

# HOUSE BILL No. 5550

May 7, 2014, Introduced by Reps. Townsend, Lipton, Abed and Hooker 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 1147a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 1147A. (1) IF THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF 2 OR MORE  
2 CHILDREN WHO ARE MULTIPLE BIRTH SIBLINGS AND WHO WILL BE ENROLLED  
3 IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE SAME GRADE SUBMITS A WRITTEN REQUEST TO  
4 SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO PLACE THE CHILDREN IN THE SAME CLASSROOM OR IN  
5 SEPARATE CLASSROOMS, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL COMPLY WITH THAT  
6 REQUEST TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS A  
7 DOCUMENTED BEHAVIORAL ISSUE INVOLVING THE SIBLINGS THAT INDICATES  
8 THAT THE REQUESTED PLACEMENT MAY BE DISRUPTIVE TO THE EDUCATIONAL  
9 PROCESS, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE  
10 REQUEST. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT ONLY

1 HAS 1 CLASSROOM FOR THE AFFECTED GRADE AND DOES NOT REQUIRE A  
2 PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ALTER THE NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS FOR THE AFFECTED  
3 GRADE.

4 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "MULTIPLE BIRTH SIBLINGS" MEANS  
5 TWINS, TRIPLETS, OR HIGHER MULTIPLES.