

SENATE BILL NO. 69

February 02, 2021, Introduced by Senators MCCANN, IRWIN, SANTANA, BRINKS, WOJNO, BULLOCK, CHANG, BAYER and HOLLIER and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1578a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1578a. (1) The governor shall appoint 11 members to an
2 advisory committee within the department that shall aid in
3 determining certain criteria, as described in section 1561, related
4 to excused absences. The advisory committee must consist of the
5 following 11 members:

1 (a) The superintendent of public instruction.

2 (b) One member of a law enforcement agency or the designee of
3 an individual serving in a law enforcement agency.

4 (c) One member from a list of 3 individuals submitted by the
5 senate majority leader. The member selected under this subdivision
6 must be licensed or authorized to practice law in this state and
7 must have background experience in the field of education.

8 (d) One member from a list of 3 individuals submitted by the
9 speaker of the house of representatives. The member selected under
10 this subdivision must be a certificated teacher or otherwise
11 authorized to teach under this act and must have experience working
12 with pupils from diverse backgrounds, including, but not limited
13 to, pupils from trauma-impacted communities, pupils of various
14 social-economic backgrounds, and pupils of different racial and
15 ethnic identities.

16 (e) One member who has experience and expertise in the field
17 of education and education policy, including, but not limited to,
18 experience in education policy research and analysis, teaching, and
19 advocacy work surrounding the education system.

20 (f) Two members who represent organizations that specialize in
21 racial equity and advocacy work, including, but not limited to, an
22 organization that provides community education regarding racial
23 equity, implicit bias, and cultural competency.

24 (g) Three members who are community members that represent
25 pupils within the public school system, including, but not limited
26 to, the parents or legal guardians of pupils and attorneys who
27 represent the interests of pupils within the public school system.

28 (h) One member who is certificated, endorsed, licensed, or
29 otherwise authorized under law to serve as a school counselor or

1 social worker and who has experience working with pupils from
2 diverse backgrounds, including, but not limited to, pupils from
3 trauma-impacted communities, pupils of various social-economic
4 backgrounds, and pupils of different racial and ethnic identities.

5 (2) The governor shall initially appoint the members of the
6 advisory committee under subsection (1) within 90 days after the
7 effective date of the amendatory act that added this section.

8 (3) Each member appointed to the advisory committee described
9 in subsection (1) serves for a term of 3 years.

10 (4) A member of the advisory committee described in subsection
11 (1) who attends less than 50% of the scheduled meetings of the
12 advisory committee in a calendar year is considered to have vacated
13 his or her position. The governor may remove a member of the
14 advisory committee for incompetence, dereliction of duty,
15 malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance in office, or any other good
16 cause, as determined by the governor. Upon notification of any
17 vacancy of a position of a member of the advisory committee
18 described in subsection (1) or upon removal under this subsection,
19 the governor shall fill the vacancy within 90 days of the vacancy
20 or removal in the same manner as the original appointment.

21 (5) The first meeting of the advisory committee described in
22 subsection (1) must be called not later than 180 days after the
23 effective date of the amendatory act that added this section.
24 Before the first meeting of the advisory committee, the governor
25 shall appoint the chairperson of the advisory committee from among
26 the members of the advisory committee. The chairperson may not be a
27 member who is the head of any state department. At the first
28 meeting of the advisory committee, the committee shall elect from
29 among its members a vice-chairperson and other officers as it

1 considers necessary or appropriate. Following the first meeting of
2 the advisory committee, the committee shall meet at least quarterly
3 at the call of the chairperson or, if requested, by a majority of
4 the members serving.

5 (6) A majority of the members of the advisory committee
6 described in subsection (1) constitute a quorum for the transaction
7 of business at a meeting of the committee. A majority of the
8 members present and serving are required for the official action of
9 the committee.

10 (7) The business that the advisory committee described in
11 subsection (1) may perform must be conducted at a public meeting of
12 the committee held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976
13 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

14 (8) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
15 retained by the advisory committee described in subsection (1) in
16 the performance of an official function of the advisory committee
17 is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL
18 15.231 to 15.246.

19 (9) Members of the advisory committee described in subsection
20 (1) serve without compensation. However, members of the committee
21 may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred
22 in the performance of their official duties as members of the
23 committee.

24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
25 unless Senate Bill No. 68 of the 101st Legislature is enacted into
26 law.