

# Legislative Analysis

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## COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THROUGH 17

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### House Bill 4042

**Sponsor: Rep. LaMar Lemmons, Jr.**

**Committee: Education**

**Complete to 4-10-07**

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4042 AS INTRODUCED 1-22-07

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require, generally speaking, that students attend public school until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Currently, the school-leaving age is 16.

(Current exceptions would be retained; for example, for students who have already graduated from high school and students educated privately or at home.)

MCL 380.1561 and 1596

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Raising the compulsory school attendance age from 16 to 18 would create additional costs for the State and school districts. If all students actually remain in school until age 18, it would raise pupil memberships by 25,000 to 35,000 statewide. At the current per pupil weighted average foundation allowance of \$7,625, the bill could cost between \$190.6 million and \$266.9 million annually.

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