

# SENATE BILL No. 809

September 24, 2007, Introduced by Senators JELINEK, SWITALSKI, CHERRY, JACOBS, PAPPAGEORGE and KAHN and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1970 PA 38, entitled

"An act to provide for assessment and remedial assistance programs of students in reading, mathematics and vocational education,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 388.1081).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. A statewide program of assessment of educational  
2 progress and remedial assistance in the basic skills of students in  
3 reading, mathematics, **SCIENCE, AND** language arts ~~and/or other~~  
4 ~~general subject areas~~ is established in the department of  
5 education. ~~which~~ **THIS** program shall **BE DESIGNED TO DO ALL OF THE**  
6 **FOLLOWING:**

7       (a) Establish meaningful achievement goals in the basic skills  
8 for students, and identify those students with the greatest  
9 educational need in these skills.

1 (b) Provide the state with the information needed to allocate  
2 state funds and professional services in a manner best calculated  
3 to equalize educational opportunities for students to achieve  
4 competence in ~~such~~ **THE** basic skills.

5 (c) Provide school systems with strong incentives to introduce  
6 educational programs to improve the education of students in ~~such~~  
7 **THE** basic skills and model programs to raise the level of  
8 achievement of students.

9 (d) Develop a system for educational self-renewal that would  
10 continuously evaluate the programs and by this means help each  
11 school to discover and introduce program changes that are most  
12 likely to improve the quality of education.

13 (e) Provide the public periodically with information  
14 concerning the progress of the state system of education. ~~Such~~  
15 ~~programs~~ **THE PROGRAM** shall extend current department of education  
16 efforts to conduct periodic and comprehensive assessment of  
17 educational progress.