

# SENATE BILL No. 170

March 3, 2015, Introduced by Senators PAVLOV, PROOS, HORN, ZORN, HANSEN, BRANDENBURG, GREEN, KNOLLENBERG, ROBERTSON, SMITH, HOPGOOD, HERTEL and KNEZEK 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 1278d.

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

1           SEC. 1278D. (1) IF A PUPIL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES ALL OF THE  
2 FOLLOWING CREDIT REQUIREMENTS WHILE IN GRADES 7 TO 12, THE PUPIL IS  
3 ELIGIBLE FOR A STEM DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
4 UNDER SECTION 1278E:

5           (A) ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MICHIGAN MERIT STANDARD  
6 FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA UNDER SECTIONS 1278A AND 1278B.

7           (B) AT LEAST 6 CREDITS IN MATHEMATICS APPROVED BY THE  
8 DEPARTMENT.

9           (C) AT LEAST 6 CREDITS IN SCIENCE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

10           (2) UPON DETERMINING THAT A PUPIL HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS  
11 UNDER SUBSECTION (1), A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

1 SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT, IN THE FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED  
2 BY THE DEPARTMENT, A CERTIFICATION THAT THE PUPIL IS ELIGIBLE FOR A  
3 STEM DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT AND A REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE  
4 AND TRANSMIT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY A STEM  
5 DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT FOR THE PUPIL. UPON RECEIPT OF THE ENDORSEMENT,  
6 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL NOTATE THE  
7 PUPIL'S TRANSCRIPT TO INDICATE THE PUPIL HAS EARNED A STEM DIPLOMA  
8 ENDORSEMENT AND SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PUPIL THE ENDORSEMENT ISSUED  
9 BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

12 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
13 unless Senate Bill No.169

14 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.