

Legislative Analysis



MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION

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House Bill 4810 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. David W. Martin

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House Bill 4811 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Brad Paquette

Committee: Education
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SUMMARY:

House Bills 4810 and 4811 would remove the requirements in statute that the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) include a writing component and that a school district or public school academy (PSA, or charter school) include a student's scaled score on each subject area component of the Michigan Merit Examination on the student's high school transcript.

House Bill 4810 would make these changes to the Revised School Code.

House Bill 4811 would make the changes to the State School Aid Act.

Currently, the MME must be administered to students in 11th grade (or 12th grade, if the student did not complete the MME in 11th grade) and must include the following:

- Assessments that measure English language arts, math, reading, and science, and are used by colleges and universities for entrance or placement purposes.
 - HB 4810 states that this *must* include a writing component in which the student produces an extended writing sample, and that the MME not require any other extended writing sample.
 - HB 4811 states that it *may* include one or more writing components.
- At least one test that assesses a student's reading and math skills in a way that employers can use in making employment decisions. The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget and superintendent of public instruction must ensure that the test can be used to secure the results of a nationally recognized evaluation of workforce readiness. (Currently fulfilled by the ACT WorkKeys assessment.)
- A social studies component.
- Any other component necessary to ensure that the MME complies with the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act and Every Student Succeeds Act.

HB 4810: MCL 380.1279g

HB 4811: MCL 388.1704b

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills would have no fiscal impact on the state and could result in a cost savings for districts and PSAs.

MDE has indicated that removing the SAT essay component could jeopardize federal funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Therefore, it is likely that the state would continue to administer the SAT with the essay component to fulfill federal requirements.

A district or PSA could realize a cost savings related to the removal of the requirement that a district or PSA include a high school graduate's scaled score on each subject area component of the MME on the graduate's high school transcript.

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