

HOUSE BILL No. 4143

February 5, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Hooker and Howrylak and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1278 (MCL 380.1278), as amended by 2004 PA 596,
and by adding section 1278d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1278. (1) In addition to the requirements for
2 accreditation under section 1280 specified in that section, if the
3 board of a school district wants all of the schools of the school
4 district to be accredited under section 1280, the board shall
5 provide to all pupils attending public school in the district a
6 core academic curriculum in compliance with subsection (3) in each
7 of the curricular areas specified in the state board recommended
8 model core academic curriculum content standards developed under
9 subsection (2). The state board model core academic curriculum

1 content standards shall encompass academic and cognitive
2 instruction only. For purposes of this section, the state board
3 model core academic curriculum content standards shall not include
4 attitudes, beliefs, or value systems that are not essential in the
5 legal, economic, and social structure of our society and to the
6 personal and social responsibility of citizens of our society. **THE**
7 **STATE BOARD MODEL CORE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS SHALL**
8 **NOT BE BASED UPON THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN SECTION**
9 **1278D.**

10 (2) Recommended model core academic curriculum content
11 standards shall be developed and periodically updated by the state
12 board, shall be in the form of knowledge and skill content
13 standards that are recommended as state standards for adoption by
14 public schools in local curriculum formulation and adoption, and
15 shall be distributed to each school district in the state. The
16 recommended model core academic curriculum content standards shall
17 set forth desired learning objectives in math, science, reading,
18 history, geography, economics, American government, and writing for
19 all children at each stage of schooling and be based upon the
20 "Michigan K-12 program standards of quality" to ensure that high
21 academic standards, academic skills, and academic subject matters
22 are built into the instructional goals of all school districts for
23 all children. The state board also shall ensure that the Michigan
24 educational assessment program and the Michigan merit examination
25 are based on the state recommended model core curriculum content
26 standards, are testing only for proficiency in basic and advanced
27 academic skills and academic subject matter, and are not used to

1 measure pupils' values or attitudes.

2 (3) The board of each school district, considering academic
3 curricular objectives defined and recommended pursuant to
4 subsection (2), shall do both of the following:

5 (a) Establish a core academic curriculum for its pupils at the
6 elementary, middle, and secondary school levels. The core academic
7 curriculum shall define academic objectives to be achieved by all
8 pupils and shall be based upon the school district's educational
9 mission, long-range pupil goals, and pupil performance objectives.
10 The core academic curriculum may vary from the model core academic
11 curriculum content standards recommended by the state board
12 pursuant to subsection (2).

13 (b) After consulting with teachers and school building
14 administrators, determine the aligned instructional program for
15 delivering the core academic curriculum and identify the courses
16 and programs in which the core academic curriculum will be taught.

17 (4) The board may supplement the core academic curriculum by
18 providing instruction through additional classes and programs.

19 (5) For all pupils, the subjects or courses, and the delivery
20 of those including special assistance, that constitute the
21 curriculum the pupils engage in shall assure the pupils have a
22 realistic opportunity to learn all subjects and courses required by
23 the district's core academic curriculum. A subject or course
24 required by the core academic curriculum pursuant to subsection (3)
25 shall be provided to all pupils in the school district by a school
26 district, a consortium of school districts, or a consortium of 1 or
27 more school districts and 1 or more intermediate school districts.

1 (6) To the extent practicable, the state board may adopt or
2 develop academic objective-oriented high standards for knowledge
3 and life skills, and a recommended core academic curriculum, for
4 special education pupils for whom it may not be realistic or
5 desirable to expect achievement of initial mastery of the state
6 board recommended model core academic content standards objectives
7 or of a high school diploma.

8 (7) The state board shall make available to all nonpublic
9 schools in this state, as a resource for their consideration, the
10 model core academic curriculum content standards developed for
11 public schools pursuant to subsection (2) for the purpose of
12 assisting the governing body of a nonpublic school in developing
13 its core academic curriculum.

14 (8) Excluding special education pupils, pupils having a
15 learning disability, and pupils with extenuating circumstances as
16 determined by school officials, a pupil who does not score
17 satisfactorily on the 4th or 7th grade Michigan educational
18 assessment program reading test shall be provided special
19 assistance reasonably expected to enable the pupil to bring his or
20 her reading skills to grade level within 12 months.

21 (9) Any course that would have been considered a nonessential
22 elective course under Snyder v Charlotte School Dist, 421 Mich 517
23 (1984), on April 13, 1990 shall continue to be offered to resident
24 pupils of nonpublic schools on a shared time basis.

25 **SEC. 1278D. (1) THE STATE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT**
26 **IMPLEMENT THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS PROMOTED BY THE COMMON CORE**
27 **STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE COORDINATED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS**

1 ASSOCIATION CENTER FOR BEST PRACTICES AND THE COUNCIL OF CHIEF
2 STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS. THE STATE BOARD SHALL TAKE THE NECESSARY
3 ACTION TO RESCIND THE STATE BOARD'S ADOPTION OF THOSE COMMON CORE
4 STANDARDS, WHICH OCCURRED ON JUNE 15, 2010, AND TO DISCONTINUE ANY
5 ASSESSMENTS ALIGNED TO THOSE COMMON CORE STANDARDS.

6 (2) AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD
7 OR ANY OTHER STATE OFFICIAL OR AGENCY SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE
8 COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1).

9 (3) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT THE STATE BOARD MODEL
10 CORE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS UNDER SECTION 1278 AND
11 THE SUBJECT AREA CONTENT EXPECTATIONS THAT APPLY TO THE CREDIT
12 REQUIREMENTS OF THE MICHIGAN MERIT STANDARD UNDER SECTIONS 1278A
13 AND 1278B ARE NOT BASED UPON THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN
14 SUBSECTION (1).