



HOUSE BILL No. 6054

September 11, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Brewer, DeMars, Clack, Pitoniak, Martinez, Dobronski, Olshove, Vaughn, Cherry, Leland, LaForge, Kelly, Prusi, Agee, Baade and Scott 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 1306.

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 1306 to read as
4 follows:

5 SEC. 1306. (1) NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE
6 DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND SUBMIT
7 TO THE LEGISLATURE A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE THIRD GRADE
8 GUARANTEE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2).

1 (2) THE THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE PROGRAM SHALL REQUIRE EACH
2 AT-RISK SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE, IN ADDITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS
3 AND SERVICES REQUIRED BY LAW, AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN EACH SCHOOL DAY, CONSISTING OF AT
5 LEAST AS MANY CLOCK HOURS AS PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
6 GRADES 1 TO 5.

7 (B) A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF QUALIFIED CLASSROOM TEACHERS IN
8 GRADES K TO 3 TO MAINTAIN A PUPIL TO TEACHER RATIO OF NOT MORE
9 THAN 15 TO 1 IN EACH CLASSROOM IN THOSE GRADES.

10 (C) A TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENABLE CLASSROOM
11 TEACHERS TEACHING IN GRADES K TO 3 TO MAXIMIZE THE EDUCATIONAL
12 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO PUPILS IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING IN
13 WHICH THE RATIO OF PUPILS TO TEACHERS IS NOT MORE THAN 15 TO 1.

14 (D) A PARENT TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENHANCE HOME
15 ENRICHMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

16 (E) A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO
17 EACH SCHOOL IN WHICH THE THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE PROGRAM HAS BEEN
18 IMPLEMENTED. EACH FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER SHALL SERVE NOT MORE
19 THAN 500 PUPILS AND SHALL PROVIDE FAMILY SERVICES INCLUDING AT
20 LEAST THE SERVICES OF A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WHO HAS VALID SCHOOL
21 SOCIAL WORK APPROVAL ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD AND A SCHOOL NURSE
22 WHO HAS A VALID SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE STATE
23 BOARD. A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER MAY SERVE MORE THAN 1 SCHOOL.

24 (3) NOT LATER THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUB-
25 SECTION (1) IS SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE, THE LEGISLATURE
26 SHALL APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO AT-RISK SCHOOL
27 DISTRICTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE

1 PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO, AND SHALL NOT
2 SUPPLANT, OTHER APPROPRIATIONS TO THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

3 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

4 (A) "AT-RISK SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
5 LOCAL ACT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT MEETS 1 OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

6 (i) HAS A DROPOUT RATE, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST 1/2%, OF 30%
7 OR MORE AND AT LEAST 25% OF THE PUPILS IN MEMBERSHIP MEET THE
8 INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED PRICE
9 SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

10 (ii) AT LEAST 40% OF THE PUPILS IN MEMBERSHIP MEET THE
11 INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED PRICE
12 SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

13 (B) "DROPOUT RATE" MEANS THE PERCENTAGE THAT EQUALS THE DIF-
14 FERENCE BETWEEN 100% AND THE GRADUATION RATE FOR THE MOST RECENT
15 SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE, AS CALCULATED BY
16 THE DEPARTMENT.