

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4665**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1138a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 1138a. (1) The governing body of a public school shall**
2 **consider a pupil's absence from school to be an excused absence if**
3 **both of the following apply:**

4 **(a) The pupil is absent from school to attend a scheduled**
5 **competition, exhibition, or event offered by any of the following**
6 **organizations:**

7 **(i) The National FFA Organization.**

8 **(ii) The Michigan FFA association.**

9 **(iii) A 4-H club.**

1 (iv) Any other agricultural organization approved by the board
2 of the school district in which the pupil's school is located.

3 (b) The pupil is in good academic standing, as determined by
4 the governing body of the pupil's school.

5 (2) This section does not permit a pupil to exceed the number
6 of excused absences allowed by the pupil's school district.

7 (3) The board of a school district or intermediate school
8 district or board of directors of a public school academy shall
9 ensure that its attendance policy is consistent with this section.