

# HOUSE BILL No. 4443

March 5, 1997, Introduced by Reps. Brewer, Brown, Rison, Griffin, LaForge, Bogardus, Martinez, Varga, Quarles, Gire, Schermesser, Hale, Scott, Curtis and Willard and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1306.

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

1        SEC. 1306. (1) IF THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT OPER-  
2        ATES AN AT-RISK SCHOOL, OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC  
3        SCHOOL ACADEMY THAT OPERATES OR IS AN AT-RISK SCHOOL, WANTS THE  
4        AT-RISK SCHOOL TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE PROGRAM  
5        GRANTS UNDER THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL  
6        388.1601 TO 388.1772, THE AT-RISK SCHOOL SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE  
7        THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2).  
8        (2) THE THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE PROGRAM SHALL OFFER SUPPORT TO  
9        AT-RISK SCHOOLS TO ENABLE AN AT-RISK SCHOOL TO PROVIDE, IN  
10       ADDITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REQUIRED BY LAW, 1 OR  
11       MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN EACH SCHOOL DAY, CONSISTING OF AT  
2 LEAST AS MANY HOURS OF PUPIL INSTRUCTION AS PROVIDED BY THE  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY FOR GRADES 1 TO 5.

4 (B) AN AFTER SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING READING  
5 SKILLS.

6 (C) A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF QUALIFIED CLASSROOM TEACHERS IN  
7 GRADES K TO 3 TO MAINTAIN A PUPIL TO TEACHER RATIO OF NOT MORE  
8 THAN 17 TO 1 IN EACH CLASSROOM IN THOSE GRADES.

9 (D) A TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENABLE CLASSROOM  
10 TEACHERS TEACHING IN GRADES K TO 3 TO MAXIMIZE THE EDUCATIONAL  
11 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO PUPILS IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING IN  
12 WHICH THE RATIO OF PUPILS TO TEACHERS IS NOT MORE THAN 17 TO 1.

13 (E) A PARENT TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENHANCE HOME  
14 ENRICHMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

15 (F) A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO  
16 THE AT-RISK SCHOOL IN WHICH THE THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE PROGRAM IS  
17 IMPLEMENTED. A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER SHALL SERVE NOT MORE THAN  
18 500 PUPILS AND SHALL PROVIDE FAMILY SERVICES INCLUDING AT LEAST  
19 THE SERVICES OF A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WHO HAS VALID SCHOOL  
20 SOCIAL WORK APPROVAL ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD AND A SCHOOL NURSE  
21 WHO HAS A VALID SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE STATE  
22 BOARD. A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER MAY SERVE MORE THAN 1 SCHOOL.

23 (3) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL  
24 FUNDS TO MAKE THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE PROGRAM GRANTS TO AT-RISK  
25 SCHOOLS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE  
26 PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO, AND SHALL NOT

1 SUPPLANT, OTHER APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR PUBLIC  
2 SCHOOL ACADEMIES OPERATING THE AT-RISK SCHOOLS.

3       (4) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A THIRD GRADE GUARANTEE PROGRAM GRANT  
4 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
5 ACADEMY OPERATING AN AT-RISK SCHOOL SHALL AGREE TO PROVIDE 1 OR  
6 MORE OF THE SERVICES OR PROGRAMS UNDER SUBSECTION (2) AND SHALL  
7 APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT AS PRESCRIBED IN THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT  
8 OF 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 TO 388.1772. THE DEPARTMENT  
9 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE GRANT PROCESS REQUIRES THE GRANT RECIPIENT  
10 TO JUSTIFY THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE SERVICES OR PROGRAMS TO BE  
11 PROVIDED AT THE AT-RISK SCHOOL PURSUANT TO THE THIRD GRADE GUAR-  
12 ANTEE PROGRAM AND REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN ITS DECI-  
13 SIONS ON AWARDING OR DENYING EACH GRANT APPLICATION.

14       (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "AT-RISK SCHOOL" MEANS AN ELE-  
15 MENTARY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THAT IS DETERMINED  
16 BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE UNACCREDITED UNDER SECTION 1280 AND THAT  
17 IS NOT OPERATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 31A(9)  
18 OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631A.