

HOUSE BILL No. 5063

November 5, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Neeley, Dianda, Cochran, Smiley, Hoadley, Brunner, Phelps, Talabi, Driskell, Greig, Townsend, LaVoy, Hooker, Glenn, Love, Chang, Durhal, Derek Miller, Faris, Callton, Plawecki, Lane, Schor, Guerra, Santana, Canfield, Brinks, Pagan, Hughes, Sarah Roberts and Singh and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled
"Income tax act of 1967,"
(MCL 206.1 to 206.713) by adding section 277.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 277. (1) FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN AFTER DECEMBER 31,**
2 **2015, A TAXPAYER WHO IS AN ELIGIBLE EDUCATOR AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR**
3 **PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY**
4 **THIS ACT EQUAL TO THE COST PAID BY THE TAXPAYER IN THE TAX YEAR NOT**
5 **TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR A SINGLE RETURN OR \$400.00 FOR A JOINT RETURN**
6 **FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES USED BY THE TAXPAYER FOR EDUCATIONAL**
7 **PURPOSES THAT DIRECTLY RELATE TO THE TAXPAYER'S CLASSROOM**
8 **COURSEWORK.**

9 **(2) IF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION EXCEEDS THE TAX**
10 **LIABILITY OF THE TAXPAYER FOR THE TAX YEAR, THAT PORTION THAT**
11 **EXCEEDS THE TAX LIABILITY SHALL NOT BE REFUNDED.**

1 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

2 (A) "CLASSROOM SUPPLIES" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (i) BOOKS FOR TEACHER OR STUDENT USE, BOOKS ON TAPES,
4 VIDEOTAPES, CDS, OR DVDS.

5 (ii) COMPUTER PROGRAMS OR DOWNLOADS.

6 (iii) EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TAPE
7 RECORDERS, AUDIO RECORDERS, HEADPHONES, SCIENCE EQUIPMENT, AND LAB
8 EQUIPMENT.

9 (iv) ART SUPPLIES.

10 (v) CLASSROOM DECORATIVE MATERIALS.

11 (vi) FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES OR MATERIALS FOR EXPERIMENTS OR
12 PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN THE CLASSROOM.

13 (vii) PRIZES, AWARDS, OR REWARDS.

14 (viii) OTHER SUPPLIES OR MATERIALS SIMILAR TO THOSE LISTED IN
15 THIS SUBDIVISION.

16 (B) "ELIGIBLE EDUCATOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A TEACHER,
17 INSTRUCTOR, COUNSELOR, PRINCIPAL, OR AIDE AND WHO WORKS AT LEAST
18 900 HOURS A SCHOOL YEAR IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL
19 ACADEMY.

20 (C) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" AND "PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY" MEAN THOSE
21 TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 5 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976 PA
22 451, MCL 380.5.