

# 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.