

HOUSE BILL No. 6284

June 29, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Meyer, Sak, Vander Veen, Clemente, Murphy, Gaffney, Shaffer, Ball, Stahl and Pastor and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1481 (MCL 380.1481), as added by 2000 PA 230.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1481. (1) Not later than the beginning of the 2000-2001
2 school year, the Michigan virtual university shall develop,
3 implement, and operate the Michigan virtual high school, as
4 described in this section.

5 (2) The Michigan virtual high school shall have the following
6 goals:

7 (a) Significantly expand curricular offerings for high schools
8 across this state through agreements with school districts or
9 licenses from other recognized providers.

10 (b) Create a statewide instructional model using interactive

1 multimedia tools delivered by electronic means, including, but not
2 limited to, the internet, digital broadcast, or satellite network,
3 for distributed learning at the high school level.

4 (c) Provide pupils with opportunities to develop skills and
5 competencies through on-line learning.

6 (d) Offer high school teachers opportunities to learn new
7 skills and strategies for developing and delivering instructional
8 services.

9 (e) Accelerate this state's ability to respond to current and
10 emerging educational demands.

11 (f) Grant high school diplomas through a dual enrollment
12 method with school districts.

13 (g) Act as a broker for college level equivalent courses, as
14 defined in section 1471, and dual enrollment courses from
15 postsecondary education institutions.

16 (3) The Michigan virtual high school course offerings shall
17 include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

18 (a) Information technology courses.

19 (b) College level equivalent courses, as defined in section
20 1471.

21 (c) Courses and dual enrollment opportunities.

22 (d) At-risk programs and services.

23 (e) General education development test preparation courses for
24 adjudicated youth.

25 (f) Special interest courses.

26 **(G) A COURSE IN PARENTING EDUCATION. THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL**
27 **DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY THAT**

1 OPERATES A HIGH SCHOOL SHALL OFFER THIS COURSE AS AN ELECTIVE
2 COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

3 (H) ~~-(g)-~~ Professional development programs and services for
4 teachers.

5 (4) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A
6 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL GRANT APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC CREDIT TO A
7 PUPIL WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A MICHIGAN VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL
8 COURSE.

9 (5) ~~-(4)-~~ In addition to its other duties under this section,
10 the Michigan virtual university shall work with the department and
11 other appropriate state agencies to explore the development and
12 delivery of a full curriculum for migrant pupils that would be
13 available through distance learning. The Michigan virtual
14 university and the department shall submit a joint report on their
15 findings under this subsection to the legislature not later than ~~1~~
16 ~~year after the effective date of this section~~ JUNE 27, 2001.

17 (6) ~~-(5)-~~ Nonpublic school students and home-schooled children
18 may participate in course offerings of the Michigan virtual high
19 school to the same extent they are allowed to participate in school
20 district course offerings under this act and the state school aid
21 act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772.

22 (7) ~~-(6)-~~ The Michigan virtual university shall fund the
23 Michigan virtual high school from appropriations made for this
24 purpose and may also use funds received from other sources. The
25 department shall provide technical assistance as requested by the
26 Michigan virtual university for the purposes of this section.