

**SENATE BILL NO. 723**

September 22, 1999, Introduced by Senator JAYE and referred to  
the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 1151 (MCL 380.1151); and to repeal acts and  
parts of acts.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1151. (1) English shall be the basic language of  
2 instruction in the public and nonpublic schools of this state and  
3 in state institutions. A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL NOT PROVIDE ANY  
4 KIND OF BILINGUAL INSTRUCTION.

5       (2) Subsection (1) ~~shall not be construed as applying to~~  
6 DOES NOT APPLY TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

7       (a) Religious instruction in a nonpublic school given in a  
8 foreign language in addition to the regular course of study.

1 (b) A course of instruction in a foreign language in which  
2 the pupil acquires sufficient proficiency to be conversant in the  
3 foreign language.

4 ~~-(c) Bilingual instruction, as defined in section 1152,~~  
5 ~~which will assist children of limited English-speaking ability to~~  
6 ~~achieve reasonable efficiency in the English language.~~

7 Enacting section 1. Sections 1152, 1153, 1155, and 1157 of  
8 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1152, 380.1153,  
9 380.1155, and 380.1157, are repealed.