

SENATE BILL No. 406

June 18, 2015, Introduced by Senators SCHUITMAKER and EMMONS and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1586 (MCL 380.1586).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1586. (1) The attendance officer **OR DESIGNATED SCHOOL**
2 **OFFICIAL** shall investigate each case of nonattendance at school
3 when notified by a teacher, **SCHOOL DISTRICT** superintendent,
4 intermediate superintendent, or other person of a violation of this
5 part. If the child complained of is not exempt from public school
6 attendance under the conditions listed in section 1561, the
7 attendance officer **OR DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIAL** shall proceed
8 immediately in the manner provided in this part.

9 (2) If a child is ~~repeatedly absent from school without valid~~
10 ~~excuse,~~ **TRUANT OR CHRONICALLY ABSENT**, or is failing in schoolwork
11 or gives evidence of behavior problems, and attempts to confer with

1 the parent or other person in parental relationship to the child
2 fail, the **SCHOOL DISTRICT** superintendent, ~~of schools,~~ or the
3 intermediate superintendent in a district ~~which~~ **THAT** does not
4 employ a superintendent, ~~may~~ **SHALL** request the attendance officer
5 **OR DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIAL** to notify the parent or other person
6 in parental relationship by registered mail to come to the school
7 or to a place designated at a time specified to discuss the child's
8 irregularity in attendance, failing work, or behavior problems with
9 the proper school authorities. **HOWEVER, THE SUPERINTENDENT, OR THE**
10 **INTERMEDIATE SUPERINTENDENT IN A DISTRICT THAT DOES NOT EMPLOY A**
11 **SUPERINTENDENT, MAY CONSIDER THE REASON OR REASONS FOR A CHILD'S**
12 **ABSENCE, IF AVAILABLE, AND WHETHER A LESSER INTERVENTION WOULD BE**
13 **LIKELY TO PROPERLY ADDRESS THE SITUATION BEFORE REQUIRING A MEETING**
14 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. IF A MEETING IS HELD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION,**
15 **THEN AT THIS MEETING, SCHOOL OFFICIALS SHALL OFFER AN ATTENDANCE**
16 **AGREEMENT THAT REQUIRES THE CHILD TO RESUME REGULAR AND CONSECUTIVE**
17 **ATTENDANCE, SHALL DISCUSS CONSEQUENCES THAT WILL OCCUR IF THE**
18 **ATTENDANCE ISSUE IS NOT RESOLVED, AND MAY OFFER INTERVENTIONS AS**
19 **AVAILABLE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING,**
20 **PROBLEM SOLVING, TUTORING, AND MENTORING. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SHALL**
21 **ENSURE THAT EACH OF THE CHILD'S TEACHERS IS PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF**
22 **THE LETTER AND ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT SO THAT THEY CAN MONITOR AND**
23 **REPORT ATTENDANCE.**

24 (3) IF SCHOOL OFFICIALS DETERMINE THAT THE ATTENDANCE ISSUE
25 INVOLVED IN THE MEETING UNDER SUBSECTION (2) IS NOT RESOLVED OR IF
26 THE CHILD MISSES SCHOOL 2 TIMES IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS OR 3 MORE TIMES
27 IN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS, THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER OR DESIGNATED SCHOOL

1 OFFICIAL MAY PROVIDE OR PURSUE APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS. IF THESE
2 FURTHER INTERVENTIONS DO NOT RESOLVE THE ATTENDANCE ISSUE, THE
3 ATTENDANCE OFFICER OR DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIAL SHALL PURSUE THE
4 APPROPRIATE COURT INTERVENTION.

5 (4) ~~(3)~~—The superintendent, or the teacher in a district which
6 does not employ a superintendent, shall provide information
7 concerning the nonattendance of each nonresident pupil to the
8 intermediate superintendent of the intermediate school district in
9 which the nonresident pupil resides. The intermediate attendance
10 officer, when notified by the intermediate superintendent or **SCHOOL**
11 **DISTRICT** superintendent, ~~of schools,~~ shall investigate and proceed
12 in all cases of nonattendance of nonresident pupils in the same
13 manner provided in this part for enforcing attendance of pupils
14 attending schools in districts in which they reside.

15 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CHRONICALLY ABSENT" AND "TRUANT"
16 MEAN THOSE TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1561.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
18 unless Senate Bill No. 405

19 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.