

Legislative Analysis



MODEL CURRICULUM FOR TEACHING CURSIVE

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House Bill 4064 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4064 would amend the Revised School Code to allow the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to develop or adopt a model program for cursive instruction. The bill would strongly encourage the department to complete this model program and make it available to public schools no later than August 1, 2024.

The bill also would strongly encourage the board of a school district or intermediate school district (ISD) or the board of directors of a public school academy (PSA, or charter school) to incorporate in its schools' curriculum any model program for cursive instruction developed or adopted by MDE, and to do so starting with the 2024-25 school year if the model program is completed by that time.

Proposed MCL 380.1164c

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state and may increase costs for districts, ISDs, or PSAs that choose to incorporate the model program of instruction on cursive.

MDE has stated that the department would not incur any costs because the model program already exists.

A district, PSA, or ISD that chooses to incorporate the program may incur costs, which would likely be minimal and absorbed using existing staff time. However, districts, PSAs, and ISDs are not required to incorporate the program.

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