

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6324

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1481 (MCL 380.1481), as added by 2000 PA 230.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1481. (1) ~~Not later than the beginning of the 2000-2001~~
2 ~~school year, the~~ **THE** Michigan ~~virtual university~~ **VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY**
3 ~~shall develop, implement, and operate the~~ **MICHIGAN VIRTUAL LEARNING**
4 **RESEARCH INSTITUTE DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (7). THE MICHIGAN**
5 **VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY SHALL ALSO OPERATE THE** Michigan ~~virtual high~~
6 ~~school, as described in this section.~~ **VIRTUAL SCHOOL AS A STATEWIDE**
7 **LABORATORY AND QUALITY MODEL OF INSTRUCTION BY IMPLEMENTING VIRTUAL**
8 **AND BLENDED LEARNING SOLUTIONS FOR SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE.**

9 (2) The Michigan ~~virtual high school~~ **VIRTUAL SCHOOL** shall have
10 the following goals:

11 (a) Significantly expand curricular offerings for **MIDDLE**

SCHOOLS AND high schools across this state through agreements with school districts or licenses from other recognized providers.

(b) Create a statewide instructional model using interactive multimedia tools delivered by electronic means, including, but not limited to, the internet, digital broadcast, or satellite network, for distributed learning at the **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND** high school ~~level.~~**LEVELS.**

(c) Provide pupils with opportunities to develop skills and competencies through ~~on-line~~**ONLINE AND BLENDED** learning.

(d) Offer ~~high school~~ teachers opportunities to learn new skills and strategies for developing and delivering instructional services.

(e) Accelerate this state's ability to respond to current and emerging educational demands.

~~—— (f) Grant high school diplomas through a dual enrollment method with school districts.~~

(F) ~~(g) Act~~ EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ACT as a broker for college level equivalent courses, as defined in section 1471, and dual enrollment courses from postsecondary education institutions, **INCLUDING ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES.**

(3) The Michigan ~~virtual high school course offerings shall include,~~**VIRTUAL SCHOOL MAY OFFER VIRTUAL COURSES, INCLUDING,** but ~~are~~ not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Information technology courses.

(b) College level equivalent courses, as defined in section 1471.

(c) Courses and dual enrollment opportunities.

1 (d) At-risk programs and services.

2 (e) General education development test preparation courses for
3 adjudicated youth.

4 (f) Special interest courses.

5 (g) Professional development programs and services for
6 teachers.

7 ~~—— (4) In addition to its other duties under this section, the~~
8 ~~Michigan virtual university shall work with the department and~~
9 ~~other appropriate state agencies to explore the development and~~
10 ~~delivery of a full curriculum for migrant pupils that would be~~
11 ~~available through distance learning. The Michigan virtual~~
12 ~~university and the department shall submit a joint report on their~~
13 ~~findings under this subsection to the legislature not later than 1~~
14 ~~year after the effective date of this section.~~

15 ~~—— (5) Nonpublic school students and home-schooled children may~~
16 ~~participate in course offerings of the Michigan virtual high school~~
17 ~~to the same extent they are allowed to participate in school~~
18 ~~district course offerings under this act and the state school aid~~
19 ~~act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772.~~

20 **(4) A HOME-SCHOOLED CHILD OR A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT WHO IS**
21 **A RESIDENT OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT SUBSCRIBES TO SERVICES**
22 **PROVIDED BY THE MICHIGAN VIRTUAL SCHOOL MAY USE THE SERVICES**
23 **PROVIDED BY THE MICHIGAN VIRTUAL SCHOOL TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND**
24 **SHALL NOT BE CHARGED A RATE THAT EXCEEDS THE RATE THAT IS CHARGED**
25 **TO A PUPIL ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO USES THE SAME**
26 **SERVICES.**

27 **(5) THE MICHIGAN VIRTUAL SCHOOL SHALL MAINTAIN AN**

1 ACCREDITATION FROM A RECOGNIZED NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL
2 ACCREDITATION ENTITY.

3 (6) The Michigan ~~virtual university~~ **VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY** shall
4 fund the Michigan ~~virtual high school~~ **VIRTUAL SCHOOL** from
5 appropriations made for this purpose and may also use funds
6 received from other sources. The department shall provide technical
7 assistance as requested by the Michigan ~~virtual university~~ **VIRTUAL**
8 **UNIVERSITY** for the purposes of this section.

9 (7) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE MICHIGAN
10 VIRTUAL LEARNING RESEARCH INSTITUTE SUPPORT AND ACCELERATE
11 INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR THIS STATE'S
12 SYSTEM OF VIRTUAL LEARNING EDUCATION.

13 (8) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUPPORTING AND ACCELERATING INNOVATION
14 IN EDUCATION AND PROVIDING LEADERSHIP FOR THIS STATE'S SYSTEM OF
15 VIRTUAL LEARNING EDUCATION UNDER SUBSECTION (7), THE MICHIGAN
16 VIRTUAL LEARNING RESEARCH INSTITUTE SHALL DO AT LEAST ALL OF THE
17 FOLLOWING:

18 (A) TEST, EVALUATE, AND RECOMMEND NEW TECHNOLOGY-BASED
19 INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS AND RESOURCES, AS APPROPRIATE.

20 (B) RESEARCH, DESIGN, AND RECOMMEND VIRTUAL EDUCATION DELIVERY
21 MODELS.

22 (C) RESEARCH, DEVELOP, AND RECOMMEND CRITERIA BY WHICH CYBER
23 SCHOOLS AND VIRTUAL COURSE PROVIDERS SHOULD BE MONITORED AND
24 EVALUATED.

25 (D) ANALYZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VIRTUAL LEARNING DELIVERY
26 MODELS IN PREPARING PUPILS TO BE COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY.

27 (E) PROVIDE AN EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO

1 EDUCATION PERSONNEL THAT FOCUSES ON THE EFFECTIVE INTEGRATION OF
2 VIRTUAL LEARNING INTO CURRICULA AND INSTRUCTION.

3 (F) IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO THE ADOPTION OF VIRTUAL LEARNING IN
4 THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM.

5 (G) IDENTIFY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE VIRTUAL LEARNING
6 IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM.

7 (H) IDENTIFY AND SHARE BEST PRACTICES FOR PLANNING,
8 IMPLEMENTING, AND EVALUATING VIRTUAL AND BLENDED EDUCATION DELIVERY
9 MODELS TO ACCELERATE THE ADOPTION OF INNOVATIVE EDUCATION DELIVERY
10 MODELS STATEWIDE.

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