

# HOUSE BILL No. 4179

February 1, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Nathan and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
by amending section 1278 (MCL 380.1278), as amended by 2004 PA 596,  
and by adding section 1164.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 1164. BEGINNING IN THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR, THE BOARD  
2        OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL  
3        ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL PUPILS IN GRADES K TO 12 ARE PROVIDED  
4        WITH INSTRUCTION IN AT LEAST 1 FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

5        Sec. 1278. (1) In addition to the requirements for  
6        accreditation under section 1280 specified in that section, if the  
7        board of a school district wants all of the schools of the school  
8        district to be accredited under section 1280, the board shall  
9        provide to all pupils attending public school in the district a

1 core academic curriculum in compliance with subsection (3) in each  
2 of the curricular areas specified in the state board recommended  
3 model core academic curriculum content standards developed under  
4 subsection (2). The state board model core academic curriculum  
5 content standards shall encompass academic and cognitive  
6 instruction only. For purposes of this section, the state board  
7 model core academic curriculum content standards shall not include  
8 attitudes, beliefs, or value systems that are not essential in the  
9 legal, economic, and social structure of our society and to the  
10 personal and social responsibility of citizens of our society.

11 (2) Recommended model core academic curriculum content  
12 standards shall be developed and periodically updated by the state  
13 board, shall be in the form of knowledge and skill content  
14 standards that are recommended as state standards for adoption by  
15 public schools in local curriculum formulation and adoption, and  
16 shall be distributed to each school district in the state. The  
17 recommended model core academic curriculum content standards shall  
18 set forth desired learning objectives in math, science, reading,  
19 history, geography, economics, American government, ~~and~~ writing,  
20 **AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE** for all children at each stage of schooling  
21 and be based upon the "Michigan K-12 program standards of quality"  
22 to ensure that high academic standards, academic skills, and  
23 academic subject matters are built into the instructional goals of  
24 all school districts for all children. The state board also shall  
25 ensure that the Michigan educational assessment program and the  
26 Michigan merit examination are based on the state recommended model  
27 core curriculum content standards, are testing only for proficiency

1 in basic and advanced academic skills and academic subject matter,  
2 and are not used to measure pupils' values or attitudes.

3 (3) The board of each school district, considering academic  
4 curricular objectives defined and recommended pursuant to  
5 subsection (2), shall do both of the following:

6 (a) Establish a core academic curriculum for its pupils at the  
7 elementary, middle, and secondary school levels. The core academic  
8 curriculum shall define academic objectives to be achieved by all  
9 pupils and shall be based upon the school district's educational  
10 mission, long-range pupil goals, and pupil performance objectives.  
11 The core academic curriculum may vary from the model core academic  
12 curriculum content standards recommended by the state board  
13 pursuant to subsection (2).

14 (b) After consulting with teachers and school building  
15 administrators, determine the aligned instructional program for  
16 delivering the core academic curriculum and identify the courses  
17 and programs in which the core academic curriculum will be taught.

18 (4) The board may supplement the core academic curriculum by  
19 providing instruction through additional classes and programs.

20 (5) For all pupils, the subjects or courses, and the delivery  
21 of those including special assistance, that constitute the  
22 curriculum the pupils engage in shall assure the pupils have a  
23 realistic opportunity to learn all subjects and courses required by  
24 the district's core academic curriculum. A subject or course  
25 required by the core academic curriculum pursuant to subsection (3)  
26 shall be provided to all pupils in the school district by a school  
27 district, a consortium of school districts, or a consortium of 1 or

1 more school districts and 1 or more intermediate school districts.

2 (6) To the extent practicable, the state board may adopt or  
3 develop academic objective-oriented high standards for knowledge  
4 and life skills, and a recommended core academic curriculum, for  
5 special education pupils for whom it may not be realistic or  
6 desirable to expect achievement of initial mastery of the state  
7 board recommended model core academic content standards objectives  
8 or of a high school diploma.

9 (7) The state board shall make available to all nonpublic  
10 schools in this state, as a resource for their consideration, the  
11 model core academic curriculum content standards developed for  
12 public schools pursuant to subsection (2) for the purpose of  
13 assisting the governing body of a nonpublic school in developing  
14 its core academic curriculum.

15 (8) Excluding special education pupils, pupils having a  
16 learning disability, and pupils with extenuating circumstances as  
17 determined by school officials, a pupil who does not score  
18 satisfactorily on the 4th or 7th grade Michigan educational  
19 assessment program reading test shall be provided special  
20 assistance reasonably expected to enable the pupil to bring his or  
21 her reading skills to grade level within 12 months.

22 (9) Any course that would have been considered a nonessential  
23 elective course under Snyder v Charlotte School Dist, 421 Mich 517  
24 (1984), on April 13, 1990 shall continue to be offered to resident  
25 pupils of nonpublic schools on a shared time basis.