



HOUSE BILL No. 4315

March 7, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Griffin, VanderWall, Hauck, Howell, Frederick, Reilly, Alexander, Cole, Wentworth, Marino, Bellino, Noble, Lower, Glenn, Lucido, Hornberger, LaFave, Hoitenga, LaSata, Bizon, Iden, Graves, Barrett, Sneller, Sheppard, Rendon, Brann, Kahle, Leutheuser, Tedder and Vaupel and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Talent Development.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1278d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1278D. A PUPIL MAY SATISFY THE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS IN
2 21ST CENTURY SKILLS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA UNDER SECTION
3 1278A(1) (A) (iv) BY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING ANY COMBINATION OF 3
4 CREDITS IN THE FOLLOWING:

5 (A) A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH. A PUPIL MAY COMPLETE 1 OR
6 MORE CREDITS IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH BY COMPLETING AT ANY
7 TIME DURING GRADES K TO 12 ONE OR MORE CREDITS THAT ARE GRADE-
8 APPROPRIATE IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH OR COURSEWORK OR OTHER
9 LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO CREDITS
10 IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, BASED ON GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY

1 THE DEPARTMENT. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, ALL OF THE
2 FOLLOWING APPLY:

3 (i) AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IS CONSIDERED TO BE A LANGUAGE
4 OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

5 (ii) THE PUPIL MAY SATISFY ALL OR PART OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
6 A CREDIT IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH WITH ONLINE COURSEWORK.

7 (B) VISUAL ARTS, PERFORMING ARTS, OR APPLIED ARTS, AS DEFINED
8 BY THE DEPARTMENT. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY IS
9 STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO OFFER VISUAL ARTS AND PERFORMING ARTS
10 COURSES.

11 (C) COMPUTER SCIENCE OR COMPUTER CODING, OR A COMBINATION OF
12 THESE.

13 (D) A DEPARTMENT-APPROVED FORMAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL
14 EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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

17 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
18 unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No.4316 (request no.
19 00100'17 **) of the 99th Legislature is enacted into law.