

HOUSE BILL No. 6287

June 29, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Pastor, Gosselin, Vander Veen, Jones and Garfield and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1254a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1254A. (1) NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2007, EACH SCHOOL BOARD
2 SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY DESIGNED TO
3 AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND
4 EMPLOYEES.

5 (2) NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2007, EACH SCHOOL BOARD SHALL ADOPT
6 AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO PROHIBIT USE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS OR
7 OTHER PUBLIC FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
8 PURCHASING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, JEWELRY, GIFTS, FEES FOR GOLF, OR

1 ANY ITEM THE PURCHASE OR POSSESSION OF WHICH IS ILLEGAL. SUBJECT TO
2 SUBSECTION (8), THE POLICY MAY ALLOW THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR
3 THE PURCHASE OF A PLAQUE, MEDAL, TROPHY, OR OTHER AWARD FOR THE
4 RECOGNITION OF AN EMPLOYEE, VOLUNTEER, OR PUPIL IF THE PURCHASE
5 DOES NOT EXCEED \$100.00 PER RECIPIENT. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION,
6 "PUBLIC FUNDS" MEANS FUNDS GENERATED FROM TAXES LEVIED UNDER THIS
7 ACT, STATE APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS, OR PAYMENTS
8 MADE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SERVICES BY ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT
9 OR ANY OTHER PERSON, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
10 MADE FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE BY A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, A SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT EMPLOYEE, ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, OR A PRIVATE ENTITY.

12 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE TO SCHOOL
13 DISTRICTS A MODEL CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR THE PURPOSES OF
14 SUBSECTION (1) AND A MODEL POLICY MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF
15 SUBSECTION (2).

16 (4) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (8), IN ANY 1-MONTH PERIOD, A SCHOOL
17 BOARD MEMBER OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL NOT ACCEPT FROM
18 A PERSON WHO DOES BUSINESS OR SEEKS TO DO BUSINESS OF ANY KIND WITH
19 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANY MONEY, GOODS, OR SERVICES WITH A VALUE IN
20 EXCESS OF \$51.00 IF THE BOARD MEMBER OR ADMINISTRATOR DOES NOT
21 PROVIDE GOODS OR SERVICES OF EQUAL VALUE IN EXCHANGE. THIS
22 SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A GIFT OR REWARD ALREADY PROHIBITED
23 UNDER SECTION 1805.

24 (5) IF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
25 HAS A SUBSTANTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN A PROPOSED CONTRACT, THE
26 SCHOOL BOARD SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THAT CONTRACT. AS USED IN THIS
27 SUBSECTION, "SUBSTANTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST" MEANS A CONFLICT OF

1 INTEREST ON THE PART OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR SCHOOL DISTRICT
2 ADMINISTRATOR IN RESPECT TO A CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
3 THAT IS OF SUCH SUBSTANCE AS TO INDUCE ACTION ON HIS OR HER PART TO
4 PROMOTE THE CONTRACT FOR HIS OR HER OWN PERSONAL BENEFIT. IN THE
5 FOLLOWING CASES, THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

6 (A) A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ANY OF THE
7 FOLLOWING:

8 (i) A CORPORATION IN WHICH A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IS A STOCKHOLDER OWNING 1% OR LESS OF THE
10 TOTAL STOCK OUTSTANDING IN ANY CLASS IF THE STOCK IS NOT LISTED ON
11 A STOCK EXCHANGE OR OWNING STOCK THAT HAS A PRESENT MARKET VALUE OF
12 \$25,000.00 OR LESS IF THE STOCK IS LISTED ON A STOCK EXCHANGE.

13 (ii) A CORPORATION IN WHICH A TRUST, IF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
14 OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IS A BENEFICIARY UNDER THE TRUST,
15 OWNS 1% OR LESS OF THE TOTAL STOCK OUTSTANDING IN ANY CLASS IF THE
16 STOCK IS NOT LISTED ON A STOCK EXCHANGE OR OWNS STOCK THAT HAS A
17 PRESENT MARKET VALUE OF \$25,000.00 OR LESS IF THE STOCK IS LISTED
18 ON A STOCK EXCHANGE.

19 (iii) A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED
20 PURSUANT TO THE MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT, 1993 PA 23,
21 MCL 450.4101 TO 450.5200, IF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR SCHOOL
22 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IS AN EMPLOYEE BUT NOT A MEMBER OF THE
23 COMPANY.

24 (B) A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ANY OF THE
25 FOLLOWING:

26 (i) A CORPORATION IN WHICH A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR SCHOOL
27 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IS NOT A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE.

1 (ii) A FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, OR OTHER UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION,
2 IN WHICH A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IS
3 NOT A PARTNER, MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE.

4 (iii) A CORPORATION OR FIRM THAT HAS AN INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO A
5 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.

6 (C) A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN INTERMEDIATE
7 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

8 (D) A CONTRACT AWARDED TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER, UPON
9 RECEIPT OF SEALED BIDS PURSUANT TO A PUBLISHED NOTICE FOR BIDS IF
10 THE NOTICE DOES NOT BAR, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, ANY QUALIFIED
11 PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION, OR TRUST FROM BIDDING. THIS SUBDIVISION
12 DOES NOT APPLY TO AMENDMENTS OR RENEGOTIATIONS OF A CONTRACT OR TO
13 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS UNDER THE CONTRACT THAT WERE NOT AUTHORIZED BY
14 THE CONTRACT AT THE TIME OF AWARD.

15 (6) IF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR,
16 OR AN EMPLOYEE OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO RECOMMENDS, NEGOTIATES, OR
17 IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
18 EITHER IS EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
19 WITH WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CONSIDERING ENTERING INTO A
20 CONTRACT OR KNOWS THAT HE OR SHE HAS A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS AN
21 OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN OR IS EMPLOYED BY A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE WITH
22 WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CONSIDERING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT,
23 THE BOARD MEMBER, ADMINISTRATOR, OR EMPLOYEE SHALL DISCLOSE THIS
24 FACT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
25 BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD ENTERS INTO THE CONTRACT. IF THE SCHOOL
26 BOARD RECEIVES A DISCLOSURE DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE
27 SCHOOL BOARD SHALL VOTE AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD ON

1 WHETHER OR NOT IT CONSIDERS THE RELATIONSHIP DESCRIBED IN THE
2 DISCLOSURE TO BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND SHALL NOT ENTER INTO
3 THE CONTRACT WITHOUT FIRST VOTING AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE SCHOOL
4 BOARD TO ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION,
5 "FAMILY MEMBER" MEANS A PERSON'S SPOUSE OR SPOUSE'S SIBLING OR
6 CHILD; A PERSON'S SIBLING OR SIBLING'S SPOUSE OR CHILD; A PERSON'S
7 CHILD OR CHILD'S SPOUSE; OR A PERSON'S PARENT OR PARENT'S SPOUSE,
8 AND INCLUDES THESE RELATIONSHIPS AS CREATED BY ADOPTION OR
9 MARRIAGE.

10 (7) A SCHOOL BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
11 WITH A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
12 INCLUDES BOTH A PROVISION PROHIBITING THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR FROM
13 ENGAGING IN CONDUCT INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE AND A PROVISION
14 ALLOWING THE SCHOOL BOARD TO VOID THE CONTRACT IF THE SCHOOL
15 ADMINISTRATOR VIOLATES THE PROVISION PROHIBITING CONDUCT INVOLVING
16 MORAL TURPITUDE.

17 (8) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007, THE MONETARY AMOUNTS SPECIFIED
18 IN SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (4) SHALL BE ADJUSTED EACH JANUARY 1 BY
19 MULTIPLYING THE AMOUNT FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR BY THE
20 PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE AVERAGE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL ITEMS
21 FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE
22 ADJUSTMENT IS MADE DIFFERS FROM THAT INDEX'S AVERAGE FOR THE 12
23 MONTHS ENDING ON AUGUST 31 OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR AND
24 ADDING THAT PRODUCT TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT THAT APPLIED IN THE
25 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR, ROUNDING TO THE NEAREST WHOLE DOLLAR.
26 THE ADJUSTMENT SHALL APPLY ONLY TO EXPENDITURES OR VIOLATIONS
27 OCCURRING AFTER THE DATE OF THE ADJUSTING OF THE AMOUNT. THE

1 ADJUSTED AMOUNT SHALL BE DETERMINED AND ANNOUNCED BY THE DEPARTMENT
2 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR AND SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ALL
3 PERSONS REQUESTING THE ADJUSTED AMOUNT. IF THE INDEX IS
4 UNAVAILABLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE APPROXIMATION.