HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 621

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
by amending section 166b (MCL 388.1766b), as amended by 2010 PA
204.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 166b. (1) This act does not prohibit a parent or legal
- 2 guardian of a minor who is enrolled in any of grades 1 to 12 in a
- 3 nonpublic school or who is being home-schooled from also enrolling
- 4 the minor in a district, public school academy, or intermediate
- 5 district in any curricular offering that is provided by the
- 6 district, public school academy, or intermediate district at a
- 7 public school site and is available to pupils in the minor's grade
- 8 level or age group, subject to compliance with the same

- 1 requirements that apply to a full-time pupil's participation in the
- 2 offering. However, state school aid shall be provided under this
- 3 act for a minor enrolled as described in this subsection only for
- 4 curricular offerings that are offered to full-time pupils in the
- 5 minor's grade level or age group during regularly scheduled school
- 6 hours.
- 7 (2) This act does not prohibit a parent or legal guardian of a
- 8 minor who is enrolled in any of grades 1 to 12 in a nonpublic
- 9 school located within the district or who resides within the
- 10 district and is being home-schooled from also enrolling the minor
- 11 in the district in a curricular offering being provided by the
- 12 district at the nonpublic school site. However, state school aid
- 13 shall be provided under this act for a minor enrolled as described
- 14 in this subsection only if all of the following apply:
- 15 (a) Either of the following:
- 16 (i) The nonpublic school site is located, or the nonpublic
- 17 students are educated, within the geographic boundaries of the
- 18 district.
- 19 (ii) If the nonpublic school has submitted a written request
- 20 for a specific fiscal year to the district in which the nonpublic
- 21 school is located for the district to provide certain instruction
- 22 under this subsection for a school year and the district does not
- 23 agree to provide some or all of that instruction by May 1
- 24 immediately preceding that school year or, if the request is
- 25 submitted after March 1 immediately preceding that school year,
- 26 within 60 days after the nonpublic school submits the request, the
- 27 portion of the instruction that the district has not agreed to

- 1 provide—INSTRUCTION is instead provided by a—AN ELIGIBLE OTHER
- 2 district. that is contiguous to the district in which the nonpublic
- 3 school is located. This subparagraph applies only to instruction,
- 4 or a portion of instruction, that is specifically included in the
- 5 written request that was made to the district in which the
- 6 nonpublic school is located and that was denied by that district.
- 7 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT REQUIRE A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TO SUBMIT
- 8 MORE THAN 1 REQUEST TO THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
- 9 IS LOCATED FOR THAT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION UNDER THIS
- 10 SUBSECTION, AND DOES NOT REQUIRE A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TO SUBMIT AN
- 11 ADDITIONAL REQUEST TO THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IS
- 12 LOCATED FOR THAT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION UNDER
- 13 THIS SUBSECTION BEYOND THE INSTRUCTION REQUESTED IN THE ORIGINAL
- 14 REQUEST, BEFORE HAVING THE INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY AN ELIGIBLE
- 15 OTHER DISTRICT. A public school academy that is located in the
- 16 district in which the nonpublic school is located or in a AN OTHER
- 17 ELIGIBLE district that is contiguous to the district in which the
- 18 nonpublic school is located also may provide instruction under this
- 19 subparagraph under the same conditions as a—AN ELIGIBLE OTHER
- 20 district. that is contiguous to the district in which the nonpublic
- 21 school is located. AS USED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, "ELIGIBLE OTHER
- 22 DISTRICT" MEANS A DISTRICT THAT IS LOCATED IN THE SAME INTERMEDIATE
- 23 DISTRICT AS THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL IS LOCATED
- 24 OR IS LOCATED IN AN INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT THAT IS CONTIGUOUS TO
- 25 THAT INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT.
- 26 (b) The nonpublic school is registered with the department as
- 27 a nonpublic school and meets all state reporting requirements for

- 1 nonpublic schools.
- 2 (c) The instruction is scheduled to occur during the regular
- 3 school day.
- 4 (d) The instruction is provided directly by an employee of A
- 5 CERTIFIED TEACHER AT the district or public school academy or of AT
- 6 an intermediate district.
- 7 (e) The curricular offering is also available to full-time
- 8 pupils in the minor's grade level or age group in the district or
- 9 public school academy during the regular school day at a public
- 10 school site.
- 11 (f) The curricular offering is restricted to nonessential
- 12 elective courses for pupils in grades 1 to 12.
- 13 (3) A minor enrolled as described in this section is a part-
- 14 time pupil for purposes of state school aid under this act.
- 15 (4) A district that receives a written request to provide
- 16 instruction under subsection (2) shall reply to the request in
- 17 writing by May 1 immediately preceding the applicable school year
- 18 or, if the request is made after March 1 immediately preceding that
- 19 school year, within 60 days after the nonpublic school submits the
- 20 request. The written reply shall specify whether the district
- 21 agrees to provide or does not agree to provide the instruction for
- 22 each portion of instruction included in the request.