

HOUSE BILL NO. 4284

March 14, 2023, Introduced by Rep. Johnsen and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1278 (MCL 380.1278), as amended by 2016 PA 170.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1278. (1) In addition to the requirements for
2 accreditation under section 1280 specified in that section, if the
3 board of a school district wants all of the schools of the school
4 district to be accredited under section 1280, the board shall
5 provide to all pupils attending public school in the district a
6 core academic curriculum in compliance with subsection (3) in each

1 of the curricular areas specified in the state board recommended
2 model core academic curriculum content standards developed under
3 subsection (2). The state board **recommended** model core academic
4 curriculum content standards ~~shall~~**must** encompass academic and
5 cognitive instruction only. For purposes of this section, the state
6 board **recommended** model core academic curriculum content standards
7 ~~shall~~**must** not include attitudes, beliefs, or value systems that
8 are not essential in the legal, economic, and social structure of
9 our society and to the personal and social responsibility of
10 citizens of our society.

11 (2) Recommended model core academic curriculum content
12 standards ~~shall~~**must** be developed and periodically updated by the
13 state board, ~~shall~~**must** be in the form of knowledge and skill
14 content standards that are recommended as state standards for
15 adoption by public schools in local curriculum formulation and
16 adoption, and ~~shall~~**must** be distributed to each school district in
17 the state. The recommended model core academic curriculum content
18 standards ~~shall~~**must** set forth desired learning objectives in math,
19 science, reading, history, geography, economics, American
20 government, and writing for all children at each stage of schooling
21 and be based upon the "Michigan K-12 Program Standards of Quality"
22 to ensure that high academic standards, academic skills, and
23 academic subject matters are built into the instructional goals of
24 all school districts for all children. The state board shall ensure
25 that the recommended model core academic curriculum content
26 standards for history for grades 8 to 12 include learning
27 objectives concerning genocide, including, but not limited to, the
28 Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide. The state board also shall
29 ensure that the state assessment program and the Michigan merit

1 examination are based on the state recommended model core
2 curriculum content standards, are testing only for proficiency in
3 basic and advanced academic skills and academic subject matter, and
4 are not used to measure pupils' values or attitudes.

5 (3) The board of each school district, considering academic
6 curricular objectives defined and recommended ~~pursuant to~~ **under**
7 subsection (2), shall do both of the following:

8 (a) Establish a core academic curriculum for its pupils at the
9 elementary, middle, and secondary school levels. The core academic
10 curriculum ~~shall~~ **must** define academic objectives to be achieved by
11 all pupils and ~~shall~~ **must** be based upon the school district's
12 educational mission, long-range pupil goals, and pupil performance
13 objectives. The core academic curriculum may vary from the model
14 core academic curriculum content standards recommended by the state
15 board ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (2). **However, the core academic**
16 **curriculum for history must include, to the extent that it is not**
17 **already included pursuant to existing requirements under other**
18 **state laws, a requirement for the coverage of the following events**
19 **or documents:**

20 (i) The American Revolution.

21 (ii) Founding documents of the United States, including, but
22 not limited to, the United States Constitution, the Declaration of
23 Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers.

24 (iii) The War of 1812.

25 (iv) The Civil War.

26 (v) World War I.

27 (vi) World War II.

28 (vii) The Korean War.

29 (viii) The Vietnam War.

1 **(ix) The Civil Rights Movement.**

2 (b) After consulting with teachers and school building
3 administrators, determine the aligned instructional program for
4 delivering the core academic curriculum and identify the courses
5 and programs in which the core academic curriculum will be taught.

6 (4) The board may supplement the core academic curriculum by
7 providing instruction through additional classes and programs.

8 (5) For all pupils, the subjects or courses, and the delivery
9 of those including special assistance, that constitute the
10 curriculum the pupils engage in ~~shall~~**must** assure the pupils have a
11 realistic opportunity to learn all subjects and courses required by
12 the district's core academic curriculum. A subject or course
13 required by the core academic curriculum ~~pursuant to~~**under**
14 subsection (3) ~~shall~~**must** be provided to all pupils in the school
15 district by a school district, a consortium of school districts, or
16 a consortium of 1 or more school districts and 1 or more
17 intermediate school districts.

18 (6) To the extent practicable, the state board may adopt or
19 develop academic objective-oriented high standards for knowledge
20 and life skills, and a recommended core academic curriculum, for
21 special education pupils for whom it may not be realistic or
22 desirable to expect achievement of initial mastery of the state
23 board recommended model core academic content standards objectives
24 or of a high school diploma.

25 (7) The state board shall make available to all nonpublic
26 schools in this state, as a resource for their consideration, the
27 model core academic curriculum content standards developed for
28 public schools ~~pursuant to~~**under** subsection (2) for the purpose of
29 assisting the governing body of a nonpublic school in developing

1 its core academic curriculum.

2 (8) Excluding special education pupils, pupils having a
3 learning disability, and pupils with extenuating circumstances as
4 determined by school officials, a pupil who does not score
5 satisfactorily on the ~~fourth or seventh~~ grade **4 or 7** state
6 assessment program reading test ~~shall~~**must** be provided special
7 assistance reasonably expected to enable the pupil to bring his or
8 her reading skills to grade level within 12 months.

9 (9) Any course that would have been considered a nonessential
10 elective course under *Snyder v Charlotte School Dist*, 421 Mich 517
11 (1984), on April 13, 1990 ~~shall~~**must** continue to be offered to
12 resident pupils of nonpublic schools on a shared time basis.

13 (10) As used in this section, "Armenian Genocide", "genocide",
14 and "Holocaust" mean those terms as defined in section 1168.