

# HOUSE BILL No. 5342

October 20, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Pavlov, Acciavatti, Green, Palmer, Hildenbrand, Taub, Robertson and Moolenaar 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 1281a.

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

1           SEC. 1281A. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE REASONABLE STEPS, AS  
2 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS,  
3 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES TO  
4 OPERATE IN A MORE EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER. THESE STEPS  
5 SHALL INCLUDE ASSISTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
6 DISTRICTS, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF  
7 SERVICES AND FACILITATING OTHER ARRANGEMENTS AMONG THEM THAT REDUCE  
8 INSTRUCTIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

1           (2) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT ANY STATE OR FEDERAL  
2 STATUTE, RULE, OR REGULATION PREVENTS THE DEPARTMENT FROM ASSISTING  
3 A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
4 ACADEMY TO OPERATE IN A MORE EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER,  
5 THEN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATURE  
6 ABOUT THE SITUATION AND THE STATUTE, RULE, OR REGULATION THAT IS  
7 PREVENTING THE DISTRICT FROM ACHIEVING THE PROPOSED EFFICIENCY OR  
8 COST SAVINGS. IF THE RULE IS A RULE THAT MAY BE WAIVED UNDER  
9 SECTION 1281, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INFORM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
10 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY OF THE  
11 AVAILABILITY OF A WAIVER UNDER THAT SECTION.