

HOUSE BILL No. 4667

March 19, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Donigan, Gregory, Bauer, Liss and Valentine and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
(MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772) by adding section 99m.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 99M. (1) FROM THE STATE SCHOOL AID FUND MONEY
2 APPROPRIATED IN SECTION 11, THERE IS ALLOCATED AN AMOUNT NOT TO
3 EXCEED \$5,000,000.00 FOR 2008-2009 FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION
4 FOR PILOT PROJECTS TO EVALUATE THE BENEFITS OF FUNDING ADDITIONAL
5 SCHOOL COUNSELORS.

6 (2) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, IN CONSULTATION
7 WITH THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION
8 OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS, SHALL AWARD AT LEAST 3 GRANTS UNDER
9 THIS SECTION TO APPLICANT DISTRICTS THAT AGREE TO DO ALL OF THE
10 FOLLOWING:

11 (A) EMPLOY AND ASSIGN SUFFICIENT QUALIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELORS
12 TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS AT LEAST 1 QUALIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELOR

1 AVAILABLE FOR EVERY 250 PUPILS.

2 (B) ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS EMPLOYED BY THE DISTRICT
3 ARE TRAINED TO IMPLEMENT AND FOLLOW THE MICHIGAN COMPREHENSIVE
4 GUIDANCE COUNSELING PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD.

5 (3) IN AWARDING GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION, ALL OF THE
6 FOLLOWING APPLY:

7 (A) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, IN CONSULTATION
8 WITH THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION
9 OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS, SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST 1 GRANT
10 IS AWARDED TO A RURAL DISTRICT, AT LEAST 1 GRANT IS AWARDED TO A
11 SUBURBAN DISTRICT, AND AT LEAST 1 GRANT IS AWARDED TO AN URBAN
12 DISTRICT. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL ALSO
13 ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY AMONG GRANT
14 RECIPIENTS.

15 (B) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT, A DISTRICT MUST EMPLOY AND
16 ASSIGN SUFFICIENT QUALIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELORS AT EACH OF THE
17 ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS TO ACHIEVE THE RATIO
18 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) (A) .

19 (4) GRANT FUNDS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE INTENDED TO BE
20 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF 3 YEARS OF FUNDING. NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1
21 AFTER THE END OF THE THIRD YEAR OF FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT, IN
22 CONSULTATION WITH THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION AND
23 THE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS, SHALL COMPLETE AND
24 SUBMIT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES HAVING JURISDICTION OVER
25 THIS ACT, THE SENATE AND HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION,
26 AND THE SENATE AND HOUSE FISCAL AGENCIES AN EVALUATION REPORT THAT
27 ANALYZES THE IMPACT OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELORS ON

1 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PILOT PROJECT DISTRICTS, INCLUDING, BUT
2 NOT LIMITED TO, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AS MEASURED BY THE MICHIGAN
3 EDUCATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, THE MICHIGAN MERIT EXAMINATION,
4 GRADUATION RATES, AND OTHER CRITERIA CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BY THE
5 DEPARTMENT, THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION, AND THE
6 ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL COUNSELORS.

7 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 17B, PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION
8 MAY BE MADE PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

9 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELOR"
10 MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS 1 OR MORE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF
11 SECTION 1233(2) OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL 380.1233.