SENATE BILL No. 528

September 29, 2015, Introduced by Senator BOOHER and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled

"The revised school code,"

by amending section 703 (MCL 380.703), as amended by 2003 PA 299.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 703. (1) An intermediate school district comprised of
 less than 5 constituent districts and having no bonded indebtedness
 may be disorganized and its constituent districts attached to 1 OR
 MORE contiguous intermediate school districts AS PROVIDED under
 this section.

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6 (2) The board of each constituent district may request the
7 intermediate school board to prescribe a plan for disorganization
8 of the intermediate school district. Each request shall designate
9 another intermediate school district to which the constituent

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district desires to be attached. The INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 1 2 BOARD RECEIVES REQUESTS FROM AT LEAST 50% OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS AND THOSE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS CONSIST OF AT LEAST 50% 3 4 OF THE COMBINED TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF ALL THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS IN THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE intermediate school board 5 shall prescribe, by resolution, a plan under which each of the ITS 6 constituent districts will be attached in whole to contiguous 7 intermediate school districts. IF A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT HAS 8 SUBMITTED A REQUEST DESIGNATING A CONTIGUOUS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 9 DISTRICT FOR THE ATTACHMENT, THE PLAN SHALL PROVIDE FOR ATTACHMENT 10 11 TO THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT designated in the requests. 12 **REQUEST.** If the designated intermediate school district is not 13 contiguous, the intermediate school board's plan may prescribe 14 attachment to a contiguous intermediate school district.

(3) The intermediate superintendent of the intermediate school 15 16 district that is to be disorganized shall give 30 days' notice of 17 the time and place of the meeting of the intermediate school board 18 and of the proposed plan for disorganization by publication of the 19 notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the intermediate 20 school district. The intermediate school board shall present the 21 adopted plan for dissolution DISORGANIZATION to the board of each of its constituent districts and to the intermediate school board 22 23 of each intermediate school district whose boundaries would be 24 enlarged by the proposal.

25 (4) The intermediate superintendent of each intermediate
26 school district whose boundaries would be enlarged by the
27 dissolution DISORGANIZATION shall give 30 days' notice of the time

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and place of the meeting of the intermediate school board and of
 the recommended plan for enlargement of the intermediate school
 district by publication of the notice in a newspaper of general
 circulation in the intermediate school district.

(5) If the intermediate school board of each affected 5 intermediate school district approves the plan for disorganization, 6 the intermediate school board of the intermediate school district 7 to be dissolved DISORGANIZED shall refer the matter to the 8 9 superintendent of public instruction for approval. The action of 10 the superintendent of public instruction declaring the intermediate school district dissolved DISORGANIZED is final. Disorganization of 11 12 the intermediate school district and attachment of its constituent districts to contiguous intermediate school districts takes effect 13 14 on July 1 after the date of the approval of the superintendent of public instruction. 15

(6) The intermediate school boards of the intermediate school 16 17 districts to which territory is attached by dissolution **DISORGANIZATION** shall meet jointly, sitting as a single board, and 18 19 make an equitable distribution of the money, property, and other 20 assets belonging to the disorganized intermediate school district 21 among the intermediate school districts affected. The territory of constituent districts transferred to other intermediate school 22 23 districts by dissolution DISORGANIZATION shall be subject to all 24 taxes levied for purposes of the intermediate school district to 25 which transferred, including taxes for the retirement of bonded 26 indebtedness, special education programs, and area vocational-27 technical education programs.

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1 (7) Within 30 days after a district attaches to a contiguous 2 intermediate school district under this section, the board of the intermediate school district whose boundaries have been enlarged by 3 4 the dissolution DISORGANIZATION may appoint 2 school electors of 5 constituent districts, 1 of whom shall be an elector of the 6 attached district, to membership on the intermediate school board. Intermediate school board members appointed under this subsection 7 serve until January 1 or, if the intermediate school district's 8 9 regular school election is held in May, until July 1 after the next intermediate school district election. The intermediate school 10 11 board may determine 1 initial term of less than 6 years for 1 of 12 the additional members to be elected at the intermediate school 13 district election. Notification of an appointment shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction. 14

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days16 after the date it is enacted into law.

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