



# HOUSE BILL No. 5603

February 20, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Gire, Freeman, Cherry, Agee, Schroer, Profit, Scott, Brewer, Dobronski, Baade, DeHart, Tesanovich, Martinez, Baird, Parks, Stallworth, LaForge, Wetters, Emerson, Brater, Kelly, Hanley, Gubow and Pitoniak and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976,  
entitled as amended

"The revised school code,"

as amended, being sections 380.1 to 380.1852 of the Michigan  
Compiled Laws, by adding section 1190.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, as  
2 amended, being sections 380.1 to 380.1852 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 1190 to read as  
4 follows:

5 SEC. 1190. (1) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL OFFER A  
6 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR ALL RESIDENT CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 5 WHO ARE  
7 NOT ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN. THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM SHALL  
8 PROVIDE THE CHILDREN WITH EXPERIENCES THAT PROMOTE INTELLECTUAL,

1 SOCIAL, AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT. A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY CONTRACT  
2 FOR THE PROVISION OF THIS PROGRAM.

3 (2) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL EMPLOY FOR THE PRE-  
4 SCHOOL PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) ONLY EITHER OF THE  
5 FOLLOWING:

6 (A) TEACHERS POSSESSING PROPER TRAINING, INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
7 LIMITED TO, A VALID TEACHING CERTIFICATE AND AN EARLY CHILDHOOD  
8 ENDORSEMENT. THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO A DISTRICT THAT  
9 SUBCONTRACTS WITH AN ELIGIBLE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. IN THAT  
10 SITUATION A TEACHER MUST HAVE A VALID TEACHING CERTIFICATE AND  
11 MAY HAVE A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL INSTEAD OF AN  
12 EARLY CHILDHOOD ENDORSEMENT.

13 (B) PARAPROFESSIONALS POSSESSING PROPER TRAINING IN EARLY  
14 CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A CHILD  
15 DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN CHILD  
16 DEVELOPMENT OR OTHER SIMILAR PROGRAM, AS APPROVED BY THE  
17 DEPARTMENT.

18 (3) A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE THE  
19 FORMATION OF A PRESCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION FOR EACH PRE-  
20 SCHOOL PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SHALL ENCOUR-  
21 AGE PARENTS TO BE INVOLVED IN THAT ASSOCIATION.

22 (4) THE STATE SHALL FULLY FUND, FROM THE GENERAL FUND, THE  
23 PROGRAMS MANDATED UNDER THIS SECTION.