

# HOUSE BILL No. 4419

March 6, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Cassis, Raczkowski, Stewart, Kooiman, Toy, Richardville, Meyer, Ruth Johnson, Birkholz, Cameron Brown, Bovin, Howell, Woronchak, Middaugh, Switalski, Ehardt, Voorhees, Faunce, Richner, Bisbee, Vander Veen, Mortimer, Kowall, DeVuyst, DeRossett, Newell, Bishop and Pappageorge 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 1705.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1705. (1) NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2001, THE GOVERNOR  
2 SHALL APPOINT A BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION, TO BE  
3 HOUSED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SPE-  
4 CIAL EDUCATION SHALL CONSIST OF, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, REPRESENT-  
5 ATIVES OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:  
6 (A) PARENTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PUPILS.  
7 (B) SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.  
8 (C) SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.  
9 (D) DIRECTORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION.  
10 (E) SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

1           (2) THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SHALL  
2 STUDY, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE  
3 LEGISLATURE ON, SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY AND FUNDING.

4           (3) THE BUSINESS THAT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL  
5 EDUCATION MAY PERFORM SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD  
6 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261  
7 TO 15.275.

8           (4) A WRITING PREPARED, OWNED, USED, IN THE POSSESSION OF,  
9 OR RETAINED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION IN  
10 THE PERFORMANCE OF AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION IS SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM  
11 OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246.

12          (5) MEMBERS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCA-  
13 TION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR  
15 THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE  
16 OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE  
17 ON SPECIAL EDUCATION.

18          (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT STAFF AND  
19 OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED BY THE BLUE RIBBON COM-  
20 MITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION.