

# Legislative Analysis



## RECOMMENDED CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT COMPANIES

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**House Bill 4155 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Alicia St. Germaine**  
**Committee: Education and Workforce**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4155 would amend the Revised School Code to require the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to assemble and then annually update a list of recommended curriculum and assessments companies for use by school districts, public school academies (PSAs, also known as charter schools), and intermediate school districts (ISDs). The bill would require that the curriculum programs provided by recommended curriculum companies do all the following to be included on this list:

- Include curricula that align with this state's academic standards established in the Revised School Code and include comprehensive coverage of all required subject areas. Comprehensive coverage could include subject area coverage supplied by a combination of curriculum providers.
- Provide evidence of effectiveness through independent research or other reliable data supporting improved student outcomes.
- Include strategies for differentiating instruction and ensuring accessibility for all students, including students with disabilities.
- Offer robust professional development and professional learning resources and ongoing support for educators.
- Be available in digital and print formats, be compatible with multiple platforms, and comply with all applicable accessibility standards.
- Allow for customization and flexibility to meet the specific needs of individual schools and school districts.
- Provide clear and detailed information on all costs and licensing options.
- Ensure the provision of high-quality, accurate, and unbiased content that is regularly reviewed and updated.
- Offer comprehensive customer support and be willing to provide references from current users.

For assessment companies to be recommended, they would have to provide a variety of assessments that align with all state and federal requirements and include diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments. MDE could also set additional requirements for companies to meet to be included on the recommended companies list.

The first list would have to be published on the MDE website no later than April 1, 2026, and then updated by April 1 annually. Schools would not be required to use a curriculum or assessment company featured on the list, nor would they be required to implement a curriculum from a recommended curriculum company.

Proposed MCL 380.1278e

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 4155 would create new costs for the state and have no fiscal impact on local school districts, PSAs, and ISDs.

Under the bill, MDE would be required to publish a list of recommended curriculum companies and assessment companies for use by districts, PSAs, and ISDs. MDE is currently developing a list of recommended literacy curricula, but MDE has noted that expanding beyond literacy would require significant additional work and additional staffing within the department.

Districts, PSAs, and ISDs are not required to use the recommended companies and would therefore not be impacted by the bill.

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