

HOUSE BILL No. 4017

January 31, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Keith and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend section 1561 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

being section 380.1561 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1561 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
2 of 1976, being section 380.1561 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1561. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and
5 (3), every parent, guardian, or other person in this state having
6 control and charge of a child from the age of 6 to the child's
7 ~~sixteenth~~ EIGHTEENTH birthday ~~—~~ shall send that child to
8 ~~the~~ A public ~~schools~~ SCHOOL during the entire school year.
9 The child's attendance shall be continuous and consecutive for
10 the school year fixed by the school district in which the child

1 is enrolled. In a school district ~~which~~ THAT maintains school
 2 during the entire calendar year and in which the school year is
 3 divided into quarters, a child shall not be compelled to attend
 4 the public school more than 3 quarters in 1 calendar year, but a
 5 child shall not be absent for 2 consecutive quarters.

6 (2) A child becoming 6 years of age before December 1 shall
 7 be enrolled on the first school day of the school year in which
 8 the child's sixth birthday occurs. A child becoming 6 years of
 9 age on or after December 1 shall be enrolled on the first school
 10 day of the school year following the school year in which the
 11 child's sixth birthday occurs.

12 (3) A child shall not be required to attend ~~the~~ A public
 13 ~~schools~~ SCHOOL in ANY OF the following cases:

14 (a) ~~A~~ THE child ~~who~~ is attending regularly and is being
 15 taught in a state approved nonpublic school ~~, which~~ THAT
 16 teaches subjects comparable to those taught in the public schools
 17 to children of corresponding age and grade, as determined by the
 18 course of study for the public schools of the district within
 19 which the nonpublic school is located.

20 (b) ~~A~~ THE child ~~who~~ is regularly employed as a page or
 21 messenger in either house of the legislature during the period of
 22 the employment.

23 (c) ~~A~~ THE child ~~under~~ IS LESS THAN 9 years of age ~~who~~
 24 AND does not reside within 2-1/2 miles by the nearest traveled
 25 road of a public school. If transportation is furnished for
 26 pupils in the school district of the child's residence, this
 27 ~~exemption~~ SUBDIVISION does not apply.

1 (d) ~~A~~ THE child from the age of 12 to the child's
2 fourteenth birthday ~~while~~ IS in attendance at confirmation
3 classes conducted for a period of ~~not to exceed~~ 5 months OR
4 LESS in either of those years.

5 (e) ~~A~~ THE child ~~who~~ is regularly enrolled in ~~the~~ A
6 public ~~schools~~ SCHOOL while in attendance at religious instruc-
7 tion classes for not more than 2 class hours per week, off public
8 school property during public school hours, upon written request
9 of the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis, AND under
10 rules promulgated by the state board.

11 (F) THE CHILD HAS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.