HOUSE BILL No. 5601

February 20, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Anthony, Cherry, Agee, Schroer, Scott, Brewer, Dobronski, Prusi, Tesanovich, DeHart, Stallworth, Emerson, Martinez, LaForge, Baird, Wetters, Pitoniak, Brater, Gire, Baade, Kelly, Parks, Freeman, Hanley and Gubow and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds of this state to finance computer and informational technology and infrastructure improvements at Michigan public schools, public universities and community colleges, and public libraries; to pledge the full faith and credit of this state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds; to pay for issuing the bonds; to provide for other measures relating to the bonds; and to provide for the submission of the question of the issuance of the bonds to the electors of this state.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Michigan computer and informational technology improvement bond authorization act".

Sec. 2. This state shall borrow a sum not to exceed $100,000,000.00 and issue the general obligation bonds of this state, pledging the full faith and credit of this state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, to finance computer and informational technology improvements at Michigan public schools, public universities and community colleges, and public libraries.

Sec. 3. Bonds shall be issued pursuant to conditions, methods, and procedures to be established by law.

Sec. 4. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds or any series of the bonds, any premium and accrued interest received on the delivery of the bonds, and any interest earned on the proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Michigan computer and informational technology improvement bond fund created in the Michigan computer and informational technology improvement bond implementation act and shall be disbursed from that fund only for the purposes for which the bonds have been authorized, including the expense of issuing the bonds. The proceeds of sale of the bonds or any series of the bonds, any premium and accrued interest received on the delivery of the bonds, and any interest earned on the proceeds of the bonds shall be expended for the purposes set forth in this act in a manner as provided by law.

Sec. 5. The question of borrowing a sum not to exceed $100,000,000.00 and the issuance of the general obligation bonds of this state for the purposes set forth in this act shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of this state qualified to vote on the question pursuant to section 15 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, at the next general election. The question submitted to the electors shall be substantially as follows:

"Shall the state of Michigan borrow a sum not to exceed $100,000,000.00 and issue general obligation bonds of this state, pledging the full faith and credit of this state for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds to finance computer and informational technology improvements at Michigan public schools, public universities and community colleges, and public libraries, with the method of repayment of the bonds to be from the general fund of this state?

Yes........

No......... ."

Sec. 6. The secretary of state shall perform all acts necessary to properly submit the question prescribed by section 5 to the electors of this state qualified to vote on the question at the next general November election.

Sec. 7. (1) After the issuance of the bonds authorized by this act, there shall be appropriated from the general fund of this state each fiscal year a sufficient amount to pay promptly, when due, the principal of and interest on all outstanding bonds authorized by this act and the costs incidental to the payment of the bonds.

(2) The governor shall include the appropriation provided in subsection (1) in the governor's annual executive budget recommendations to the legislature.

Sec. 8. Bonds shall not be issued under this act unless the question set forth in section 5 is approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting on the question.