

# HOUSE BILL No. 5679

March 23, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Clack, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Sak, McConico, Farrah, Gleason, Phillips, Law, Waters, Condino, Bieda, Woodward, Hunter, Spade, Minore, Zelenko, Meisner, Gielegem, Smith, Plakas, Murphy, Jamnick, Hood, Pappageorge, Williams, Cheeks, Stallworth, Kolb, Moolenaar, Wenke, Hart, O'Neil and Hardman and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 4 (MCL 380.4) and by adding sections 1292,  
1531f, and 1705.

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

1       Sec. 4. (1) "Educational media center" means a program  
2 operated by an intermediate school district and approved by the  
3 state board ~~—which~~ **that** provides services to local school  
4 districts or constituent districts under section 671.

5       (2) "Handicapped person" shall be defined by rules  
6 promulgated by the state board. Handicaps include, but are not  
7 limited to, mental, physical, emotional, behavioral, sensory, and  
8 speech handicaps **and reading disorders or disabilities.**

9       (3) "Intermediate school board" means the board of an  
10 intermediate school district.

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1 (4) "Intermediate school district" means a corporate body  
2 established under part 7.

3 (5) "Intermediate school district election" means an election  
4 called by an intermediate school board and held on the date of  
5 the annual school elections of constituent districts or on a date  
6 determined by the intermediate school board under sections 661  
7 and 662.

8 (6) "Intermediate school elector" means a person who is a  
9 school elector of a constituent district and who is registered in  
10 the city or township in which the person resides.

11 (7) "Intermediate superintendent" means the superintendent of  
12 an intermediate school district.

13 **Sec. 1292. The board of a school district or board of**  
14 **directors of a public school academy shall ensure that, not later**  
15 **than 30 days after the pupil begins grade 1, each pupil undergoes**  
16 **screening for potential reading problems. The screening shall**  
17 **include testing for and diagnosis of reading disorders and**  
18 **disabilities. If a pupil is diagnosed as having a reading**  
19 **disorder or disability that makes the pupil eligible for special**  
20 **education programs and services under article 3, school officials**  
21 **shall notify the pupil's parent or legal guardian of the**  
22 **diagnosis and of the availability and nature of those programs**  
23 **and services.**

24 **Sec. 1531f. In the continuing education requirements for**  
25 **maintaining an elementary level teaching certificate, the**  
26 **superintendent of public instruction shall include a requirement**  
27 **for completion of a course or comparable training in reading**

1 disorders and disabilities.

2       Sec. 1705. (1) The state requirements for special education  
3 pupils who have been diagnosed as having a reading disorder or  
4 disability shall include both of the following:

5       (a) A requirement that the pupil's individualized educational  
6 planning committee must include an independent reading advocate  
7 who is knowledgeable in reading disorders and disabilities and in  
8 reading instruction methods.

9       (b) A requirement that the independent reading advocate's  
10 recommendations must be taken into account in developing the  
11 pupil's individualized education program.

12       (2) As used in this section, "individualized education  
13 program" and "individualized educational planning committee" mean  
14 those terms as defined in R 340.1701a of the Michigan  
15 administrative code.