

# SENATE BILL No. 249

March 16, 2017, Introduced by Senator SHIRKEY and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to create the educational instruction access act; to limit the powers of local governmental bodies regarding the selling, transferring, leasing, or renting of property; and to provide remedies and penalties.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "educational instruction access act".

3           Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4           (a) "Educational institution" means any of the following:

5           (i) A school district, an intermediate school district, or a  
6 public school academy as those terms are defined in sections 4 to 6  
7 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.4 to 380.6.

8           (ii) A community college established under the community  
9 college act of 1966, 1966 PA 331, MCL 389.1 to 389.195, or under  
10 part 25 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1601 to

1 380.1607.

2 (b) "Local governmental body" means any local government or  
3 its subdivision, including, but not limited to, a city, village,  
4 township, county, or educational institution; a local public  
5 authority, agency, board, commission, or other local governmental,  
6 quasi-governmental, or quasi-public body; or a public body that  
7 acts or purports to act in a commercial, business, economic  
8 development, or similar capacity for a local government or its  
9 subdivision.

10 (c) "Private school" means a private, denominational, or  
11 parochial school as described in section 2 of 1921 PA 302, MCL  
12 388.552.

13 Sec. 5. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a  
14 local governmental body shall not adopt, enforce, or administer an  
15 ordinance, local policy, or local resolution that prohibits  
16 property sold, leased, or transferred by the local governmental  
17 body from being used for any lawful educational purpose by an  
18 educational institution or private school. This subsection does not  
19 apply to either of the following:

20 (a) A zoning ordinance adopted by the local governmental body  
21 under the Michigan zoning enabling act, 2006 PA 110, MCL 125.3101  
22 to 125.3702.

23 (b) The administrative review of a site plan as provided in  
24 section 1263(4) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL  
25 380.1263.

26 (2) A local governmental body shall not impose any deed  
27 restriction that prohibits property sold, leased, or transferred by

1 the local governmental body from being used for any lawful  
2 educational purpose by an educational institution or private  
3 school. Any such deed restriction in effect on the effective date  
4 of this subsection is void.

5 (3) If a local governmental body offers property of the local  
6 governmental body for sale, lease, or rent, the local governmental  
7 body shall not refuse to sell, lease, or rent the property to an  
8 educational institution or private school solely because the  
9 educational institution or private school intends to use the  
10 property for an educational purpose, if the intent of the  
11 educational institution or private school is to use the property  
12 for a lawful educational purpose.

13 Sec. 7. (1) If a local governmental body is not complying with  
14 this act, the attorney general, prosecuting attorney of the county  
15 in which the local governmental body serves, or educational  
16 institution or private school aggrieved by the local governmental  
17 body may commence a civil action to compel compliance or to enjoin  
18 further noncompliance with this act.

19 (2) An action for injunctive relief against a local  
20 governmental body must be commenced in the circuit court, and venue  
21 is proper in any county in which the local governmental body  
22 serves. If an educational institution or private school commences  
23 an action for injunctive relief, that educational institution or  
24 private school is not required to post security as a condition for  
25 obtaining a preliminary injunction or a temporary restraining  
26 order.

27 (3) If a local governmental body is not complying with this

1 act, and an educational institution or private school commences a  
2 civil action against the local governmental body for injunctive  
3 relief to compel compliance or to enjoin further noncompliance with  
4 the act and succeeds in obtaining relief in the action, the  
5 educational institution or private school may recover court costs  
6 and reasonable attorney fees for the action.