

SENATE BILL NO. 212

February 2, 1999, Introduced by Senators STEIL, DUNASKISS
and BULLARD 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 1279g; and to repeal
acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1279G. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SEC-
2 TION, THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR LOCAL ACT SCHOOL DISTRICT
3 OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL NOT
4 AWARD A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO A PUPIL WHO DOES NOT COMPLETE AT
5 LEAST 1 OF THE FOLLOWING STANDARDIZED TESTS:

6 (A) THE ACT TEST, ADMINISTERED BY ACT, INC.

7 (B) THE SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST, ADMINISTERED BY THE COL-
8 LEGE BOARD.

9 (C) THE ACT WORK KEYS TEST, ADMINISTERED BY ACT, INC.

1 (2) THE ENTITY ADMINISTERING A TEST REQUIRED UNDER THIS
2 SECTION SHALL REPORT THE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS ACHIEVED BY EACH
3 PUPIL TO THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OR TO THE PUPIL
4 ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES NORMALLY FOLLOWED BY THE ENTITY FOR
5 REPORTING RESULTS AND SHALL REPORT THE AGGREGATE RESULTS ACHIEVED
6 BY THE PUPILS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY TO
7 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY. EACH SCHOOL DIS-
8 TRICT AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL REPORT THE AGGREGATE
9 RESULTS TO THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH IT IS
10 LOCATED AND TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT THE
11 RESULTS TO THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE SATISFIED BY INCLUDING THE
12 RESULTS IN THE ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE STATE
13 BOARD UNDER SECTION 1204A.

14 (3) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR LOCAL ACT SCHOOL DIS-
15 TRICT OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL
16 PAY FOR THE TESTING REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND ASSIST PUPILS
17 AS NECESSARY IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE A TEST. THE DEPART-
18 MENT SHALL REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES
19 FOR THE COSTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

20 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES ESTABLISHING EXCEP-
21 TIONS FROM THE TESTING REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION. THESE RULES
22 SHALL ONLY ALLOW EXCEPTIONS FOR BONA FIDE EDUCATIONAL REASONS AND
23 MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, EXCEPTIONS FOR SPECIAL EDU-
24 CATION PUPILS WHO ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE TEST OR ASSESSMENT
25 DUE TO A DISABILITY AND FOR PUPILS OF LIMITED ENGLISH LANGUAGE
26 PROFICIENCY. THE RULES SHALL NOT ALLOW AN EXCEPTION BASED SOLELY
27 ON THE REQUEST OF A PUPIL'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

1 Enacting section 1. The following acts and parts of acts
2 are repealed:

3 (a) Section 1279 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451,
4 MCL 380.1279.

5 (b) Section 104a of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979
6 PA 94, MCL 388.1704a.