

SENATE BILL No. 1039

January 22, 2008, Introduced by Senators CASSIS, PAPPAGEORGE and JANSEN 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 641.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 641. (1) AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY DEVELOP AND
2 MAKE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES AN
3 EARLY INTERVENING MODEL PROGRAM FOR GRADES K TO 3. THE EARLY
4 INTERVENING MODEL PROGRAM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO INSTRUCT CLASSROOM
5 TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF ON HOW TO MONITOR INDIVIDUAL PUPIL
6 LEARNING AND HOW TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC SUPPORT OR LEARNING STRATEGIES
7 TO PUPILS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR
8 SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT. THE MODEL PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF
9 THE FOLLOWING:

10 (A) LITERACY AND NUMERACY SUPPORTS, SENSORY MOTOR SKILL

1 DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS, INSTRUCTIONAL CONSULTATION FOR
2 TEACHERS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARENT/SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN.
3 SPECIFIC SUPPORT OR LEARNING STRATEGIES MAY INCLUDE SUPPORT IN OR
4 OUT OF THE GENERAL CLASSROOM IN AREAS INCLUDING READING, WRITING,
5 MATH, VISUAL MEMORY, MOTOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOR, OR LANGUAGE
6 DEVELOPMENT. THESE WOULD BE PROVIDED BASED ON AN UNDERSTANDING OF
7 THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD'S LEARNING NEEDS.

8 (B) A SCHOOLWIDE SYSTEM OF ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT
9 BASED ON A SUPPORT TEAM AVAILABLE TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHERS. THE
10 MEMBERS OF THIS TEAM COULD INCLUDE THE PRINCIPAL, SPECIAL EDUCATION
11 STAFF, READING TEACHERS, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, AND OTHER
12 APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SYSTEMICALLY STUDY
13 THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD AND WORK WITH THE CLASSROOM
14 TEACHER TO MATCH INSTRUCTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD.

15 (2) AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY USE FUNDS RECEIVED
16 UNDER SECTION 81 OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, MCL 388.1681,
17 FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (1).