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## **HOUSE BILL No. 4615**

April 24, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Walsh and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code,"

by amending section 705 (MCL 380.705), as amended by 2003 PA 299.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 705. (1) Beginning in 1997, and in each year after 1997,
  a regional enhancement property tax may be levied by an
  intermediate school district at a rate not to exceed 3 mills to
  enhance other state and local funding for local school district
  operations if approved by a majority of the intermediate school
  electors voting on the question.
  - (2) If a resolution requesting that the question of a regional enhancement property tax be submitted to the voters—INTERMEDIATE

    SCHOOL ELECTORS is adopted within a 180-day period and transmitted to the intermediate school board by 1 or more boards of its constituent school districts representing a majority of the

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- 1 combined membership of the constituent school districts as of the
- 2 most recent pupil membership count day and if those resolutions all
- 3 contain an identical specified number of mills to be levied under
- 4 this section and an identical specified number of years for which
- 5 the tax shall be levied, the question of levying a regional
- 6 enhancement property tax by the intermediate school district shall
- 7 be placed on the ballot by the intermediate school district at the
- 8 next regular school election held in each of the constituent
- 9 districts. If the question is to be submitted to the intermediate
- 10 school electors of an intermediate school district having a
- 11 population of more than 1,400,000, the intermediate school board
- 12 shall call a special election to be held at the next state primary
- 13 or general election. If the resolution requirement is met more than
- 14 180 days before the next regular school district elections, and if
- 15 requested in the resolutions, the intermediate school board shall
- 16 submit the question of levying a regional enhancement property tax
- 17 within the intermediate school district on the ballot at a special
- 18 election called by the intermediate school board for that purpose
- 19 not earlier than 90 days after the resolution requirements are met.
- 20 (3) Not later than 10 days after receipt by the intermediate
- 21 school district of the revenue from the regional enhancement
- 22 property tax, the intermediate school district shall calculate and
- 23 pay to each of its constituent school districts an amount of the
- 24 revenue calculated by dividing the total amount of the revenue by
- 25 the combined membership of the constituent school districts within
- 26 the intermediate district, as of the most recent pupil membership
- 27 count day, and multiplying that quotient by the constituent school

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- 1 district's membership, as of the most recent pupil membership count
- 2 day for which a final department-audited pupil count is available.
- 3 (4) Regional enhancement property tax under this section may
- 4 be levied for a term not to exceed 20 years, as specified in the
- 5 ballot question, and may be renewed for the same term with the
- 6 approval of a majority of the intermediate school electors voting
- 7 on the question.
- **8** (5) The question of levying a regional enhancement property
- 9 tax under this section shall be presented to the intermediate
- 10 school electors as a separate question.