

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5413**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 1351 (MCL 380.1351), as amended by 1997 PA  
152.

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

1       Sec. 1351. (1) Until May 1, 1994, a school district may  
2 borrow money and issue bonds of the district to defray all or a  
3 part of the cost of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling,  
4 improving, furnishing, refurnishing, equipping, or reequipping  
5 school buildings, including library buildings, structures, ath-  
6 letic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities, or parts of or  
7 additions to those facilities; acquiring, preparing, developing,  
8 or improving sites, or parts of or additions to sites, for school  
9 buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic  
10 fields, playgrounds, or other facilities; purchasing school

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1 buses; participating in the administrative costs of an urban  
2 renewal program through which the school district desires to  
3 acquire a site or addition to a site for school purposes; refund-  
4 ing all or part of existing bonded indebtedness; or accomplishing  
5 a combination of the purposes set forth in this subsection. In  
6 addition, until December 31, 1991 a school district may borrow  
7 money and issue bonds to defray all or part of the cost of pur-  
8 chasing textbooks.

9       (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a  
10 school district shall not borrow money or issue bonds for a sum  
11 that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of  
12 the district, exceeds 5% of the state equalized valuation of the  
13 taxable property within the district, unless the proposition of  
14 borrowing the money or issuing the bonds is submitted to a vote  
15 of the school electors of the district at an annual or special  
16 election and approved by the majority of the school electors  
17 voting on the question. Regardless of the amount of outstanding  
18 bonded indebtedness of the school district, a vote of the school  
19 electors is not necessary in order to issue bonds for a purpose  
20 described in section 1274a or to issue bonds under section 11i of  
21 the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i. For  
22 the purposes of this subsection, bonds issued under section 11i  
23 of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i,  
24 shall not be included in computing the total outstanding bonded  
25 indebtedness of a school district.

26       (3) A school district shall not issue bonds under this part  
27 for an amount greater than 15% of the total assessed valuation of

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1 the district, except as provided in section 1356. ~~The bonded~~  
2 ~~indebtedness of a district shall not extend beyond a period of 30~~  
3 ~~years. Refunding bonds or the refunding part of a bond issue~~  
4 ~~shall not be considered to be within the 15% limitation but shall~~  
5 ~~be considered to be authorized in addition to the 15%~~  
6 ~~limitation.~~ A bond qualified under section 16 of article IX of  
7 the state constitution of 1963 and implementing legislation shall  
8 not be included for purposes of calculating the 15% limitation.  
9 Bonds issued ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER this part are subject to the  
10 ~~municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3~~ REVISED  
11 MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 TO 141.2821,  
12 except that bonds issued for a purpose described in section 1274a  
13 may be sold at a public or publicly negotiated sale at the time  
14 or times, at the price or prices, and at a discount as determined  
15 by the board of the school district.

16 (4) Bonds or notes issued by a school district or intermedi-  
17 ate school district under this part or section 442, 629, or 1274a  
18 shall be full faith and credit tax limited obligations of the  
19 district pledging the general funds, voted and allocated tax  
20 levies, or any other money available for such a purpose and shall  
21 not allow or provide for the levy of additional millage for pay-  
22 ment of the bond or note without a vote of the qualified elector-  
23 ate of the district.