



# SENATE BILL No. 56

January 17, 1995, Introduced by Senator A. SMITH 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; and to add section 1591.

## 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 and section 1591 is added to  
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 1561. (1) Except as OTHERWISE provided in ~~subsections~~  
6 ~~(2) and (3)~~ THIS SECTION, every parent, guardian, or other  
7 person in this state having control and charge of a child from  
8 the age of 6 to the child's ~~sixteenth~~ EIGHTEENTH birthday ,  
9 shall send that child to ~~the~~ A public ~~schools~~ SCHOOL during

1 the entire school year. The child's attendance shall be  
2 continuous and consecutive for the school year fixed by the  
3 school district in which the child is enrolled. In a school dis-  
4 trict ~~which~~ THAT maintains school during the entire calendar  
5 year and in which the school year is divided into quarters, a  
6 child ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be compelled~~ REQUIRED to attend the public  
7 school more than 3 quarters in 1 calendar year, but a child shall  
8 not be absent for 2 OR MORE consecutive quarters.

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

15 (3) A child ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ required to attend ~~the~~ A  
16 public ~~schools~~ SCHOOL in ANY OF the following cases:

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

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

26 (c) ~~A child under~~ THE CHILD IS LESS THAN 9 years of age  
27 ~~who~~ AND does not reside within 2-1/2 miles by the nearest

1 traveled road of a public school. If transportation is furnished  
2 for pupils in the school district of the child's residence, this  
3 ~~exemption~~ SUBDIVISION does not apply.

4 (d) ~~A THE child from the age of 12 to the child's four~~  
5 ~~teenth birthday while~~ IS AGE 13 OR 14 AND IS in attendance at  
6 confirmation classes conducted for a period of ~~not to exceed~~ 5  
7 months ~~in either of those years~~ OR LESS.

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

14 (4) IF THE PROGRAM IS OFFERED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN  
15 WHICH THE PUPIL RESIDES, A CHILD AGE 16 OR 17 MAY SATISFY THE  
16 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION BY ATTENDING A  
17 PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 1591 ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT  
18 SECTION.

19 (5) IF A CHILD AGE 16 OR 17 PROVIDES TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
20 PROOF THAT HE OR SHE IS ENGAGED IN REGULAR EMPLOYMENT AVERAGING  
21 25 OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK AND THAT THE EMPLOYMENT IS NECESSITATED  
22 BY ECONOMIC HARDSHIP OR FAMILY NEED, THE CHILD MAY SATISFY THE  
23 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION BY ATTENDING A  
24 PUBLIC SCHOOL AT LEAST 15 HOURS PER WEEK.

25 SEC. 1591. (1) A SCHOOL BOARD MAY OFFER ANY OF THE FOLLOW-  
26 ING, AND A PUPIL AGE 16, 17, OR 18 MAY COMPLETE SOME OR ALL OF

1 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BY SUCCESSFULLY  
2 COMPLETING 1 OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE  
4 DEPARTMENT.

5 (B) A PROGRAM OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION THAT INCLUDES APPREN-  
6 TICESHIP OR WORK STUDY AND THAT REQUIRES THE PUPIL TO ATTEND  
7 SCHOOL AT LEAST 10 HOURS PER WEEK FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR.

8 (C) A PROGRAM OF INDEPENDENT STUDY THAT IS APPROVED BY THE  
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MEETS STATE BOARD GUIDELINES FOR INDEPENDENT  
10 STUDY.

11 (D) ACADEMIC COURSEWORK AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

12 (2) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR, UPON REQUEST BY THE BOARD OF A  
13 CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD, EITHER  
14 SOLELY OR AS PART OF A CONSORTIUM OF INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DIS-  
15 TRICTS, MAY PROVIDE SERVICES OR CONDUCT COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL  
16 PROGRAMS RELATED TO A PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1). AN  
17 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD MAY CHARGE A CONSTITUENT SCHOOL DIS-  
18 TRICT FOR THE COSTS OF SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

19 Sec. 1596. (1) The board of a school district other than a  
20 primary school district may establish 1 or more ungraded schools  
21 for the instruction of certain pupils classified in subsection  
22 (2). The board may require the pupils to attend an ungraded  
23 school or a department of the school as the board directs.

24 (2) ~~The following cases of persons, aged~~ A CHILD AGE 7 to  
25 ~~the sixteenth~~ HIS OR HER EIGHTEENTH birthday ~~residing~~ WHO  
26 RESIDES in the school district ~~shall be deemed~~ AND WHO MEETS 1  
27 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONSIDERED A juvenile disorderly

1 ~~persons~~ PERSON and in the judgment of the proper school  
2 authorities may be assigned to the ungraded school or  
3 department:

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

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

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