

SENATE BILL NO. 216

February 2, 1999, Introduced by Senator JAYE and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," (MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772) by amending the title, as amended by 1997 PA 142, and by adding section 21.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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TITLE

2 An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of
3 ATTENDANCE OF CHILDREN IN the ~~public~~ schools and the intermedi-
4 ate school districts of the state; to make appropriations for
5 certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the
6 disbursement of the appropriations; to supplement the school aid
7 fund by the levy and collection of certain taxes; to authorize
8 the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of
9 those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state
10 departments, the state board of education, and certain other

1 boards and officials; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts
2 and parts of acts.

3 SEC. 21. (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2001, A PARENT OR LEGAL
4 GUARDIAN OF A SCHOOL AGE CHILD MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OR TO
5 ANY DISTRICT FOR A STATE EDUCATIONAL VOUCHER. UPON SATISFACTORY
6 PROOF OF THE CHILD'S AGE, THE DEPARTMENT OR DISTRICT SHALL ISSUE
7 THE VOUCHER TO THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

8 (2) BEGINNING IN THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR, A PARENT OR
9 LEGAL GUARDIAN OBTAINING A STATE EDUCATIONAL VOUCHER UNDER SUB-
10 SECTION (1) MAY ENROLL A SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN ANY PUBLIC OR NON-
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATED IN THIS STATE THAT OFFERS INSTRUCTION IN
12 THE CHILD'S GRADE LEVEL, AND SHALL PRESENT THE VOUCHER TO SCHOOL
13 OFFICIALS AT THE TIME THE CHILD IS ENROLLED.

14 (3) A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL RECEIVING A STATE EDUCA-
15 TIONAL VOUCHER UNDER SUBSECTION (2) MAY PRESENT THE VOUCHER TO
16 THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY TO A PUBLIC OR NONPUB-
17 LIC SCHOOL FOR EACH VOUCHER PRESENTED BY THE SCHOOL A SUM EQUAL
18 TO THE AMOUNT OF THE BASIC FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE FOR 2000-2001
19 UNDER SECTION 20, WITH PAYMENTS MADE ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE
20 SET FORTH IN SECTION 17B(1). FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE PAYMENT
21 SHALL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL RATHER THAN TO A DISTRICT.

22 (4) IF A SCHOOL AGE CHILD CEASES TO ATTEND A PARTICULAR
23 SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR AND ENROLLS IN ANOTHER PUBLIC OR
24 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE
25 SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS ENROLLED ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT OR
26 LEGAL GUARDIAN, MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A TRANSFER
27 VOUCHER. THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SHALL PRESENT THE TRANSFER

1 VOUCHER TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS AT THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS
2 ENROLLED. UPON PRESENTATION BY A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TO
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF A TRANSFER VOUCHER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CEASE
4 MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE CHILD'S ORIGINAL SCHOOL AND SHALL INSTEAD
5 MAKE THE REMAINING PAYMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR TO THE SCHOOL
6 PRESENTING THE TRANSFER VOUCHER.

7 (5) IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY FUNDING UNDER THIS ACT
8 FOR A PARTICULAR PUPIL, A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT
9 AN EDUCATIONAL VOUCHER FOR THE PUPIL TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THIS
10 SECTION.

11 (6) THERE IS ALLOCATED FOR 2001-2002 FROM THE APPROPRIATION
12 UNDER SECTION 11 THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO FUND THIS SECTION.

13 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL AGE CHILD" MEANS A
14 CHILD WHO IS AT LEAST 6 YEARS OF AGE ON DECEMBER 1 OF THE PARTIC-
15 ULAR SCHOOL YEAR AND WHO IS NOT OLDER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE AS OF
16 THE FIRST DAY OF THE PARTICULAR SCHOOL YEAR. FOR A CHILD ENROLL-
17 ING IN KINDERGARTEN, SCHOOL AGE CHILD MEANS A CHILD WHO IS AT
18 LEAST 5 YEARS OF AGE ON DECEMBER 1 OF THE PARTICULAR SCHOOL
19 YEAR. FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO QUALIFIES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PRO-
20 GRAMS AND SERVICES, SCHOOL AGE CHILD MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
21 NOT OLDER THAN 26 YEARS OF AGE.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
23 effect unless Senate Joint Resolution D

24 of the 90th Legislature
25 becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in
26 section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.