

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4343

February 24, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Coleman, Stone, Ellison, Rogers, Brixie, Neeley, Scott, Morse, Koleszar, Tate, Steenland, Liberati, LaFave, Paquette, Sabo, Allor, Beeler, Roth, Borton, Markkanen, Eisen, Shannon, Kuppa, Sowerby, Cambensy, Clemente, Peterson, Lasinski, Tyrone Carter, Cavanagh, Brenda Carter, Bolden, Manoogian, Rabhi, Garza, Hoitenga, Jones, Young, Hammoud, Aiyash, Griffin, Damoose, Bezotte, Yaroach, Cherry, Camilleri, Puri and Pohutsky 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 1138a.

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

1        **Sec. 1138a. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to**  
2        **the contrary, if a public school pupil enrolled in grades 6 to 12**  
3        **is absent from school for up to 1 full school day because the pupil**  
4        **is sounding "Taps" at a military honors funeral held in this state**  
5        **for a deceased veteran, the school officials of the public school**

1 shall consider that absence to be an excused absence.  
2 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the  
3 board of a school district or intermediate school district or board  
4 of directors of a public school academy shall ensure that its  
5 attendance policy is consistent with this section.

6 (2) As used in this section, "veteran" means that term as  
7 defined in section 1 of 1965 PA 190, MCL 35.61.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
9 after the date it is enacted into law.