

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 223

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding sections 1508 and 1526b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1508. (1) By not later than June 1, 2023, in consultation  
2 with experts on sexual assault and sexual harassment, including,  
3 but not limited to, the Michigan domestic and sexual violence  
4 prevention and treatment board and the Michigan Coalition to End  
5 Domestic and Sexual Violence, the department shall develop age-  
6 appropriate informational material relating to sexual assault and  
7 sexual harassment and make that material available to all school  
8 districts, intermediate school districts, and public school  
9 academies that operate any of grades 6 to 12. The informational

1 material must include at least all of the following:

2 (a) Information regarding what constitutes sexual assault or  
3 sexual harassment.

4 (b) An explanation that sexual assault or sexual harassment is  
5 not the victim's fault.

6 (c) Resources available for individuals who have experienced  
7 sexual assault or sexual harassment, including, but not limited to,  
8 information on title IX, as enacted under the education amendments  
9 of 1972, 20 USC 1681 to 1688, appropriate contact information for  
10 organizations that offer assistance to victims of sexual assault or  
11 sexual harassment, and actions that the individual may take.

12 (2) A school district, intermediate school district, or public  
13 school academy shall disseminate the informational material made  
14 available by the department under subsection (1) to each pupil in  
15 grades 6 to 12 who is enrolled in a school operated by the school  
16 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy,  
17 in a form and manner determined appropriate by the school district,  
18 intermediate school district, or public school academy.  
19 Additionally, the school district, intermediate school district, or  
20 public school academy shall disseminate to those pupils the contact  
21 information for the school district's, intermediate school  
22 district's, or public school academy's title IX coordinator and the  
23 school district's, intermediate school district's, or public school  
24 academy's policies on sexual assault and sexual harassment,  
25 including specific information stating that the policies prohibit  
26 adverse action against an individual for reporting sexual assault  
27 or sexual harassment, in a form and manner determined appropriate  
28 by the school district, intermediate school district, or public  
29 school academy. The school district, intermediate school district,

1 or public school academy shall ensure that all the information  
2 described in this subsection remains accessible to those pupils and  
3 their parents or legal guardians and is included in a student  
4 handbook or similar publication prepared by the school district,  
5 intermediate school district, or public school academy and on the  
6 school district's, intermediate school district's, or public school  
7 academy's webpage if the school district, intermediate school  
8 district, or public school academy maintains a webpage.

9       Sec. 1526b. Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the  
10 board of a school district or intermediate school district or board  
11 of directors of a public school academy, together with a local  
12 organization that receives funding from the Michigan domestic and  
13 sexual violence prevention and treatment board and that serves the  
14 geographic area of the school district, intermediate school  
15 district, or public school academy, is encouraged to provide all  
16 educators and school personnel who have contact with pupils  
17 training at least every 5 years in responding to pupils who have  
18 experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment. This training may  
19 be provided as part of the professional development provided under  
20 section 1527. If a school district, intermediate school district,  
21 or public school academy is located in an area without a local  
22 organization that receives funding from the Michigan domestic and  
23 sexual violence prevention and treatment board, the school  
24 district, intermediate school district, or public school academy is  
25 encouraged to provide the training described in this section  
26 together with the Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention  
27 and treatment board or the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and  
28 Sexual Violence.

29       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

**1** after the date it is enacted into law.