

HOUSE BILL No. 5544

May 6, 2014, Introduced by Reps. Lipton and Callton 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 1168.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 1168. THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF**
2 **DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL**
3 **DISTRICT'S OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY'S SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM**
4 **INCLUDES AGE- AND GRADE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION ABOUT THE**
5 **HOLOCAUST.**

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

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

12 (2) Recommended model core academic curriculum content
13 standards shall be developed and periodically updated by the state
14 board, shall be in the form of knowledge and skill content
15 standards that are recommended as state standards for adoption by
16 public schools in local curriculum formulation and adoption, and
17 shall be distributed to each school district in the state. The
18 recommended model core academic curriculum content standards shall
19 set forth desired learning objectives in math, science, reading,
20 history, geography, economics, American government, and writing for
21 all children at each stage of schooling and be based upon the
22 "Michigan K-12 program standards of quality" to ensure that high
23 academic standards, academic skills, and academic subject matters
24 are built into the instructional goals of all school districts for
25 all children. **THE STATE BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT THE RECOMMENDED**
26 **MODEL CORE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS FOR HISTORY**
27 **INCLUDE LEARNING OBJECTIVES CONCERNING THE HOLOCAUST THAT PROMOTE**

1 **HOLOCAUST AWARENESS.** The state board also shall ensure that the
2 Michigan educational assessment program and the Michigan merit
3 examination are based on the state recommended model core
4 curriculum content standards, are testing only for proficiency in
5 basic and advanced academic skills and academic subject matter, and
6 are not used to measure pupils' values or attitudes.

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

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

18 (b) After consulting with teachers and school building
19 administrators, determine the aligned instructional program for
20 delivering the core academic curriculum and identify the courses
21 and programs in which the core academic curriculum will be taught.

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

24 (5) For all pupils, the subjects or courses, and the delivery
25 of those including special assistance, that constitute the
26 curriculum the pupils engage in shall assure the pupils have a
27 realistic opportunity to learn all subjects and courses required by

1 the district's core academic curriculum. A subject or course
2 required by the core academic curriculum pursuant to subsection (3)
3 shall be provided to all pupils in the school district by a school
4 district, a consortium of school districts, or a consortium of 1 or
5 more school districts and 1 or more intermediate school districts.

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

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

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

26 (9) Any course that would have been considered a nonessential
27 elective course under Snyder v Charlotte School Dist, 421 Mich 517

1 (1984), on April 13, 1990 shall continue to be offered to resident
2 pupils of nonpublic schools on a shared time basis.