

# SENATE BILL No. 599

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A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 6 (MCL 388.1606), as amended by 2002 PA 521.

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

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1       Sec. 6. (1) "Center program" means a program operated by a  
2 district or intermediate district for special education pupils  
3 from several districts in programs for the autistically impaired,  
4 trainable mentally impaired, severely mentally impaired, severely  
5 multiply impaired, hearing impaired, physically and otherwise  
6 health impaired, and visually impaired. Programs for emotionally  
7 impaired pupils housed in buildings that do not serve regular  
8 education pupils also qualify. Unless otherwise approved by the  
9 department, a center program either shall serve all constituent  
10 districts within an intermediate district or shall serve several  
11 districts with less than 50% of the pupils residing in the

1 operating district. In addition, special education center  
2 program pupils placed part-time in noncenter programs to comply  
3 with the least restrictive environment provisions of section 612  
4 of part B of the individuals with disabilities education act,  
5 title VI of Public Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. 1412, may be considered  
6 center program pupils for pupil accounting purposes for the time  
7 scheduled in either a center program or a noncenter program.

8 (2) "District pupil retention rate" means the proportion of  
9 pupils who have not dropped out of school in the immediately  
10 preceding school year and is equal to 1 minus the quotient of the  
11 number of pupils unaccounted for in the immediately preceding  
12 school year, as determined pursuant to subsection (3), divided by  
13 the pupils of the immediately preceding school year.

14 (3) "District pupil retention report" means a report of the  
15 number of pupils, excluding migrant and adult, in the district  
16 for the immediately preceding school year, adjusted for those  
17 pupils who have transferred into the district, transferred out of  
18 the district, transferred to alternative programs, and have  
19 graduated, to determine the number of pupils who are unaccounted  
20 for. The number of pupils unaccounted for shall be calculated as  
21 determined by the department.

22 (4) "Membership", except as otherwise provided in this act,  
23 means for a district, public school academy, university school,  
24 or intermediate district the sum of the product of .8 times the  
25 number of full-time equated pupils in grades K to 12 actually  
26 enrolled and in regular daily attendance on the pupil membership  
27 count day for the current school year, plus the product of .2

1 times the final audited count from the supplemental count day for  
2 the immediately preceding school year. All pupil counts used in  
3 this subsection are as determined by the department and  
4 calculated by adding the number of pupils registered for  
5 attendance plus pupils received by transfer and minus pupils lost  
6 as defined by rules promulgated by the superintendent, and as  
7 corrected by a subsequent department audit. The amount of the  
8 foundation allowance for a pupil in membership is determined  
9 under section 20. In making the calculation of membership, all  
10 of the following, as applicable, apply to determining the  
11 membership of a district, public school academy, university  
12 school, or intermediate district:

13 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, and  
14 pursuant to subsection (6), a pupil shall be counted in  
15 membership in the pupil's educating district or districts. An  
16 individual pupil shall not be counted for more than a total of  
17 1.0 full-time equated membership.

18 (b) If a pupil is educated in a district other than the  
19 pupil's district of residence, if the pupil is not being educated  
20 as part of a cooperative education program, if the pupil's  
21 district of residence does not give the educating district its  
22 approval to count the pupil in membership in the educating  
23 district, and if the pupil is not covered by an exception  
24 specified in subsection (6) to the requirement that the educating  
25 district must have the approval of the pupil's district of  
26 residence to count the pupil in membership, the pupil shall not  
27 be counted in membership in any district.

1 (c) A special education pupil educated by the intermediate  
2 district shall be counted in membership in the intermediate  
3 district.

4 (d) A pupil placed by a court or state agency in an  
5 on-grounds program of a juvenile detention facility, a child  
6 caring institution, or a mental health institution, or a pupil  
7 funded under section 53a, shall be counted in membership in the  
8 district or intermediate district approved by the department to  
9 operate the program.

10 (e) A pupil enrolled in the Michigan schools for the deaf and  
11 blind shall be counted in membership in the pupil's intermediate  
12 district of residence.

13 (f) A pupil enrolled in a vocational education program  
14 supported by a millage levied over an area larger than a single  
15 district or in an area vocational-technical education program  
16 established pursuant to section 690 of the revised school code,  
17 MCL 380.690, shall be counted only in the pupil's district of  
18 residence.

19 (g) A pupil enrolled in a university school shall be counted  
20 in membership in the university school.

21 (h) A pupil enrolled in a public school academy shall be  
22 counted in membership in the public school academy.

23 (i) For a new district, university school, or public school  
24 academy beginning its operation after December 31, 1994,  
25 membership for the first 2 full or partial fiscal years of  
26 operation shall be determined as follows:

27 (i) If operations begin before the pupil membership count day

1 for the fiscal year, membership is the average number of  
2 full-time equated pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and  
3 in regular daily attendance on the pupil membership count day for  
4 the current school year and on the supplemental count day for the  
5 current school year, as determined by the department and  
6 calculated by adding the number of pupils registered for  
7 attendance on the pupil membership count day plus pupils received  
8 by transfer and minus pupils lost as defined by rules promulgated  
9 by the superintendent, and as corrected by a subsequent  
10 department audit, plus the final audited count from the  
11 supplemental count day for the current school year, and dividing  
12 that sum by 2.

13 (ii) If operations begin after the pupil membership count day  
14 for the fiscal year and not later than the supplemental count day  
15 for the fiscal year, membership is the final audited count of the  
16 number of full-time equated pupils in grades K to 12 actually  
17 enrolled and in regular daily attendance on the supplemental  
18 count day for the current school year.

19 (j) If a district is the authorizing body for a public school  
20 academy, then, in the first school year in which pupils are  
21 counted in membership on the pupil membership count day in the  
22 public school academy, the determination of the district's  
23 membership shall exclude from the district's pupil count for the  
24 immediately preceding supplemental count day any pupils who are  
25 counted in the public school academy on that first pupil  
26 membership count day who were also counted in the district on the  
27 immediately preceding supplemental count day.

1 (k) In a district, public school academy, university school,  
2 or intermediate district operating an extended school year  
3 program approved by the superintendent, a pupil enrolled, but not  
4 scheduled to be in regular daily attendance on a pupil membership  
5 count day, shall be counted.

6 (l) Pupils to be counted in membership shall be not less than  
7 5 years of age on December 1 and less than 20 years of age on  
8 September 1 of the school year except a special education pupil  
9 who is enrolled and receiving instruction in a special education  
10 program approved by the department and not having a high school  
11 diploma who is less than 26 years of age as of September 1 of the  
12 current school year shall be counted in membership.

13 (m) An individual who has obtained a high school diploma  
14 shall not be counted in membership. An individual who has  
15 obtained a general education development (G.E.D.) certificate  
16 shall not be counted in membership. An individual participating  
17 in a job training program funded under former section 107a or a  
18 jobs program funded under former section 107b, administered by  
19 the Michigan strategic fund or the department of career  
20 development, or participating in any successor of either of those  
21 2 programs, shall not be counted in membership.

22 (n) If a pupil counted in membership in a public school  
23 academy is also educated by a district or intermediate district  
24 as part of a cooperative education program, the pupil shall be  
25 counted in membership only in the public school academy, and the  
26 instructional time scheduled for the pupil in the district or  
27 intermediate district shall be included in the full-time equated

1 membership determination under subdivision (q). However, for  
2 pupils receiving instruction in both a public school academy and  
3 in a district or intermediate district but not as a part of a  
4 cooperative education program, the following apply:

5 (i) If the public school academy provides instruction for at  
6 least 1/2 of the class hours specified in subdivision (q), the  
7 public school academy shall receive as its prorated share of the  
8 full-time equated membership for each of those pupils an amount  
9 equal to 1 times the product of the hours of instruction the  
10 public school academy provides divided by the number of hours  
11 specified in subdivision (q) for full-time equivalency, and the  
12 remainder of the full-time membership for each of those pupils  
13 shall be allocated to the district or intermediate district  
14 providing the remainder of the hours of instruction.

15 (ii) If the public school academy provides instruction for  
16 less than 1/2 of the class hours specified in subdivision (q),  
17 the district or intermediate district providing the remainder of  
18 the hours of instruction shall receive as its prorated share of  
19 the full-time equated membership for each of those pupils an  
20 amount equal to 1 times the product of the hours of instruction  
21 the district or intermediate district provides divided by the  
22 number of hours specified in subdivision (q) for full-time  
23 equivalency, and the remainder of the full-time membership for  
24 each of those pupils shall be allocated to the public school  
25 academy.

26 (o) An individual less than 16 years of age as of September 1  
27 of the current school year who is being educated in an

1 alternative education program shall not be counted in membership  
2 if there are also adult education participants being educated in  
3 the same program or classroom.

4 (p) The department shall give a uniform interpretation of  
5 full-time and part-time memberships.

6 (q) The number of class hours used to calculate full-time  
7 equated memberships shall be consistent with section 101(3). In  
8 determining full-time equated memberships for pupils who are  
9 enrolled in a postsecondary institution, a pupil shall not be  
10 considered to be less than a full-time equated pupil solely  
11 because of the effect of his or her postsecondary enrollment,  
12 including necessary travel time, on the number of class hours  
13 provided by the district to the pupil.

14 (r) Full-time equated memberships for pupils in kindergarten  
15 shall be determined by dividing the number of class hours  
16 scheduled and provided per year per kindergarten pupil by a  
17 number equal to 1/2 the number used for determining full-time  
18 equated memberships for pupils in grades 1 to 12.

19 (s) For a district, university school, or public school  
20 academy that has pupils enrolled in a grade level that was not  
21 offered by the district, university school, or public school  
22 academy in the immediately preceding school year, the number of  
23 pupils enrolled in that grade level to be counted in membership  
24 is the average of the number of those pupils enrolled and in  
25 regular daily attendance on the pupil membership count day and  
26 the supplemental count day of the current school year, as  
27 determined by the department. Membership shall be calculated by

1 adding the number of pupils registered for attendance in that  
2 grade level on the pupil membership count day plus pupils  
3 received by transfer and minus pupils lost as defined by rules  
4 promulgated by the superintendent, and as corrected by subsequent  
5 department audit, plus the final audited count from the  
6 supplemental count day for the current school year, and dividing  
7 that sum by 2.

8 (t) A pupil enrolled in a cooperative education program may  
9 be counted in membership in the pupil's district of residence  
10 with the written approval of all parties to the cooperative  
11 agreement.

12 (u) If, as a result of a disciplinary action, a district  
13 determines through the district's alternative or disciplinary  
14 education program that the best instructional placement for a  
15 pupil is in the pupil's home, if that placement is authorized in  
16 writing by the district superintendent and district alternative  
17 or disciplinary education supervisor, and if the district  
18 provides appropriate instruction as described in this subdivision  
19 to the pupil at the pupil's home, the district may count the  
20 pupil in membership on a pro rata basis, with the proration based  
21 on the number of hours of instruction the district actually  
22 provides to the pupil divided by the number of hours specified in  
23 subdivision (q) for full-time equivalency. For the purposes of  
24 this subdivision, a district shall be considered to be providing  
25 appropriate instruction if all of the following are met:

26 (i) The district provides at least 2 nonconsecutive hours of  
27 instruction per week to the pupil at the pupil's home under the

1 supervision of a certificated teacher.

2 (ii) The district provides instructional materials,  
3 resources, and supplies, except computers, that are comparable to  
4 those otherwise provided in the district's alternative education  
5 program.

6 (iii) Course content is comparable to that in the district's  
7 alternative education program.

8 (iv) Credit earned is awarded to the pupil and placed on the  
9 pupil's transcript.

10 (v) A pupil enrolled in an alternative or disciplinary  
11 education program described in section 25 shall be counted in  
12 membership in the district or public school academy that expelled  
13 the pupil.

14 (w) If a pupil was enrolled in a public school academy on the  
15 pupil membership count day, if the public school academy's  
16 contract with its authorizing body is revoked, and if the pupil  
17 enrolls in a district within 45 days after the pupil membership  
18 count day, the department shall adjust the district's pupil count  
19 for the pupil membership count day to include the pupil in the  
20 count.

21 (x) For a public school academy that has been in operation  
22 for at least 2 years and that suspended operations for at least 1  
23 semester and is resuming operations, membership is the sum of the  
24 product of .8 times the number of full-time equated pupils in  
25 grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance  
26 on the first pupil membership count day or supplemental count  
27 day, whichever is first, occurring after operations resume, plus

1 the product of .2 times the final audited count from the most  
2 recent pupil membership count day or supplemental count day that  
3 occurred before suspending operations, as determined by the  
4 superintendent.

5 (y) If a district's membership for a particular fiscal year,  
6 as otherwise calculated under this subsection, would be less than  
7 1,550 pupils and the district has 4.5 or fewer pupils per square  
8 mile, as determined by the department, the district's membership  
9 shall be considered to be the membership figure calculated under  
10 this subdivision. However, beginning in 2003-2004, this  
11 subdivision applies only to districts located in the Lower  
12 Peninsula. If a district educates and counts in its membership  
13 pupils in grades 9 to 12 who reside in a contiguous district that  
14 does not operate grades 9 to 12 and if 1 or both of the affected  
15 districts request the department to use the determination allowed  
16 under this sentence, the department shall include the square  
17 mileage of both districts in determining the number of pupils per  
18 square mile for each of the districts for the purposes of this  
19 subdivision. The membership figure calculated under this  
20 subdivision is the greater of the following:

21 (i) The average of the district's membership for the  
22 3-fiscal-year period ending with that fiscal year, calculated by  
23 adding the district's actual membership for each of those 3  
24 fiscal years, as otherwise calculated under this subsection, and  
25 dividing the sum of those 3 membership figures by 3.

26 (ii) The district's actual membership for that fiscal year as  
27 otherwise calculated under this subsection.

1 (z) If a public school academy that is not in its first or  
2 second year of operation closes at the end of a school year and  
3 does not reopen for the next school year, the department shall  
4 adjust the membership count of the district in which a former  
5 pupil of the public school academy enrolls and is in regular  
6 daily attendance for the next school year to ensure that the  
7 district receives the same amount of membership aid for the pupil  
8 as if the pupil were counted in the district on the supplemental  
9 count day of the preceding school year.

10 (5) "Public school academy" means a public school academy or  
11 strict discipline academy operating under the revised school  
12 code.

13 (6) "Pupil" means a person in membership in a public school.  
14 A district must have the approval of the pupil's district of  
15 residence to count the pupil in membership, except approval by  
16 the pupil's district of residence ~~shall not be~~ **is not** required  
17 for any of the following:

18 (a) A nonpublic part-time pupil enrolled in grades 1 to 12 in  
19 accordance with section 166b.

20 (b) A pupil receiving 1/2 or less of his or her instruction  
21 in a district other than the pupil's district of residence.

22 (c) A pupil enrolled in a public school academy or university  
23 school.

24 (d) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's  
25 district of residence under an intermediate district schools of  
26 choice pilot program as described in section 91a or former  
27 section 91 if the intermediate district and its constituent

1 districts have been exempted from section 105.

2 (e) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's  
3 district of residence but within the same intermediate district  
4 if the educating district enrolls nonresident pupils in  
5 accordance with section 105.

6 (f) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's  
7 district of residence if the pupil has been continuously enrolled  
8 in the educating district since a school year in which the pupil  
9 enrolled in the educating district under section 105 or 105c and  
10 in which the educating district enrolled nonresident pupils in  
11 accordance with section 105 or 105c.

12 (g) A pupil who has made an official written complaint or  
13 whose parent or legal guardian has made an official written  
14 complaint to law enforcement officials and to school officials of  
15 the pupil's district of residence that the pupil has been the  
16 victim of a criminal sexual assault or other serious assault, if  
17 the official complaint either indicates that the assault occurred  
18 at school or that the assault was committed by 1 or more other  
19 pupils enrolled in the school the pupil would otherwise attend in  
20 the district of residence or by an employee of the district of  
21 residence. A person who intentionally makes a false report of a  
22 crime to law enforcement officials for the purposes of this  
23 subdivision is subject to section 411a of the Michigan penal  
24 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.411a, which provides criminal  
25 penalties for that conduct. As used in this subdivision:

26 (i) "At school" means in a classroom, elsewhere on school  
27 premises, on a school bus or other school-related vehicle, or at

1 a school-sponsored activity or event whether or not it is held on  
2 school premises.

3 (ii) "Serious assault" means an act that constitutes a felony  
4 violation of chapter XI of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,  
5 MCL 750.81 to 750.90g, or that constitutes an assault and  
6 infliction of serious or aggravated injury under section 81a of  
7 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81a.

8 (h) A pupil enrolled in a district located in a contiguous  
9 intermediate district, as described in section 105c, if the  
10 educating district enrolls those nonresident pupils in accordance  
11 with section 105c.

12 (i) A pupil whose district of residence changed after the  
13 pupil membership count day and before the supplemental count day  
14 and who continues to be enrolled on the supplemental count day as  
15 a nonresident in the district in which he or she was enrolled as  
16 a resident on the pupil membership count day of the same school  
17 year.

18 (j) A pupil enrolled in an alternative education program  
19 operated by a district other than his or her district of  
20 residence who meets 1 or more of the following:

21 (i) The pupil has been suspended or expelled from his or her  
22 district of residence for any reason, including, but not limited  
23 to, a suspension or expulsion under section 1310, 1311, or 1311a  
24 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1310, 380.1311, and  
25 380.1311a.

26 (ii) The pupil had previously dropped out of school.

27 (iii) The pupil is pregnant or is a parent.

1 (iv) The pupil has been referred to the program by a court.

2 (k) A pupil enrolled in the Michigan virtual high school, for  
3 the pupil's enrollment in the Michigan virtual high school.

4 **(l) A pupil who is the child of a person who is employed by**  
5 **the district. As used in this subdivision, "child" includes an**  
6 **adopted child or legal ward.**

7 However, if a district that is not a first class district  
8 educates pupils who reside in a first class district and if the  
9 primary instructional site for those pupils is located within the  
10 boundaries of the first class district, the educating district  
11 must have the approval of the first class district to count those  
12 pupils in membership. As used in this subsection, "first class  
13 district" means a district organized as a school district of the  
14 first class under the revised school code.

15 (7) "Pupil membership count day" of a district or  
16 intermediate district means:

17 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the fourth  
18 Wednesday in September each school year.

19 (b) For a district or intermediate district maintaining  
20 school during the entire school year, the following days:

21 (i) Fourth Wednesday in July.

22 (ii) Fourth Wednesday in September.

23 (iii) Second Wednesday in February.

24 (iv) Fourth Wednesday in April.

25 (8) "Pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in  
26 regular daily attendance" means pupils in grades K to 12 in  
27 attendance and receiving instruction in all classes for which

1 they are enrolled on the pupil membership count day or the  
2 supplemental count day, as applicable. A pupil who is absent  
3 from any of the classes in which the pupil is enrolled on the  
4 pupil membership count day or supplemental count day and who does  
5 not attend each of those classes during the 10 consecutive school  
6 days immediately following the pupil membership count day or  
7 supplemental count day, except for a pupil who has been excused  
8 by the district, shall not be counted as 1.0 full-time equated  
9 membership. In addition, a pupil who is excused from attendance  
10 on the pupil membership count day or supplemental count day and  
11 who fails to attend each of the classes in which the pupil is  
12 enrolled within 30 calendar days after the pupil membership count  
13 day or supplemental count day shall not be counted as 1.0  
14 full-time equated membership. Pupils not counted as 1.0  
15 full-time equated membership due to an absence from a class shall  
16 be counted as a prorated membership for the classes the pupil  
17 attended. For purposes of this subsection, "class" means a  
18 period of time in 1 day when pupils and a certificated teacher or  
19 legally qualified substitute teacher are together and instruction  
20 is taking place.

21 (9) "Rule" means a rule promulgated pursuant to the  
22 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to  
23 24.328.

24 (10) "The revised school code" means 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1  
25 to 380.1852.

26 (11) "School fiscal year" means a fiscal year that commences  
27 July 1 and continues through June 30.

1 (12) "State board" means the state board of education.

2 (13) "Superintendent", unless the context clearly refers to a  
3 district or intermediate district superintendent, means the  
4 superintendent of public instruction described in section 3 of  
5 article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.

6 (14) "Supplemental count day" means the day on which the  
7 supplemental pupil count is conducted under section 6a.

8 (15) "Tuition pupil" means a pupil of school age attending  
9 school in a district other than the pupil's district of residence  
10 for whom tuition may be charged. Tuition pupil does not include  
11 a pupil who is a special education pupil or a pupil described in  
12 subsection (6)(d) to ~~(k)~~ (l). A pupil's district of residence  
13 shall not require a high school tuition pupil, as provided under  
14 section 111, to attend another school district after the pupil  
15 has been assigned to a school district.

16 (16) "State school aid fund" means the state school aid fund  
17 established in section 11 of article IX of the state constitution  
18 of 1963.

19 (17) "Taxable value" means the taxable value of property as  
20 determined under section 27a of the general property tax act,  
21 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a.

22 (18) "Total state aid" or "total state school aid" means the  
23 total combined amount of all funds due to a district,  
24 intermediate district, or other entity under all of the  
25 provisions of this act.

26 (19) "University school" means an instructional program  
27 operated by a public university under section 23 that meets the

1 requirements of section 23.