

SENATE BILL No. 697

August 31, 2005, Introduced by Senator THOMAS 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 1279h.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1279H. (1) BEGINNING WITH THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR, THE
2 BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD
3 OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH
4 PUPIL IN GRADES 4 TO 12 DEVELOPS A PUPIL PORTFOLIO WITH THE
5 ASSISTANCE OF HIS OR HER PARENTS OR PERSONS IN PARENTAL RELATION;
6 SCHOOL PERSONNEL; AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS. A PUPIL PORTFOLIO
7 SHALL CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUPIL'S ACADEMIC AND
8 NONACADEMIC GOALS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND EXPERIENCES, AS DESCRIBED
9 IN SUBSECTION (2). SCHOOL OFFICIALS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PUPIL
10 PORTFOLIO IS GIVEN TO THE PUPIL OR PARENT WHEN THE PUPIL LEAVES THE

1 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY.

2 (2) A PUPIL PORTFOLIO SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING 4
3 CHAPTERS:

4 (A) A RECORD OF PLANS. THIS CHAPTER SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT
5 LIMITED TO, RECORDS OF ANNUAL ACADEMIC AND NONACADEMIC PLANS THAT
6 THE PUPIL INTENDS TO FOLLOW DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

7 (B) A RECORD OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. THIS CHAPTER SHALL
8 INCLUDE ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS, MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
9 TEST RESULTS, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRANSCRIPTS, AND
10 EXAMPLES OF THE PUPIL'S SCHOOLWORK THAT DEMONSTRATE THE PUPIL'S
11 ACADEMIC PROFICIENCIES AND CREATIVE NATURE. THIS CHAPTER ALSO MAY
12 INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE RESULTS OF ANY OTHER STATEWIDE
13 SUBJECT MATTER ASSESSMENT TEST AND NATIONALLY NORMED ACHIEVEMENT
14 TEST THAT THE PUPIL HAS TAKEN.

15 (C) A RECORD OF JOB PREPARATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.
16 THIS CHAPTER MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, RECORDS OF
17 VOCATIONAL OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING, WORK EXPERIENCE,
18 PARTICIPATION IN CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS, VOLUNTEERISM, AND CIVIC
19 INVOLVEMENT.

20 (D) A RECORD OF RECOGNITIONS. THIS CHAPTER MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS
21 NOT LIMITED TO, RECORDS OF NONACADEMIC AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES,
22 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, AND PERSONAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THE PUPIL.

23 (3) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
24 DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY, TAKING
25 INTO CONSIDERATION THE REQUIREMENTS OF A PUPIL PORTFOLIO THAT ARE
26 SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2), SHALL DETERMINE THE CHAPTERS AND THE
27 CHAPTER CONTENTS THAT EACH PUPIL PORTFOLIO SHALL CONTAIN. THE BOARD

1 OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY APPOINT A PUPIL PORTFOLIO ADVISORY
2 COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS, SCHOOL GUIDANCE
3 COUNSELORS, PUPILS, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO MAKE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS MATTER TO THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
5 AFTER DETERMINING THE CHAPTERS AND CHAPTER CONTENTS OF A PUPIL
6 PORTFOLIO, THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL FORWARD AN OUTLINE
7 OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PUPIL PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS TO THE
8 DEPARTMENT.

9 (4) A BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ENSURE ALL OF THE
10 FOLLOWING:

11 (A) THAT A COPY OF A PUPIL'S PUPIL PORTFOLIO IS MAINTAINED IN
12 A PORTABLE FORMAT, SUCH AS A COMPUTER DISK OR CD-ROM.

13 (B) THAT, IF A PUPIL TRANSFERS TO ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
14 PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE, A COPY OF THE PUPIL'S PUPIL PORTFOLIO
15 IS TRANSFERRED TO THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

16 (C) THAT A TAMPER-PROOF COPY OF THE PUPIL'S PUPIL PORTFOLIO IS
17 MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUPIL UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

18 (5) UPON REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO SCHOOL
19 DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES MODELS OF, AND ASSISTANCE IN
20 DEVELOPING, PUPIL PORTFOLIOS.

21 (6) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL
22 COSTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, THE LEGISLATURE
23 SHALL APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS
24 NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THOSE COSTS.