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**MANDATORY CORE CURRICULUM
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House Bill 5507

Sponsor: Rep. James Agee

Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5507 AS INTRODUCED 1-16-96

The bill would amend the School Code to specify that the core academic curriculum that school districts are required to establish must at least meet the core curriculum content standards developed by the Michigan State Board of Education. The core curriculum content standards would have to be developed and periodically updated by the state board and would have to be "in the form of knowledge and skill content standards that are state standards for adoption by public schools in local curriculum formulation and adoption." A provision stating that a school district's core curriculum can vary from the state model would be deleted.

(Under the Revised School Code, which was created by Public Act 289 of 1995 and will take effect July 1, 1996, school districts are required to establish a core academic curriculum, and the state board is required to develop and periodically update recommended model core academic curriculum content standards. The standards must be "in the form of knowledge and skill content standards that are recommended as state standards for adoption by public schools in local curriculum formulation and adoption." The revised code specifies that a district's core curriculum can vary from the model curriculum content standards recommended by the state board. The School Code that Public Act 289 [Senate Bill 679] is to replace in July requires that school districts provide a core academic curriculum developed by the state board beginning with the 1997-98 school year. Until that year, under the current code, school districts are required to adopt a core curriculum taking a state recommended model core curriculum into consideration.)

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