

## REPEAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LETTER GRADES AND RANKINGS

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**House Bill 4166 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Matt Koleszar**  
**Committee: Education**  
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Analysis available at  
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4166 would repeal or amend several sections of the Revised School Code to remove a current requirement that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) assign letter grades and rankings to public schools, compile lists of the lowest-performing schools as determined through those grades and rankings, and implement accountability measures for schools determined to be in the bottom 5% of schools through those grades and rankings.

Under current law, by September 1 of each year, MDE is required to release A-to-F grades for public schools based on their performance on certain indicators and rankings on other metrics. These published grades and rankings are in addition to MDE's school index score, which also measures school performance.<sup>1</sup>

The bill would repeal section 1280g of the code, which contains requirements relating to the letter grade and ranking systems and actions MDE must take in regard to the schools deemed to be the lowest-performing in the state under those metrics.<sup>2</sup>

The bill also would remove requirements that MDE compile a list of "lowest-performing schools" based on the letter grades and rankings assigned and that districts and charter school authorizers not reopen a school at the same location as a school previously designated as low-performing unless certain criteria are met. Additional references and provisions relating to these requirements would also be removed.

Finally, the bill would repeal section 392, which currently prohibits a community school district (i.e., the Detroit Public Schools Community District) from opening a new school at the same location as a school that was on the lowest-performing list compiled under section 1280g if the proposed new school has substantially the same leadership as the closed lowest-performing school.

MCL 380.502 et seq. (amended) and MCL 380.392 and 380.1280g (repealed)

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mischooldata.org/school-index/>

<sup>2</sup> For a description of 2018 PA 601, which added section 1280g to the Revised School Code:  
<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billanalysis/House/pdf/2017-HLA-5526-F7D78799.pdf>

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

A fiscal analysis is in progress.

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