

SENATE BILL No. 55

February 6, 1991, Introduced by Senator VAUGHN and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend sections 1561 and 1596 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended

"The school code of 1976,"

being sections 380.1561 and 380.1596 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 1561 and 1596 of Act No. 451 of the
2 Public Acts of 1976, being sections 380.1561 and 380.1596 of the
3 Michigan Compiled Laws, are 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 ~~the~~
8 ~~public schools~~ A PUBLIC SCHOOL during the entire school year.
9 The child's attendance shall be continuous and consecutive for

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

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

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

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

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

24 (c) ~~A child under~~ THE CHILD IS LESS THAN 9 years of age
25 ~~who~~ AND does not reside within 2-1/2 miles by the nearest trav-
26 eled road of a public school. If transportation is furnished for

1 pupils in the school district of the child's residence, this
2 ~~exemption~~ SUBDIVISION does not apply.

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

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

13 Sec. 1596. (1) The board of a school district other than a
14 primary school district may establish 1 or more ungraded schools
15 for the instruction of certain pupils classified in subsection
16 (2). The board may require the pupils to attend an ungraded
17 school or a department of the school as the board directs.

18 (2) ~~The following cases of persons, aged~~ A PERSON AGE 7 to
19 ~~the sixteenth~~ HIS OR HER EIGHTEENTH birthday ~~residing~~ WHO
20 RESIDES in the school district ~~shall be deemed~~ AND WHO MEETS 1
21 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED A juvenile disorderly
22 ~~persons~~ PERSON and in the judgment of the proper school author-
23 ities may be assigned to the ungraded school or department:

24 (a) ~~Class 1, habitual truants~~ A HABITUAL TRUANT from the
25 school in which ~~they are~~ HE OR SHE IS enrolled as ~~pupils~~ A
26 PUPIL.

1 (b) ~~Class 2, children~~ A CHILD who, while attending school,
2 ~~are~~ IS incorrigibly turbulent, disobedient, and insubordinate,
3 or who ~~are~~ IS immoral in conduct.

4 (c) ~~Class 3, children~~ A CHILD who ~~are~~ IS not attending
5 school and who habitually ~~frequent~~ FREQUENTS streets and other
6 public places, having no lawful business, employment, or
7 occupation.