

HOUSE BILL No. 5943

June 16, 1998, Introduced by Reps. Sanborn, Horton, Richner, Lowe, Jansen, Kukuk, Cropsey, Goschka, Dalman, Green, Gernaat, Sikkema, Kaza, Birkholz, Jellema, Law, Walberg, Baade, Brewer, McBryde, Voorhees, Perricone and Scranton and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 10 (MCL 380.10) as added by 1995 PA 289.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 10. (1) It is the natural, fundamental right of par-
2 ents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teach-
3 ing, and education of their children. The public schools of this
4 state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the
5 pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intel-
6 lectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive
7 environment.

8 (2) TO FURTHER THE PARENTAL RIGHTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
9 (1), THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL ACT SCHOOL DISTRICT,
10 OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL RECOGNIZE AND HONOR AT

1 LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND LEGAL
2 GUARDIANS:

3 (A) THE RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ON A TIMELY BASIS IF THEIR
4 CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL WITHOUT PERMISSION.

5 (B) THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF THEIR CHILD'S PER-
6 FORMANCE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS AND STATEWIDE TESTS AND TO RECEIVE
7 INFORMATION ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CLASS IN WHICH THEIR CHILD
8 IS ENROLLED AS WELL AS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SCHOOL THAT THEIR
9 CHILD ATTENDS ON STANDARDIZED AND STATEWIDE TESTS.

10 (C) THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A PARTICULAR SCHOOL OR TEACHER FOR
11 THEIR CHILD. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT OBLIGATE THE SCHOOL DIS-
12 TRICT TO GRANT THE PARENT'S OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S REQUEST.

13 (D) THE RIGHT TO HAVE A SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR THEIR CHILD
14 THAT IS SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE OF LEARNING.

15 (3) TO FACILITATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS DESCRIBED IN
16 SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2) AND OTHER PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AT SCHOOL,
17 THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT
18 LEAST BIENNIALLY TO DISCUSS THE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES
19 AND POLICIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS SCHOOLS. THIS PUBLIC
20 HEARING MAY TAKE PLACE AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.

21 (4) UNLESS THE PUPIL IS AT LEAST AGE 18 OR IS AN EMANCIPATED
22 MINOR, THE BOARD OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOCAL ACT SCHOOL DIS-
23 TRICT, OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH A PUPIL IS
24 ENROLLED SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS MADE BY
25 THE BOARD OR THE PUPIL'S SCHOOL CONCERNING THE PUPIL'S ACADEMIC
26 PERFORMANCE, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, OR SCHOOL DISCIPLINE ARE MADE TO
27 THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.