

Senators Cherry, Garcia, Hammerstrom, Kuipers, Goschka, Barcia, Basham, Clark-Coleman, Whitmer, Prusi and Olshove offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 55.

A concurrent resolution to urge Michigan's public colleges and universities to make available to each Michigan high school information on the number of students who graduated from that high school who are taking remedial mathematics or English courses.

Whereas, The Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, known as the Cherry Commission, had as its goal the formulation of a plan to double the number of Michigan residents who obtain college degrees or other valuable credentials. One disturbing fact uncovered by the commission is that 42 percent of students entering Michigan colleges and universities must enroll in non-credit remedial mathematics or English courses; and

Whereas, In addition to the monetary costs involved in correcting this educational deficiency, the need to take pre-college courses once in college can only be an obstacle to completing a college degree. College is a challenging experience for those who are ready for college, and the shock of finding that their high school degree has not prepared them for college work may discourage some students from completing their degrees; and

Whereas, If our state is to reach the goals of the Cherry Commission in regard to increasing the number of our residents who obtain college degrees, we must help our high schools refine their curricula so that their students are ready to do college-level work on their first day in college. If our public colleges and universities would provide data to each Michigan high school about the number of students from that high school who are enrolled in remedial mathematics or English courses, our high schools could take a giant step toward making the goals of the Cherry Commission a reality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urge Michigan's public colleges and universities to make available to each Michigan high school information on the number of students who graduated from that high school who are taking remedial mathematics or English courses; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presidents and boards of control of Michigan's public colleges and universities.