

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 650

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
by amending section 23a (MCL 388.1623a), as amended by 2018 PA 586.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 23a. (1) A dropout recovery program operated by a
2 district qualifies for the special membership counting provisions
3 of section 6(4)(dd) and the hours and ~~day~~**days** of pupil instruction
4 exemption under section 101(12) if the dropout recovery program
5 meets all of the following:
6 (a) Enrolls only eligible pupils.
7 (b) Provides an advocate ~~or~~**and** teacher of record. ~~, or both.~~
8 An advocate may serve in that role for more than 1 pupil but ~~no~~**not**
9 more than 50 pupils. An advocate or teacher of record may be



1 employed by the district or may be provided by an education
2 management organization that is partnering with the district.
3 Before an individual is assigned to be an advocate or teacher of
4 record for a pupil in the dropout recovery program, the district
5 ~~shall~~**must** comply with sections 1230 and 1230a of the revised
6 school code, MCL 380.1230 and 380.1230a, with respect to that
7 individual.

8 (c) Develops a written learning plan.

9 (d) Monitors the pupil's progress against the written learning
10 plan.

11 (e) Requires each pupil to make satisfactory monthly progress,
12 as defined by the district under subsection (2).

13 (f) Reports the pupil's progress results to the partner
14 district at least monthly.

15 (g) The program may be operated on or off a district school
16 campus, but may be operated using distance learning online only if
17 the program provides a computer and ~~Internet~~**internet** access for
18 each eligible pupil participating in the program.

19 (h) Is operated throughout the entire calendar year.

20 (i) If the district partners with an education management
21 organization for the program, the education management organization
22 has a dropout recovery program partnership relationship with at
23 least 1 other district.

24 (2) A district operating a dropout recovery program under this
25 section shall adopt a definition of satisfactory monthly progress
26 that is consistent with the definition of that term under
27 subsection (3).

28 (3) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Advocate" means an adult available to meet in person with



1 assigned pupils, as needed, to conduct social interventions, to
 2 proctor final examinations, and to provide academic and social
 3 support to pupils enrolled in the district's dropout recovery
 4 program.

5 (b) "Education management organization" means a private
 6 provider that operates 1 or more other dropout recovery programs
 7 that meet the requirements of this section in partnership with 1 or
 8 more districts.

9 (c) "Eligible pupil" means a pupil who has been expelled from
 10 school under the mandatory expulsion provisions in section 1311 or
 11 1311a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1311 and 380.1311a, a
 12 pupil who has been suspended or expelled from school under a local
 13 policy, a pupil who is referred by a court, a pupil who is pregnant
 14 or is a parent, a pupil who was previously a dropout, or a pupil
 15 who is determined by the district to be at risk of dropping out.

16 (d) "Satisfactory monthly progress" means an amount of
 17 progress that is measurable on a monthly basis and that, if
 18 continued for a full 12 months, would result in the same amount of
 19 academic credit being awarded to the pupil as would be awarded to a
 20 general education pupil completing a full school year. Satisfactory
 21 monthly progress may include a lesser required amount of progress
 22 for the first 2 months a pupil participates in the program.

23 (e) "Teacher of record" means a teacher who holds a valid
 24 Michigan teaching certificate; who, if applicable, is endorsed in
 25 the subject area and grade of the course; and is responsible for
 26 providing instruction, determining instructional methods for each
 27 pupil, diagnosing learning needs, assessing pupil learning,
 28 prescribing intervention strategies, reporting outcomes, and
 29 evaluating the effects of instruction and support strategies. ~~Until~~



1 ~~February 1, 2020, if~~ **If** the district partners with an education
2 management organization for the program, the teacher of record may
3 be employed by or contracted through the education management
4 organization.

5 (f) "Written learning plan" means a written plan developed in
6 conjunction with the advocate that includes the plan start and end
7 dates, courses to be taken, credit to be earned for each course,
8 teacher of record for each course, and advocate name and contact
9 information.