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**BILL ANALYSIS**

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House Bill 5666 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Howard Walker  
House Committee: Education  
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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the State School Aid Act to require the Michigan Department of Education to count up to 20 additional hours as pupil instruction time for a school in which instruction was not provided due to structural damage that required the school to be closed in the 2003-2004 school year; as well as up to 30 additional hours for instruction time lost after April 1 in a school year, beginning in 2004-2005.

Currently, a district is required to provide at least 1,098 hours of pupil instruction, or forfeit a percentage of its State aid. The first 30 hours of instruction lost due to circumstances beyond the school's control, such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, or health conditions, must be counted as hours of pupil instruction. Under the bill, for the 2003-2004 school year only, a district with a school that lost pupil instruction time due to structural roof and truss damage that required the school to be closed, would have to be credited an additional 20 hours as pupil instruction time.

In addition, beginning in 2004-2005, the bill would require the Department to count as hours of pupil instruction up to 30 additional hours for which pupil instruction was not provided after April 1 of the applicable school year, due to unusual and extenuating occurrences resulting from conditions not within the control of school authorities, such as storms, fires, or building damage.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government.

The proposed change would help prevent the local district from incurring additional operational costs associated with providing the instructional hours required to meet the State's minimum of 1,098 hours of pupil instruction. The actual amount of additional operational costs is indeterminate; however, based on the average number of instructional hours in a day (6.5 hours), without the additional waiver of 20 hours of instruction, the district will have to provide instruction for an estimated three days.

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