

SENATE BILL No. 564

May 12, 2009, Introduced by Senators VAN WOERKOM, GARCIA, BIRKHOLZ, JANSEN, HARDIMAN and KUIPERS and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 504 (MCL 380.504), as amended by 2008 PA 1.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 504. (1) A public school academy may be located in all or
2 part of an existing public school building. A public school academy
3 shall not operate at a site other than the single site requested
4 for the configuration of grades that will use the site, as
5 specified in the application required under section 502 and in the
6 contract.

7 (2) A public school academy shall not charge tuition and shall
8 not discriminate in its pupil admissions policies or practices on
9 the basis of intellectual or athletic ability, measures of

1 achievement or aptitude, status as a student with a disability, or
2 any other basis that would be illegal if used by a school district.
3 However, a public school academy may limit admission to pupils who
4 are within a particular range of age or grade level or on any other
5 basis that would be legal if used by a school district **AND MAY GIVE**
6 **ENROLLMENT PRIORITY AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)**.

7 (3) Except for a foreign exchange student who is not a United
8 States citizen, a public school academy shall not enroll a pupil
9 who is not a resident of this state. Enrollment in the public
10 school academy may be open to all individuals who reside in this
11 state who meet the admission policy and shall be open to all pupils
12 who reside within the geographic boundaries, if any, of the
13 authorizing body as described in section 502(2)(a) to (c) who meet
14 the admission policy, except that admission to a public school
15 academy authorized by the board of a community college to operate,
16 or operated by the board of a community college, on the grounds of
17 a federal military installation, as described in section 502(2)(c),
18 shall be open to all pupils who reside in the county in which the
19 federal military installation is located. For a public school
20 academy authorized by a state public university, enrollment shall
21 be open to all pupils who reside in this state who meet the
22 admission policy. ~~If~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (4)**, **IF** there are more
23 applications to enroll in the public school academy than there are
24 spaces available, pupils shall be selected to attend ~~ENROLL~~ using a
25 random selection process. ~~However, a public school academy may give~~
26 ~~enrollment priority to a sibling of a pupil enrolled in the public~~
27 ~~school academy.~~ A public school academy shall allow any pupil who

1 was enrolled in the public school academy in the immediately
2 preceding school year to enroll in the public school academy in the
3 appropriate grade unless the appropriate grade is not offered at
4 that public school academy.

5 (4) A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY MAY GIVE ENROLLMENT PRIORITY TO 1
6 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (A) A SIBLING OF A PUPIL ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
8 ACADEMY.

9 (B) A PUPIL WHO TRANSFERS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY FROM
10 ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES THAT PROVIDES FOR THIS ENROLLMENT PRIORITY.

12 (5) ~~(4)~~—A public school academy may include any grade up to
13 grade 12 or any configuration of those grades, including
14 kindergarten and early childhood education, as specified in its
15 contract. If specified in its contract, a public school academy may
16 also operate an adult basic education program, adult high school
17 completion program, or general education development testing
18 preparation program. The authorizing body may approve amendment of
19 a contract with respect to ages of pupils or grades offered.