



**House
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Analysis
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IONIA PUPIL COUNT

**House Bill 4652 as introduced
First Analysis (4-28-93)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Robert Bender
Committee: Education**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Generally, state school aid is distributed to eligible school districts on a per-pupil basis using an official pupil membership count. In a departure from past practice, aid for the 1992-93 school year is based on each district's K-12 membership count in the previous year (1991-92), with certain exceptions. This has presented a problem in Ionia County, where a small rural school district has ceased to operate, sending its students (currently 29) to the Ionia School District. Unless the School Aid Act is amended, these students will not be counted for school aid purposes.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the State School Aid Act to specify that if the territory of a nonoperating district has been attached to an operating district pursuant to the School Code, the operating district would be allowed to count, for school aid purposes, the students residing in the attached territory who were enrolled in 1992-93 but had not been counted in membership in 1991-92.

MCL 388.1606, 388.1613, and 388.1624a

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no information at present.

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would address an unusual situation in order to allow students from a defunct school district to be counted for state aid purposes in the district they are now attending. The problem arises, in part, because school aid for 1992-93 is based on the 1991-92 pupil membership count. The bill would require the territory of the nonoperating district to be attached to the operating district, a process that is reportedly underway.

POSITIONS:

There are no positions at present.