

# HOUSE BILL No. 5166

September 25, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Joe Young, Jr. and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend sections 1284 and 1561 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

being sections 380.1284 and 380.1561 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add sections 1284a, 1284b, and 1284c.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 1284 and 1561 of Act No. 451 of the  
2 Public Acts of 1976, being sections 380.1284 and 380.1561 of the  
3 Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended and sections 1284a, 1284b,  
4 and 1284c are added to read as follows:

5 Sec. 1284. (1) The board of a school district shall deter-  
6 mine the length of the school term. The minimum number of days  
7 of student instruction ~~shall be~~ IS 180. A SCHOOL district  
8 failing to hold 180 days of student instruction shall forfeit  
9 1/180 of its total state school aid for each day of failure. Not

1 later than August 1, the board of each SCHOOL district shall  
2 certify to the state board the number of days of student instruc-  
3 tion in the previous school year. If the SCHOOL district did not  
4 hold at least 180 days of student instruction, the deduction of  
5 state school aid shall be made in the following fiscal year from  
6 the first payment of state school aid. Days lost because of  
7 strikes or teachers' conferences ~~shall~~ ARE not ~~be counted as~~  
8 days of student instruction.

9 (2) The state board shall promulgate rules for the implemen-  
10 tation of this section.

11 (3) THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 1284A.

12 SEC. 1284A. (1) BEGINNING IN THE 1994-1995 SCHOOL YEAR, A  
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL MAINTAIN THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL CALENDAR:

14 (A) FOR PUPILS IN GRADES K-3, AT LEAST 240 DAYS OF STUDENT  
15 INSTRUCTION EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

16 (B) FOR PUPILS IN GRADES 4-10, AT LEAST 180 DAYS OF STUDENT  
17 INSTRUCTION EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

18 (C) FOR PUPILS IN GRADES 11 AND 12, AT LEAST 180 DAYS OF  
19 STUDENT INSTRUCTION EACH SCHOOL YEAR, WITH A SCHOOL DAY CONSIST-  
20 ING OF INSTRUCTION FROM 8 A.M. TO 12 NOON AND A LIFE EXPERIENCE  
21 APPROVED UNDER SECTION 1284B FROM 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M., OR A SUBSTAN-  
22 Tially SIMILAR SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, A PUPIL MAY ENGAGE IN A  
23 SCHOOL-SPONSORED OR SCHOOL-APPROVED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY FOR  
24 NOT MORE THAN 1-1/2 HOURS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

25 (2) BEGINNING IN THE 1994-1995 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DIS-  
26 TRICT SHALL MAINTAIN FOR AT LEAST 240 DAYS OF STUDENT INSTRUCTION  
27 EACH SCHOOL YEAR A PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL CHILDREN

1 IN THE DISTRICT WHO ARE AGE 4 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF THE  
2 SCHOOL YEAR.

3 (3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, DAYS LOST BECAUSE OF A  
4 STRIKE OR TEACHERS' CONFERENCES ARE NOT DAYS OF STUDENT  
5 INSTRUCTION.

6 (4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES FOR THE IMPLEMEN-  
7 TATION OF THIS SECTION.

8 SEC. 1284B. (1) A PUPIL MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS  
9 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1284A(1)(C) FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE BY ENGAGING  
10 IN 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE  
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DISTRICTWIDE LIFE EXPERIENCE APPROVAL  
12 COMMITTEE:

13 (A) EMPLOYMENT FOR PAY WITH A PRIVATE SECTOR OR PUBLIC  
14 SECTOR EMPLOYER.

15 (B) AN INTERNSHIP WITH A PRIVATE SECTOR OR PUBLIC SECTOR  
16 EMPLOYER.

17 (C) WORK-STUDY ARRANGED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

18 (D) VOLUNTARY WORK WITH A PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCY THAT IS  
19 EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE  
20 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND THAT PROVIDES SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE  
21 COMMUNITY OR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

22 (E) ENROLLMENT AT A STATE BOARD-APPROVED INSTITUTION OF  
23 HIGHER EDUCATION IN A COURSE OR COURSES THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT  
24 THE PUPIL'S HIGH SCHOOL.

25 (2) BEGINNING IN THE 1993-1994 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DIS-  
26 TRICT SHALL APPOINT AND MAINTAIN FOR EACH PUPIL IN GRADES 8-12 A  
27 LIFE EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THE PUPIL, THE

1 PUPIL'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE PRINCIPAL OF THE PUPIL'S  
2 HIGH SCHOOL OR THE PRINCIPAL'S DESIGNEE, AND A TEACHER EMPLOYED  
3 BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. A LIFE EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
4 SHALL CONSIDER THE OPTIONS FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE TO THE  
5 PUPIL UNDER SUBSECTION (1) AND FORMULATE A PLAN FOR THE LIFE  
6 EXPERIENCE COMPONENT OF THE PUPIL'S HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. AS  
7 THE PUPIL PROGRESSES THROUGH GRADES 11 AND 12, THE COMMITTEE  
8 SHALL CONSIDER CHANGES IN THE PUPIL'S LIFE EXPERIENCE AND REVISE  
9 THE PLAN AS NECESSARY. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN AND  
10 ANY REVISIONS TO THE DISTRICTWIDE LIFE EXPERIENCE APPROVAL COM-  
11 MITTEE FOR ITS APPROVAL.

12 (3) BEGINNING IN THE 1993-1994 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DIS-  
13 TRICT SHALL APPOINT AND MAINTAIN A DISTRICTWIDE LIFE EXPERIENCE  
14 APPROVAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND APPROVE OR DENY PROPOSED PLANS  
15 AND REVISIONS SUBMITTED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL PUPIL'S LIFE  
16 EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE DISTRICTWIDE LIFE EXPERIENCE  
17 APPROVAL COMMITTEE SHALL BASE ITS DECISIONS ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF  
18 THE PROPOSED PLAN OR REVISION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUPIL'S OVER-  
19 ALL ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER FACTORS IT DETER-  
20 MINES TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUPIL.

21 (4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
22 SECTION.

23 SEC. 1284C. BEGINNING IN THE 1992-1993 SCHOOL YEAR, THE  
24 STATE BOARD SHALL ARRANGE FOR 1 OR MORE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
25 IMPLEMENT SECTIONS 1284A AND 1284B ON A PILOT BASIS.

26 Sec. 1561. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and  
27 (3), every parent, guardian, or other person in this state having

1 control and charge of a child from the age of 6 to the child's  
2 sixteenth birthday ~~—~~ shall send that child to the public  
3 schools during the entire school year. BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994,  
4 THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A CHILD FROM THE AGE OF 4 TO THE  
5 CHILD'S SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY. The child's attendance shall be con-  
6 tinuous and consecutive for the school year fixed by the school  
7 district in which the child is enrolled. In a school district  
8 ~~which~~ THAT maintains school during the entire calendar year and  
9 in which the school year is divided into quarters, a child shall  
10 not be compelled to attend the public school more than 3 quarters  
11 in 1 calendar year, but a child shall not be absent for 2 consec-  
12 utive quarters.

13 (2) A child becoming 6 years of age before December 1 shall  
14 be enrolled IN SCHOOL on the first school day of the school year  
15 in which the child's sixth birthday occurs. A child becoming 6  
16 years of age on or after December 1 shall be enrolled IN SCHOOL  
17 on the first school day of the school year following the school  
18 year in which the child's sixth birthday occurs. BEGINNING  
19 JULY 1, 1994, A CHILD BECOMING 4 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE DECEMBER 1  
20 SHALL BE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL ON THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY OF THE SCHOOL  
21 YEAR IN WHICH THE CHILD'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY OCCURS AND A CHILD  
22 BECOMING 4 YEARS OF AGE ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 1 SHALL BE ENROLLED  
23 IN SCHOOL ON THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING  
24 THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE CHILD'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY OCCURS.

25 (3) A child shall not be required to attend the public  
26 schools in the following cases:

1 (a) A child who is attending regularly and is being taught  
2 in a state approved nonpublic school ~~—, which~~ THAT teaches  
3 subjects comparable to those taught in the public schools to  
4 children of corresponding age and grade, as determined by the  
5 course of study for the public schools of the SCHOOL district  
6 within which the nonpublic school is located.

7 (b) A child who is regularly employed as a page or messenger  
8 in either house of the legislature during the period of the  
9 employment.

10 (c) A child under 9 years of age who does not reside within  
11 2-1/2 miles by the nearest traveled road of a public school. If  
12 transportation is furnished for pupils in the school district of  
13 the child's residence, this exemption does not apply.

14 (d) A child from the age of 12 to the child's fourteenth  
15 birthday while in attendance at confirmation classes conducted  
16 for a period of not to exceed 5 months in either of those years.

17 (e) A child who is regularly enrolled in the public schools  
18 while in attendance at religious instruction classes for not more  
19 than 2 class hours per week, off public school property during  
20 public school hours, upon written request of the parent, guardi-  
21 an, or person in loco parentis under rules promulgated by the  
22 state board.