~and subject to the provisions of Act No. 306 of~~
11 ~~the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.313 of the~~
12 ~~Compiled Laws of 1948~~ **the administrative procedures act of 1969,**
13 **1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.**

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is intended to
15 return to the superintendent of public instruction, the
16 department of education, and the state board of education certain
17 functions relating to state assessments transferred to the
18 department of treasury under Executive Reorganization Order
19 No. 1999-7, MCL 388.995.

20 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take
21 effect unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature
22 are enacted into law:

23 (a) Senate Bill No. 730.

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25 (b) Senate Bill No. 731.

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27 (c) Senate Bill No. 732.