ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 66

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to make appropriations for certain purposes; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding sections 1508 and 1526b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 1508. (1) By not later than June 1, 2024, in consultation with experts on sexual assault and sexual harassment, including, but not limited to, the Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention and treatment board and the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, the department shall develop age-appropriate informational material relating to sexual assault and sexual harassment and make that material available to all school districts, intermediate school districts, and public school academies that operate any of grades 6 to 12. The informational material must include at least all of the following:

(a) Information regarding what constitutes sexual assault or sexual harassment.

(b) An explanation that sexual assault or sexual harassment is not the victim’s fault.

(c) Resources available for individuals who have experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment, including, but not limited to, information on title IX, as enacted under the education amendments of 1972, 20 USC 1681 to 1688, appropriate contact information for organizations that offer assistance to victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment, and actions that the individual may take.

(2) A school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy shall disseminate the informational material made available by the department under subsection (1) to each pupil in grades 6 to 12 who is enrolled in a school operated by the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy, in a form and manner determined appropriate by the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy. Additionally, the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy shall disseminate to those
pupils the contact information for the school district’s, intermediate school district’s, or public school academy’s title IX coordinator and the school district’s, intermediate school district’s, or public school academy’s policies on sexual assault and sexual harassment, including specific information stating that the policies prohibit adverse action against an individual for reporting sexual assault or sexual harassment, in a form and manner determined appropriate by the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy. The school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy shall ensure that all the information described in this subsection remains accessible to those pupils and their parents or legal guardians and is included in a student handbook or similar publication prepared by the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy and on the school district’s, intermediate school district’s, or public school academy’s webpage if the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy maintains a webpage.

Sec. 1526b. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the board of a school district or intermediate school district or board of directors of a public school academy, together with a local organization that receives funding from the Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention and treatment board and that serves the geographic area of the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy, is encouraged to provide all educators and school personnel who have contact with pupils training at least every 5 years in responding to pupils who have experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment. This training may be provided as part of the professional development provided under section 1527. If a school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy is located in an area without a local organization that receives funding from the Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention and treatment board, the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy is encouraged to provide the training described in this section together with the Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention and treatment board or the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved____________________________________

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Governor