

HOUSE BILL No. 5136

October 18, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Marino and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

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 2018, AN ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER WHO IS A TEACHER WHO TEACHES AT A PUBLIC
3 SCHOOL MAY CLAIM A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ACT EQUAL
4 TO THE COST PAID BY THE ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER IN THE TAX YEAR NOT TO
5 EXCEED \$1,000.00 FOR A SINGLE RETURN OR \$2,000.00 FOR A JOINT
6 RETURN FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES USED BY THE ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER FOR
7 EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES THAT DIRECTLY RELATE TO THE ELIGIBLE
8 TAXPAYER'S CLASSROOM COURSEWORK AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

9 (2) IF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION EXCEEDS THE TAX

1 LIABILITY OF THE ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER FOR THE TAX YEAR, THAT PORTION
2 THAT EXCEEDS THE TAX LIABILITY SHALL NOT BE REFUNDED.

3 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

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

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

7 (ii) COMPUTER PROGRAMS OR DOWNLOADS.

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

10 (iv) ART SUPPLIES.

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

13 (vi) PRIZES, AWARDS, OR REWARDS.

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

16 (B) "ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER" MEANS A TAXPAYER WITH AN ADJUSTED
17 GROSS INCOME AS DEFINED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE EQUAL TO OR
18 LESS THAN THE AVERAGE PAY FOR TEACHERS AS REPORTED BY THE MICHIGAN
19 CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND INFORMATION FOR A SINGLE
20 RETURN OR EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN DOUBLE THE AVERAGE PAY FOR TEACHERS
21 FOR A JOINT RETURN.

22 (C) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 5 OF
23 THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.