



# HOUSE BILL No. 4675

April 28, 1993, Introduced by Reps. Profit, Byrum, Porreca, Gire, Baade, Bullard, Voorhees, DeMars, Yokich, Palamara and Berman and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to create the school security task force within the department of education; to prescribe its powers and duties; and to repeal this act on a specific date.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "school security task force act".

3       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4       (a) "Local unit of government" means a city, village, town-  
5 ship, or county.

6       (b) "School district" means a school district or local act  
7 school district as defined in the school code of 1976, Act  
8 No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 380.1 to  
9 380.1852 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

1 (c) "School property" means real property owned or leased by  
2 a school district or nonpublic school and used for providing  
3 preschool, elementary, or secondary education.

4 (d) "Task force" means the school security task force cre-  
5 ated in section 3.

6 (e) "Weapons in schools" means the illegal or unauthorized  
7 possession or use of weapons on school property or within 1,000  
8 feet of school property or at a school-related activity conducted  
9 off school property.

10 Sec. 3. The school security task force is created in the  
11 department of education to review the extent of the problem of  
12 weapons in schools and other factors that have a negative impact  
13 on school security and recommend appropriate administrative and  
14 legislative responses to reduce the problem in order to provide  
15 students with a safe environment in which to learn and mature.

16 Sec. 4. (1) The school security task force consists of 17  
17 members appointed by the governor, with 1 member chosen by the  
18 governor and the remaining 16 members appointed from among 2 nom-  
19 inees submitted by each of the following:

20 (a) The speaker of the house of representatives.

21 (b) The senate majority leader.

22 (c) Department of state police.

23 (d) Department of education.

24 (e) Michigan education association.

25 (f) Michigan federation of teachers.

26 (g) Michigan association of school boards.

- 1 (h) Michigan association of school administrators.
- 2 (i) Detroit public schools.
- 3 (j) Michigan association of counties.
- 4 (k) Michigan municipal league.
- 5 (l) City of Detroit.
- 6 (m) Wayne county prosecuting attorney.
- 7 (n) Prosecuting attorneys association of Michigan.
- 8 (o) National rifle association.
- 9 (p) A juvenile justice association designated by the depart-  
10 ment of state police.
- 11 (2) A vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same  
12 manner as the original appointment.
- 13 (3) The members first appointed to the task force shall be  
14 appointed within 30 days after the effective date of this act.
- 15 (4) The first meeting of the task force shall be held not  
16 later than 60 days after the effective date of this act. At the  
17 first meeting, the task force shall elect from among its members  
18 a chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary or  
19 appropriate.
- 20 (5) The business that the task force may perform shall be  
21 conducted at a public meeting of the task force held in compli-  
22 ance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts  
23 of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled  
24 Laws.
- 25 (6) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,  
26 or retained by the task force in the performance of an official  
27 function is subject to the freedom of information act, Act

1 No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to  
2 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

3 (7) Members of the task force shall serve without  
4 compensation.

5 Sec. 5. The school security task force shall do all of the  
6 following:

7 (a) Research and evaluate the problem of weapons in schools  
8 and other factors that have a negative impact on school security  
9 in this state, responses to the problem by school districts and  
10 other communities in this state, and responses to the problem in  
11 other states.

12 (b) Award grants to school districts and local units of gov-  
13 ernment for local programs designed to reduce the incidence of  
14 weapons in schools and other factors that have a negative impact  
15 on school security. The grants shall be awarded on a competitive  
16 basis, based on the potential impact the local program would have  
17 for reducing the incidence of weapons in schools and other fac-  
18 tors that have a negative impact on school security, and may be  
19 made for any local program described in this subdivision, includ-  
20 ing, but not limited to, any of the following types of programs:

21 (i) Acquisition of security equipment.

22 (ii) Operation of a local telephone line or other method for  
23 receiving information, which may be anonymous, concerning persons  
24 suspected of having weapons in schools or committing a crime  
25 involving weapons in schools.

26 (iii) Development or implementation of local public  
27 education programs aimed at reducing access to weapons by minors

1 and reducing weapons in schools and other factors that have a  
2 negative impact on school security.

3 (iv) Development of alternative education programs for  
4 pupils who have been found with a weapon in school.

5 (v) Development or implementation of alternative dispute  
6 resolution programs to teach pupils how to resolve conflict in a  
7 nonviolent and nonassaultive manner, such as courses described in  
8 section 1167 of the school code of 1976, Act No. 451 of the  
9 Public Acts of 1976, being section 380.1167 of the Michigan  
10 Compiled Laws.

11 (c) Evaluate and make recommendations on the feasibility of  
12 incorporating each of the following into a weapons-free schools  
13 program in this state:

14 (i) Developing a statewide reporting system requiring full  
15 reporting by schools and school districts of incidents involving  
16 weapons in schools to a centralized data repository maintained by  
17 a state agency.

18 (ii) Providing a basic uniform set of definitions for iden-  
19 tifying and categorizing incidents involving weapons in schools.

20 (iii) Encouraging active review by government and the public  
21 of local school district policies for responding to violence,  
22 crime, and discipline problems.

23 (iv) Expanding the accountability of parents and pupils to  
24 include a more active role and greater responsibility for parents  
25 and pupils in maintaining safety in the schools.

1 (v) Participation by schools and school districts in the  
2 youth crime watch of America program, including promotion of the  
3 program in school orientations and open houses.

4 (vi) Developing and funding academic-based alternative edu-  
5 cation programs at sites separate from regular school buildings  
6 for serious and chronic repeat offenders to free school campuses  
7 of those problem individuals, and imposing community service  
8 requirements for repeat offenders.

9 (vii) Training for public school employees about laws,  
10 rules, and their rights relating to violence, crime, and pupil  
11 behavior problems.

12 (viii) Implementing and enforcing a ban on pupil use and  
13 possession of pagers, cellular telephones, and similar devices at  
14 school and school-related events, except as approved for medical  
15 or other emergencies.

16 (ix) Training teachers and other school personnel in con-  
17 flict resolution to improve and protect the health and welfare of  
18 pupils and school personnel.

19 (x) Funding enhanced safety and security features in new  
20 school building construction and in renovations to existing  
21 school buildings.

22 (d) Not later than 6 months after the first meeting of the  
23 task force, and at least twice annually thereafter, the task  
24 force shall submit a report of its activities, findings, and leg-  
25 islative recommendations to the governor, the standing committees  
26 of the legislature having jurisdiction over education or weapons  
27 legislation, and the state board of education. The report shall

1 contain at least the task force's findings on the extent of the  
2 problem of weapons in schools and other factors that have a nega-  
3 tive impact on school security; a review of local efforts to  
4 combat the incidence of weapons in schools and other factors that  
5 have a negative impact on school security; an evaluation of the  
6 effectiveness of programs funded by grants from the task force;  
7 and any legislative or administrative recommendations. The task  
8 force shall also publish and distribute an annual report to  
9 school districts detailing local programs that have been effec-  
10 tive in reducing the incidence of weapons in schools and other  
11 factors that have a negative impact on school security.

12       Sec. 6. The department of education shall provide technical  
13 assistance to the task force in carrying out its functions and to  
14 school districts in implementing enhanced school security  
15 programs. The department of education also shall gather informa-  
16 tion on the extent of the problem of weapons in schools and other  
17 factors that have a negative impact on school security and pro-  
18 vide the information to the task force. To the extent practica-  
19 ble, the department of education shall gather the information by  
20 surveying school districts concerning these issues as part of the  
21 department's regular process of obtaining pupil membership infor-  
22 mation from school districts.

23       Sec. 7. This act is repealed effective December 31, 1996.