

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40**

1 A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Health and
2 Human Services to allow school districts the flexibility to exclude
3 immediate family members of participants in school athletic events
4 from venue capacity limits.

5 Whereas, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
6 (MDHHS) has limited the number of spectators that may attend school
7 athletic events to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The limits
8 depend on the size of the venue and the type of seating available,
9 with density limits and hard caps on the number of spectators; and

10 Whereas, The strict capacity restrictions have created
11 situations where there are limits on how many family members of an
12 athlete can attend an event. In families with younger siblings
13 needing supervision, if the entire family is not allowed to attend,
14 only one parent may be able to attend sporting events if child care

1 arrangements cannot be made or are not financially feasible. In
2 families with only one parent, an athlete may have no family
3 members to support them; and

4 Whereas, The capacity limits do not allow many districts to
5 accommodate every family's situation and ensure that every athlete
6 can have a family member in attendance to support them; and

7 Whereas, The support of family members at athletic events and
8 the ability of parents to attend their children's athletic events
9 are important. While well-intended, the MDHHS's current order does
10 not account for every family situation and does not provide an
11 opportunity for school districts to fully meet the needs of
12 athletes and their families. The safety of spectators and athletes
13 should still be achievable while allowing for a more flexible
14 policy; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
16 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to allow school
17 districts the flexibility to exclude immediate family members of
18 participants in school athletic events from venue capacity limits
19 if appropriate social distancing measures can be implemented; and
20 be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
22 Governor of Michigan and the Director of the Michigan Department of
23 Health and Human Services.