

SENATE BILL NO. 29

January 18, 2023, Introduced by Senators ANTHONY, WOJNO, GEISS, CAVANAGH, SINGH and CHANG 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 1586a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 **Sec. 1586a. (1) The school officials of a public school shall**
2 **consider up to 5 absences due to an illness that impacts a pupil's**
3 **mental or behavioral health to be excused absences, regardless of**
4 **whether or not the pupil provides a medical note for the absences.**
5 **(2) A pupil must be given the opportunity to make up any**

1 school work that he or she missed during an absence described in
2 subsection (1).

3 (3) If a pupil is absent for 2 or more days due to an illness
4 described in subsection (1), the school officials of the public
5 school in which the pupil is enrolled may, as determined by the
6 board of the school district or intermediate school district or
7 board of directors of the public school academy in which the pupil
8 is enrolled, refer the pupil to the appropriate school personnel.

9 (4) As used in this section, "medical note" means a note
10 issued by a mental health professional as that term is defined in
11 section 100b of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100b.