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House Bill 5666 (as passed by the House) Sponsor: Representative Howard Walker

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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.

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 conditions out of 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.

MCL 388.1701 Legislative Analyst: Claire Layman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government.

The bill would allow a particular school district to provide 20 hours less of the required 1,098 hours of pupil instruction. Without this legislation, the district will have to provide an additional 20 hours of instruction (about three full days) or have its State aid payments reduced by 1.82%.

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