

# SENATE BILL No. 21

January 24, 1991, Introduced by Senators N. SMITH and  
WELBORN and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

"The school code of 1976,"

as amended, being sections 380.1 to 380.1852 of the Michigan  
Compiled Laws, by adding section 1282a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, as  
2 amended, being sections 380.1 to 380.1852 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 1282a to read as  
4 follows:

5       SEC. 1282A. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "COMPETENCY AND  
6 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST" MEANS 1 OR MORE TESTS ADMINISTERED BY  
7 A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING A PUPIL'S  
8 COMPETENCY IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND OTHER SUBJECT  
9 AREAS AS DEFINED BY THE STATE BOARD. THE TEST SHALL ALSO BE USED

1 TO ASSESS COMPETENCY IN SELECTED EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS AS DEFINED  
2 BY THE STATE BOARD.

3       (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL APPOINT A COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYA-  
4 BILITY SKILLS TEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT  
5 NOT BE LIMITED TO, REPRESENTATIVES OF PARENTS, THE COMMUNITY,  
6 LABOR, MANAGEMENT, BUSINESSES, AND APPROPRIATE EDUCATION ORGANI-  
7 ZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS. THE STATE BOARD SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE  
8 TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE ON THE  
9 VALIDITY, RELIABILITY, AND OTHER TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF THE COM-  
10 PETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
11 SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE STATE BOARD, NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1,  
12 1992, GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
13 COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST AND MAY RECOMMEND CON-  
14 SOLIDATION OF THE COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST AND  
15 THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM 10TH GRADE TEST.

16       (3) NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 1992, THE STATE BOARD, BASED  
17 UPON GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2), SHALL  
18 PROVIDE TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS GUIDELINES FOR THEM TO CONSIDER  
19 IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR SELECTION AND USE OF A COMPETENCY AND  
20 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST, INCLUDING GUIDELINES FOR INTERPRETING  
21 TEST RESULTS.

22       (4) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1993, THE STATE BOARD SHALL  
23 DEVELOP OR SELECT AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS A  
24 COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST. PERIODICALLY, BUT NOT  
25 LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY 5 YEARS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL EVALU-  
26 ATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPGRADING THE COMPETENCY AND  
27 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

1 (5) NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1, 1993, EACH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2 SHALL INDICATE BY BOARD RESOLUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT WHETHER THE  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL USE THE COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS  
4 TEST DEVELOPED OR SELECTED BY THE STATE BOARD, WHETHER THE SCHOOL  
5 DISTRICT WILL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR STATE BOARD APPROVAL  
6 THE DISTRICT'S OWN LOCALLY-DEVELOPED OR SELECTED COMPETENCY AND  
7 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST, OR WHETHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS  
8 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (14), WILL NOT BE GIVING A COMPETENCY AND  
9 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST TO ITS PUPILS.

10 (6) UPON REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL  
11 ASSISTANCE TO A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
12 ADMINISTRATION OF ITS COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST.  
13 UPON REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSIST-  
14 ANCE TO A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINIS-  
15 TRATION OF ASSESSMENT TESTS FOR PUPILS IN GRADES 1 TO 10.

16 (7) BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1993, A PUPIL WHO ATTENDS SCHOOL  
17 IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT GIVES A COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY  
18 SKILLS TEST SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE HIS OR HER  
19 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST  
20 IN THE 10TH GRADE AND SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE TEST BEFORE  
21 GRADUATION.

22 (8) A PUPIL WHO IS ASSESSED AS NOT COMPETENT IN A SUBJECT OR  
23 SKILL AREA TESTED BY A COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST  
24 SHALL BE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR REINSTRUCTION IN EACH DEFI-  
25 CIENT SKILL AREA AND MAY REPEAT THE TEST DURING EACH SCHOOL YEAR  
26 UNTIL THE PUPIL IS ASSESSED AS COMPETENT IN THAT SUBJECT OR SKILL  
27 AREA.

1       (9) BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1994, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
2 SUBSECTION (14), THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL INDICATE  
3 EACH PUPIL'S COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST RESULTS ON  
4 THE PUPIL'S TRANSCRIPT. THE TRANSCRIPT MAY INCLUDE A PROFILE OF  
5 COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS IN THE TESTED AREAS. IF A  
6 TRANSCRIPT CONTAINS A PROFILE OF COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY  
7 SKILLS, THE SCHOOL BOARD SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF  
8 THE PROFILE TO THE PUPIL UPON HIS OR HER RECEIPT OF THE  
9 TRANSCRIPT.

10       (10) UPON COMPLETION OF ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH  
11 SCHOOL DIPLOMA, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY REPEAT THE COMPETENCY AND  
12 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST AT ANY TIME THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REGU-  
13 LARLY OFFERS THE TEST AND UPON DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCE SHALL  
14 BE GIVEN A REVISED TRANSCRIPT INDICATING COMPETENCY IN THE  
15 SUBJECT OR SKILL AREA IN WHICH HE OR SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED  
16 AS NOT COMPETENT.

17       (11) THE BOARD OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT GIVES A COMPE-  
18 TENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST TO ITS PUPILS SHALL MAKE  
19 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN AN ANNUAL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE  
20 TEST ON A DISTRICT AND BUILDING-BY-BUILDING BASIS.

21       (12) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1997 AND EACH YEAR THEREAF-  
22 TER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT IN WRITING A SUMMARY ANALYSIS  
23 OF THE COMPETENCY AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TEST PROGRAM TO THE  
24 SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES THAT HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDU-  
25 CATION LEGISLATION.

26       (13) THE STATE BOARD MAY EXEMPT SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPILS  
27 FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

1           (14) A SCHOOL BOARD, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER  
2 OF MEMBERS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SERVE ON THE BOARD, MAY ANNUALLY  
3 EXEMPT ITSELF AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THIS SECTION.