

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5469

A bill to amend 1887 PA 128, entitled
"An act establishing the minimum ages for contracting marriages;
to require a civil license in order to marry and its
registration; to provide for the implementation of federal law;
and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act,"
(MCL 551.101 to 551.111) by amending the title, as amended by
1998 PA 333, and by adding section 12.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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TITLE

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3 An act establishing the minimum ages for contracting
4 marriages; to require a civil license in order to marry and its
5 registration; to provide for the implementation of federal law;
6 to prescribe certain programs relating to marriage; and to
7 provide a penalty for the violation of this act.

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9 Sec. 12. (1) If the parties to a marriage attend and
complete a premarital education program, the parties may claim
the income tax credit provided in section 269 of the income tax

1 act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.269.

2 (2) A premarital education program shall meet all of the
3 following criteria:

4 (a) Have as its primary focus skill-building strategies for
5 strengthening or preserving marriage.

6 (b) Include at least the following:

7 (i) Conflict management.

8 (ii) Communication skills.

9 (iii) Financial matters.

10 (iv) If a couple has or intends to have children, child and
11 parenting responsibilities.

12 (c) Be at least 4 hours long and conducted by 1 or more of
13 the following:

14 (i) A professional counselor, a marriage and family
15 therapist, or a full or limited licensed psychologist, licensed
16 under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
17 MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

18 (ii) A social worker or certified social worker who was
19 granted a registration under section 18509 or 18511 of the public
20 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18509 and 333.18511.

21 (iii) A psychiatrist as that term is defined in section 100c
22 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100c.

23 (iv) An official representative of a religious institution.

24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
25 effect unless House Bill No. 5468 of the 92nd Legislature is
26 enacted into law.