

HOUSE BILL NO. 4826

August 13, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Brann, Vaupel, Maddock, Webber, Marino, Allor, Eisen, Berman and Howell and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1278 (MCL 380.1278), as amended by 2016 PA 170,
and by adding section 1166b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1166b. (1) Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, the
2 board of a school district or board of directors of a public school
3 academy shall ensure that the school district's or public school
4 academy's social studies curriculum for grade 8 includes a program



1 of instruction in free enterprise and entrepreneurship.

2 (2) Subsection (1) does not preclude a school district or
3 public school academy from including instruction described in
4 subsection (1) in other subject areas or grade levels.

5 (3) Not later than June 1, 2019, the department shall develop
6 or adopt and make available to school districts and public school
7 academies 1 or more model programs of instruction that may be used
8 for the purposes of subsection (1). A model program developed or
9 adopted by the department under this section must include all of
10 the instruction described under subsection (4). The department
11 shall include among the model programs that may be used for the
12 purposes of subsection (1) the program known as "Michigan's
13 Entrepreneurial Spirit".

14 (4) A program of instruction under this section must be
15 project-based and must provide instruction on at least all of the
16 following subjects:

17 (a) Business vocabulary, including, at least,
18 entrepreneurship, free enterprise, business finance, goods and
19 services, and innovation.

20 (b) Entrepreneurs from this state and around the world.

21 (c) Action activities, including, at least, setting short-term
22 and long-term goals.

23 (d) Business basics, including, at least, taxes for businesses
24 and corporations, essential skills for business owners, and
25 product- and service-based business ideas.

26 (e) Creating a student project-based business plan.

27 (5) As used in this section, "entrepreneur" means an
28 individual who organizes and operates a business or businesses and
29 takes on greater than normal financial risk to do so.



1 Sec. 1278. (1) In addition to the requirements for
 2 accreditation under section 1280 specified in that section, if the
 3 board of a school district wants all of the schools of the school
 4 district to be accredited under section 1280, the board shall
 5 provide to all pupils attending public school in the district a
 6 core academic curriculum in compliance with subsection (3) in each
 7 of the curricular areas specified in the state board recommended
 8 model core academic curriculum content standards developed under
 9 subsection (2). The state board model core academic curriculum
 10 content standards ~~shall~~**must** encompass academic and cognitive
 11 instruction only. For purposes of this section, the state board
 12 model core academic curriculum content standards ~~shall~~**must** not
 13 include attitudes, beliefs, or value systems that are not essential
 14 in the legal, economic, and social structure of our society and to
 15 the personal and social responsibility of citizens of our society.

16 (2) Recommended model core academic curriculum content
 17 standards ~~shall~~**must** be developed and periodically updated by the
 18 state board, ~~shall~~**must** be in the form of knowledge and skill
 19 content standards that are recommended as state standards for
 20 adoption by public schools in local curriculum formulation and
 21 adoption, and ~~shall~~**must** be distributed to each school district in
 22 the state. The recommended model core academic curriculum content
 23 standards ~~shall~~**must** set forth desired learning objectives in math,
 24 science, reading, history, geography, economics, American
 25 government, and writing for all children at each stage of schooling
 26 and be based upon the "Michigan K-12 Program Standards of Quality"
 27 to ensure that high academic standards, academic skills, and
 28 academic subject matters are built into the instructional goals of
 29 all school districts for all children. The state board shall ensure



1 that the recommended model core academic curriculum content
2 standards for history for grades 8 to 12 include learning
3 objectives concerning genocide, including, but not limited to, the
4 Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide. **The state board shall ensure**
5 **that the recommended model core academic curriculum content**
6 **standards for social studies for grade 8 include a program of**
7 **instruction in free enterprise and entrepreneurship as described in**
8 **section 1166b.** The state board also shall ensure that the state
9 assessment program and the Michigan merit examination are based on
10 the state recommended model core curriculum content standards, are
11 testing only for proficiency in basic and advanced academic skills
12 and academic subject matter, and are not used to measure pupils'
13 values or attitudes.

14 (3) The board of each school district, considering academic
15 curricular objectives defined and recommended pursuant to
16 subsection (2), shall do both of the following:

17 (a) Establish a core academic curriculum for its pupils at the
18 elementary, middle, and secondary school levels. The core academic
19 curriculum ~~shall~~**must** define academic objectives to be achieved by
20 all pupils and ~~shall~~**must** be based upon the school district's
21 educational mission, long-range pupil goals, and pupil performance
22 objectives. The core academic curriculum may vary from the model
23 core academic curriculum content standards recommended by the state
24 board pursuant to subsection (2).

25 (b) After consulting with teachers and school building
26 administrators, determine the aligned instructional program for
27 delivering the core academic curriculum and identify the courses
28 and programs in which the core academic curriculum will be taught.

29 (4) The board may supplement the core academic curriculum by



1 providing instruction through additional classes and programs.

2 (5) For all pupils, the subjects or courses, and the delivery
3 of those including special assistance, that constitute the
4 curriculum the pupils engage in ~~shall~~**must** assure the pupils have a
5 realistic opportunity to learn all subjects and courses required by
6 the district's core academic curriculum. A subject or course
7 required by the core academic curriculum pursuant to subsection (3)
8 ~~shall~~**must** be provided to all pupils in the school district by a
9 school district, a consortium of school districts, or a consortium
10 of 1 or more school districts and 1 or more intermediate school
11 districts.

12 (6) To the extent practicable, the state board may adopt or
13 develop academic objective-oriented high standards for knowledge
14 and life skills, and a recommended core academic curriculum, for
15 special education pupils for whom it may not be realistic or
16 desirable to expect achievement of initial mastery of the state
17 board recommended model core academic content standards objectives
18 or of a high school diploma.

19 (7) The state board shall make available to all nonpublic
20 schools in this state, as a resource for their consideration, the
21 model core academic curriculum content standards developed for
22 public schools pursuant to subsection (2) for the purpose of
23 assisting the governing body of a nonpublic school in developing
24 its core academic curriculum.

25 (8) Excluding special education pupils, pupils having a
26 learning disability, and pupils with extenuating circumstances as
27 determined by school officials, a pupil who does not score
28 satisfactorily on the fourth or seventh grade state assessment
29 program reading test shall be provided special assistance



1 reasonably expected to enable the pupil to bring his or her reading
2 skills to grade level within 12 months.

3 (9) Any course that would have been considered a nonessential
4 elective course under *Snyder v Charlotte School Dist*, 421 Mich 517
5 (1984), on April 13, 1990 ~~shall~~**must** continue to be offered to
6 resident pupils of nonpublic schools on a shared time basis.

7 (10) As used in this section, "Armenian Genocide", "genocide",
8 and "Holocaust" mean those terms as defined in section 1168.

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
10 after the date it is enacted into law.

