



HOUSE BILL No. 4042

February 2, 1993, Introduced by Rep. Joe Young, Jr. and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend sections 1284 and 1561 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, entitled as amended "The school code of 1976," section 1284 as amended by Act No. 143 of the Public Acts of 1992, being sections 380.1284 and 380.1561 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add sections 1284a, 1284b, and 1284c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 1284 and 1561 of Act No. 451 of the
2 Public Acts of 1976, section 1284 as amended by Act No. 143 of
3 the Public Acts of 1992, being sections 380.1284 and 380.1561 of
4 the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended and sections 1284a,
5 1284b, and 1284c are added to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1284. (1) The board of a school district shall
7 determine the length of the school term. The minimum number of
8 days of student instruction ~~shall be~~ IS 180. Except as

1 provided in section 101 of the state school aid act of 1979,
2 being section 388.1701 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, a SCHOOL
3 district failing to hold 180 days of student instruction ~~shall~~
4 ~~forfeit~~ FORFEITS 1/180 of its total state school aid for each
5 day of failure. Not later than August 1, the board of each
6 SCHOOL district shall certify to the state board the number of
7 days of student instruction in the previous school year. If the
8 SCHOOL district did not hold at least 180 days of student
9 instruction, the deduction of state school aid shall be made in
10 the following fiscal year from the first payment of state school
11 aid. Days lost because of strikes or teachers' conferences
12 ~~shall~~ ARE not ~~be counted as~~ days of student instruction.

13 (2) The state board shall promulgate rules for the implemen-
14 tation of this section.

15 (3) THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 1284A.

16 SEC. 1284A. (1) BEGINNING IN THE 1995-1996 SCHOOL YEAR, A
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL MAINTAIN THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL CALENDAR:

18 (A) FOR PUPILS IN GRADES K-3, AT LEAST 240 DAYS OF STUDENT
19 INSTRUCTION EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

20 (B) FOR PUPILS IN GRADES 4-10, AT LEAST 180 DAYS OF STUDENT
21 INSTRUCTION EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

22 (C) FOR PUPILS IN GRADES 11 AND 12, AT LEAST 180 DAYS OF
23 STUDENT INSTRUCTION EACH SCHOOL YEAR, WITH A SCHOOL DAY CONSIST-
24 ING OF INSTRUCTION FROM 8 A.M. TO 12 NOON AND A LIFE EXPERIENCE
25 APPROVED UNDER SECTION 1284B FROM 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M., OR A SUBSTAN-
26 Tially SIMILAR SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, A PUPIL MAY ENGAGE IN A

1 SCHOOL-SPONSORED OR SCHOOL-APPROVED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY FOR
2 NOT MORE THAN 1-1/2 HOURS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

3 (2) BEGINNING IN THE 1995-1996 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DIS-
4 TRICT SHALL MAINTAIN FOR AT LEAST 240 DAYS OF STUDENT INSTRUCTION
5 EACH SCHOOL YEAR A PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL CHILDREN
6 RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT WHO ARE AGE 4 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF
7 THE SCHOOL YEAR.

8 (3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, DAYS LOST BECAUSE OF A
9 STRIKE OR TEACHERS' CONFERENCES ARE NOT DAYS OF STUDENT
10 INSTRUCTION.

11 (4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES FOR THE IMPLEMEN-
12 TATION OF THIS SECTION.

13 SEC. 1284B. (1) A PUPIL MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS
14 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1284A(1)(C) FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE BY ENGAGING
15 IN 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE
16 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DISTRICTWIDE LIFE EXPERIENCE APPROVAL
17 COMMITTEE:

18 (A) EMPLOYMENT FOR PAY WITH A PRIVATE SECTOR OR PUBLIC
19 SECTOR EMPLOYER.

20 (B) AN INTERNSHIP WITH A PRIVATE SECTOR OR PUBLIC SECTOR
21 EMPLOYER.

22 (C) WORK-STUDY ARRANGED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

23 (D) VOLUNTARY WORK WITH A PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCY THAT IS
24 EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE
25 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND THAT PROVIDES SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE
26 COMMUNITY OR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

1 (E) ENROLLMENT AT A STATE BOARD-APPROVED INSTITUTION OF
2 HIGHER EDUCATION IN A COURSE OR COURSES THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT
3 THE PUPIL'S HIGH SCHOOL.

4 (2) BEGINNING IN THE 1994-1995 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DIS-
5 TRICT SHALL APPOINT AND MAINTAIN FOR EACH PUPIL IN GRADES 8-12 A
6 LIFE EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THE PUPIL, THE
7 PUPIL'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE PRINCIPAL OF THE PUPIL'S
8 HIGH SCHOOL OR THE PRINCIPAL'S DESIGNEE, AND A TEACHER EMPLOYED
9 BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. A LIFE EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10 SHALL CONSIDER THE OPTIONS FOR LIFE EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE TO THE
11 PUPIL UNDER SUBSECTION (1) AND FORMULATE A PLAN FOR THE LIFE
12 EXPERIENCE COMPONENT OF THE PUPIL'S HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. AS
13 THE PUPIL PROGRESSES THROUGH GRADES 11 AND 12, THE COMMITTEE
14 SHALL CONSIDER CHANGES IN THE PUPIL'S LIFE EXPERIENCE AND REVISE
15 THE PLAN AS NECESSARY. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN AND
16 ANY REVISIONS TO THE DISTRICTWIDE LIFE EXPERIENCE APPROVAL COM-
17 MITTEE FOR ITS APPROVAL.

18 (3) BEGINNING IN THE 1994-1995 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DIS-
19 TRICT SHALL APPOINT AND MAINTAIN A DISTRICTWIDE LIFE EXPERIENCE
20 APPROVAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND APPROVE OR DENY PROPOSED PLANS
21 AND REVISIONS SUBMITTED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL PUPIL'S LIFE
22 EXPERIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE DISTRICTWIDE LIFE EXPERIENCE
23 APPROVAL COMMITTEE SHALL BASE ITS DECISIONS ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF
24 THE PROPOSED PLAN OR REVISION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUPIL'S OVER-
25 ALL ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER FACTORS IT DETER-
26 MINES TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUPIL.

1 (4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS
2 SECTION.

3 SEC. 1284C. THE STATE BOARD SHALL ARRANGE FOR 1 OR MORE
4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT SECTIONS 1284A AND 1284B ON A PILOT
5 BASIS FOR THE 1993-1994 SCHOOL YEAR.

6 Sec. 1561. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and
7 (3), every parent, guardian, or other person in this state having
8 control and charge of a child from the age of 6 to the child's
9 sixteenth birthday ~~—~~ shall send that child to the public
10 schools during the entire school year. BEGINNING JULY 1, 1995,
11 THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A CHILD FROM THE AGE OF 4 TO THE
12 CHILD'S SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY. The child's attendance shall be con-
13 tinuous and consecutive for the school year fixed by the school
14 district in which the child is enrolled. In a school district
15 ~~which~~ THAT maintains school during the entire calendar year and
16 in which the school year is divided into quarters, a child shall
17 not be compelled to attend the public school more than 3 quarters
18 in 1 calendar year, but a child shall not be absent for 2 consec-
19 utive quarters.

20 (2) A child becoming 6 years of age before December 1 shall
21 be enrolled IN SCHOOL on the first school day of the school year
22 in which the child's sixth birthday occurs. A child becoming 6
23 years of age on or after December 1 shall be enrolled IN SCHOOL
24 on the first school day of the school year following the school
25 year in which the child's sixth birthday occurs. BEGINNING
26 JULY 1, 1995, A CHILD BECOMING 4 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE DECEMBER 1
27 SHALL BE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL ON THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY OF THE SCHOOL

1 YEAR IN WHICH THE CHILD'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY OCCURS AND A CHILD
2 BECOMING 4 YEARS OF AGE ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 1 SHALL BE ENROLLED
3 IN SCHOOL ON THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING
4 THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE CHILD'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY OCCURS.

5 (3) A child shall not be required to attend the public
6 schools in the following cases:

7 (a) A child who is attending regularly and is being taught
8 in a state approved nonpublic school ~~—which—~~ THAT teaches
9 subjects comparable to those taught in the public schools to
10 children of corresponding age and grade, as determined by the
11 course of study for the public schools of the SCHOOL district
12 within which the nonpublic school is located.

13 (b) A child who is regularly employed as a page or messenger
14 in either house of the legislature during the period of the
15 employment.

16 (c) A child under 9 years of age who does not reside within
17 2-1/2 miles by the nearest traveled road of a public school. If
18 transportation is furnished for pupils in the school district of
19 the child's residence, this exemption does not apply.

20 (d) A child from the age of 12 to the child's fourteenth
21 birthday while in attendance at confirmation classes conducted
22 for a period of not to exceed 5 months in either of those years.

23 (e) A child who is regularly enrolled in the public schools
24 while in attendance at religious instruction classes for not more
25 than 2 class hours per week, off public school property during
26 public school hours, upon written request of the parent,

1 guardian, or person in loco parentis under rules promulgated by
2 the state board.