



HOUSE BILL No. 5650

April 18, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Gielegthem, Wojno, Bovin, Dennis, Bogardus, Jacobs, Basham and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1294.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1294. WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE STATE BOARD,
2 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY
3 EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE. THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY
4 EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE SHALL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING:

5 (A) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, INTERMEDIATE
6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
7 ENHANCE PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION.

8 (B) ENCOURAGING VOLUNTARY PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

9 (C) PROMOTING ADULT AND FAMILY LITERACY, WHICH CONTRIBUTES
10 TO THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND WORKPLACE SKILLS
11 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

1 (D) PLANNING WITH OTHER PUBLIC, COMMUNITY, CIVIC, AND
2 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS TO FOSTER SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS FROM
3 SCHOOL-TO-WORK OR OTHER POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS.

4 (E) IDENTIFYING POLICIES THAT ENABLE LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO
5 COORDINATE RESOURCES THAT SERVE THE NEEDS OF PUPILS AND
6 FAMILIES.

7 (F) ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF A PARENT ADVOCATE IN EACH
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT.