

SENATE BILL NO. 454

June 26, 2025, Introduced by Senators GEISS, CHANG, CAMILLERI, SANTANA, ANTHONY, POLEHANKI, SHINK and KLINEFELT and referred to Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1164f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1164f. (1) The cultural history advisory board is created
2 in the department.

3 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint the
4 members of the cultural history advisory board. The members of the
5 cultural history advisory board must demonstrate cultural
6 competency and not exhibit bias, bigotry, or discrimination against
7 individuals protected under the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act,

1 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101 to 37.2804. The advisory board must
2 consist of the following members:

3 (a) Two members from the Asian-American and Pacific Islander
4 communities.

5 (b) Two members from the Latino and Hispanic communities.

6 (c) Two members from the Black community.

7 (d) Two members from the Middle Eastern, North African, and
8 Chaldean communities.

9 (e) Two members from the Indigenous community.

10 (f) Two members from the Caribbean-American community.

11 (g) Two members from the Jewish-American community.

12 (h) Two members from the European-American community.

13 (i) Two members who are K to 12 educators from the K to 3, 3
14 to 6, 5 to 9, and 9 to 12 grade bands and hold a valid Michigan
15 teaching certificate.

16 (j) One member from an organization that represents either
17 school superintendents or local school boards.

18 (k) Two members from the department.

19 (l) Two members who are members of a labor organization that
20 represents teachers.

21 (m) Two members representing higher education. One member must
22 represent a large state institution of higher education and one
23 member must represent a small state institution of higher
24 education. As used in this subdivision:

25 (i) "Large state institution of higher education" means a state
26 institution of higher education that has more than 15,000 enrolled
27 students.

28 (ii) "Small state institution of higher education" means a
29 state institution of higher education that has less than 5,000

1 enrolled students.

2 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint the
3 members of the advisory board within 1 year after the effective
4 date of the amendatory act that added this section. The
5 superintendent of public instruction shall appoint members of the
6 advisory board to 2-year terms.

7 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the advisory board, the
8 superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an individual to
9 fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

10 (5) The superintendent of public instruction may remove a
11 member of the advisory board for incompetence, dereliction of duty,
12 malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other
13 good cause.

14 (6) The superintendent of public instruction shall call the
15 first meeting of the advisory board. At the first meeting, the
16 advisory board shall elect a member as a chairperson and may elect
17 other officers that it considers necessary or appropriate. The
18 advisory board shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at
19 the call of the chairperson or at the request of half or more
20 members.

21 (7) A member of the advisory board is entitled to a per diem,
22 as determined by the department, for service on the advisory board
23 and the advisory board may reimburse a member for actual and
24 necessary expenses incurred in serving.

25 (8) The advisory board shall do both of the following:

26 (a) By not later than 2 years after all of the members of the
27 advisory board are appointed under subsection (3), provide
28 recommendations to the department about the K to 12 curriculum tool
29 kit and professional development on cultural competency to support

1 teaching history as it relates to Asian Americans, Pacific
2 Islanders, Latin Americans, Hispanic Americans, Caribbean
3 Americans, Indigenous People, Middle Easterners, North Africans,
4 Chaldean Americans, Black Americans, European Americans, and Jewish
5 Americans.

6 (b) Hold public meetings as necessary, to gather input from
7 the public, cultural organizations, universities, experts, and
8 community leaders on the creation of the tool kit described in this
9 subsection.

10 (9) The advisory board shall collaborate with local
11 institutions, community organizations, tribes, cultural historians,
12 scholars, librarians, museums, and universities on the tool kit
13 described in subsection (8) and form subcommittees to guide the
14 development of curriculum for each cultural group described in this
15 section.

16 (10) As used in this section, "advisory board" means the
17 cultural history advisory board created under subsection (1).