

# Fiscal Analysis

## ACCREDITATION: MISSING MEAP TEST ANSWER SHEETS



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**Bill/Sponsor**                      **SENATE BILL 787, as reported from House Education Committee, Sen. Bill Hardiman**

**House Committee**                Education

**Analysis**                              **Summary**

SB 787 would amend the Revised School Code to address the situation in which the Department or a state contractor has lost Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test answer sheets, as happened with the winter 2002 MEAP test.

The bill would prohibit the Michigan Department of Education from assigning an accreditation score or school report card grade to a district with 25% or more of its answer sheets missing. If less than 25% are missing, the Department is prohibited from including the pupils whose answer sheets are lost in determining an accreditation score or school report card grade. The bill would also require the Department to work with the U.S. Department of Education to ensure that a school is not penalized for missing answers when determining whether a district has met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements.

**Fiscal Impact**

The bill would have no state fiscal impact.

If local districts do not meet AYP requirements, they are subject to sanctions, such as providing tutors to students, at a cost to the districts. SB 787 could have a local fiscal benefit by averting such costs for districts that would otherwise not meet AYP requirements and fall subject to sanctions. The amount of this potential impact is indeterminate.

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