

HOUSE BILL No. 5636

May 15, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Shaughnessy and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1277 (MCL 380.1277), as amended by 1997 PA 179;
and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1277. (1) Considering criteria established by the state
2 board, in addition to the requirements specified in section 1280
3 for accreditation under that section, if the board of a school
4 district wants all of the schools of the school district to be
5 accredited under section 1280, the board shall adopt and implement
6 and, not later than September 1 each year, shall make available to
7 the department a copy of a 3- to 5-year school improvement plan and
8 continuing school improvement process for each school within the

1 school district. The school improvement plans shall include, but
2 are not limited to, a mission statement, goals based on student
3 academic objectives for all students, curriculum alignment
4 corresponding with those goals, evaluation processes, staff
5 development, development and utilization of community resources and
6 volunteers, the role of adult and community education, libraries
7 and community colleges in the learning community, and building
8 level decision making. School board members, school building
9 administrators, teachers and other school employees, pupils,
10 parents of pupils attending that school, and other residents of the
11 school district shall be invited and allowed to voluntarily
12 participate in the development, review, and evaluation of the
13 district's school improvement plans. Upon request of the board of a
14 school district, the department and the intermediate school
15 district shall assist the school district in the development and
16 implementation of district school improvement plans. Educational
17 organizations may also provide assistance for these purposes.
18 School improvement plans described in this section shall be updated
19 annually by each school and by the board of the school district.

20 (2) School improvement plans shall include at least all of the
21 following additional matters:

22 (a) Goals centered on student academic learning.

23 (b) Strategies to accomplish the goals.

24 (c) Evaluation of the plan.

25 (d) Development of alternative measures of assessment that
26 will provide authentic assessment of pupils' achievements, skills,
27 and competencies.

1 (e) Methods for effective use of technology as a way of
2 improving learning and delivery of services and for integration of
3 evolving technology in the curriculum.

4 (f) Ways to make available in as many fields as practicable
5 opportunities for structured on-the-job learning, such as
6 apprenticeships and internships, combined with classroom
7 instruction.

8 (3) Each intermediate school board shall adopt and implement
9 and, not later than September 1 each year, shall make available to
10 the department a copy of a 3- to 5-year intermediate school
11 district school improvement plan and continuing school improvement
12 process for the intermediate school district. Constituent and
13 intermediate school board members, school building administrators,
14 teachers and other school employees, pupils, parents of pupils, and
15 residents of the intermediate school district shall be invited and
16 allowed to voluntarily participate in the development, review, and
17 evaluation of the intermediate school district's school improvement
18 plan. Upon request of the intermediate school board, the department
19 shall assist the intermediate school district in the development
20 and implementation of an intermediate school district school
21 improvement plan. An intermediate school district school
22 improvement plan described in this section shall be updated
23 annually by the intermediate school board. An intermediate school
24 district school improvement plan shall include at least all of the
25 following:

26 (a) Methods to assist districts in improving pupils' academic
27 learning.

1 (b) Assurance that all pupils have reasonable access to all
2 programs offered by the intermediate school district, including,
3 but not limited to, transportation if necessary.

4 (c) A plan for professional development that supports academic
5 learning.

6 (d) Methods to assist school districts in integrating applied
7 academics and career and employability skills into all curricular
8 areas.

9 (e) Ways to make available in as many fields as practicable
10 opportunities for structured on-the-job learning, such as
11 apprenticeships and internships, combined with classroom
12 instruction.

13 (f) Collaborative efforts with supporting agencies that
14 enhance academic learning.

15 (g) Long-range cost containment measures, including additional
16 services that might be provided at reduced costs by the
17 intermediate school district or through cooperative programs, and
18 cost reduction programs such as interdistrict cooperation in
19 special education and other programs and services.

20 (h) To the extent that it would improve school effectiveness,
21 specific recommendations on consolidation or enhanced interdistrict
22 cooperation, or both, along with possible sources of revenue.

23 (i) Evaluation of the plan.

24 ~~————(4) The state board shall annually review a random sampling of~~
25 ~~school improvement plans. Based on its review, the state board~~
26 ~~shall annually submit a report on school improvement activities~~
27 ~~planned and accomplished by each of the school districts and~~

1 ~~intermediate school districts that were part of the sampling to the~~
2 ~~senate and house committees that have the responsibility for~~
3 ~~education legislation.~~

4 Enacting section 1. Section 761 of the revised school code,
5 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.761, is repealed.