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SENATE BILL No. 553

October 8, 2015, Introduced by Senator JONES and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending sections 681, 684, 687, 1711, 1724a, and 1731 (MCL 380.681, 380.684, 380.687, 380.1711, 380.1724a, and 380.1731),
sections 681 and 684 as amended by 2007 PA 45, sections 687, 1724a, and 1731 as amended by 2004 PA 415, and section 1711 as amended by 2008 PA 1, and by adding section 640.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

SEC. 640. (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), THE BOARD OF A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT OF AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO CEASE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT OR, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION, UNDER THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979. IF THE BOARD OF A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT ADOPTS A RESOLUTION UNDER THIS SECTION, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

- 1 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBDIVISION (E), THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
- 2 DISTRICT SHALL CEASE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE CONSTITUENT
- 3 DISTRICT OR PUPILS ENROLLED IN THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT UNDER THIS
- 4 ACT AND THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979.
- 5 (B) THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT SHALL ASSUME AND SHALL PROVIDE TO
- 6 PUPILS ENROLLED IN THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT ALL SERVICES THAT WOULD
- 7 OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED BY THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER
- 8 THIS ACT AND THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, AND SHALL USE FUNDS
- 9 RECEIVED FROM THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER THIS SECTION
- 10 FOR THIS PURPOSE.
- 11 (C) THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONTINUE TO LEVY
- 12 TAXES AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTIONS 625A, 681, AND 1724A, BUT, FOR EACH
- 13 LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THOSE TAXES, BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
- 14 (i) WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY AFTER RECEIVING THE PROCEEDS FROM
- 15 THE COLLECTION OF THOSE TAXES, THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 16 SHALL PAY TO THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 80% OF THE
- 17 TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES
- 18 FROM THAT COLLECTION THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO PROPERTY LOCATED
- 19 WITHIN THAT CONSTITUENT DISTRICT.
- 20 (ii) WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE PROCEEDS FROM
- 21 THE COLLECTION OF THOSE TAXES, THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 22 SHALL REFUND TO EACH PERSON THAT PAYS TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE TO
- 23 PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO
- 24 10% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 25 RECEIVES FROM THAT COLLECTION THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT PERSON.
- 26 THE STATE TREASURER SHALL PRESCRIBE PROCEDURES FOR THE REFUND
- 27 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

- 1 (D) WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY AFTER RECEIPT OF THE MONEY, THE
- 2 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PAY TO THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT
- 3 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 90% OF ANY MONEY RECEIVED BY THE INTERMEDIATE
- 4 SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM STATE SCHOOL AID OR FEDERAL FUNDING THAT IS
- 5 ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT OR TO A PUPIL ENROLLED IN
- 6 THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
- 7 SHALL PRESCRIBE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PAYMENT REQUIRED
- 8 UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.
- 9 (E) THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONTINUE TO AUDIT
- 10 ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE DATA AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 101 OF THE
- 11 STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979, MCL 388.1701.
- 12 (2) BEFORE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), A BOARD
- 13 SHALL HOLD AT LEAST 2 BOARD MEETINGS WITH PROPER NOTICE INDICATING
- 14 THAT ISSUE OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION WILL BE ON THE AGENDA AT THE
- 15 MEETING.
- 16 Sec. 681. (1) An intermediate school district may establish an
- 17 area career and technical education program and operate the program
- 18 under sections 681 to 690 if approved by a majority of the
- 19 intermediate school electors of the intermediate school district
- 20 voting on the guestion. The election shall be called and conducted
- 21 in accordance with this act and the Michigan election law. The
- 22 establishment of the area career and technical education program
- 23 may be rescinded by the same process.
- 24 (2) The question of establishing an area career and technical
- 25 education program may be submitted to the intermediate school
- 26 electors of an intermediate school district at a regular school
- 27 election or at a special election held in each of the constituent

- 1 districts. Subject to section 641 of the Michigan election law, MCL
- 2 168.641, the intermediate school board shall determine the date of
- 3 the election and shall give notice to the school district filing
- 4 official at least 60 days in advance of the date the ballot
- 5 question is to be submitted to the intermediate school electors.
- 6 (3) The ballot for referring the question of adopting sections
- 7 681 to 690 and establishing an area career and technical education
- 8 program to the intermediate school electors of an intermediate
- 9 school district shall be substantially in the following form:
- 10 "Shall (legal name of intermediate school
- 11 district), state of Michigan, come under sections 681 to 690 of the
- 12 revised school code and establish an area career and technical
- 13 education program which is designed to encourage the operation of
- 14 area career and technical education programs if the annual property
- 15 tax levied for this purpose is limited to mills?
- **16** Yes ()
- 17 No ()".
- 18 (4) Beginning in 1995, and subject to section 625b, the number
- 19 of mills of ad valorem property taxes an intermediate school board
- 20 may levy for area career and technical education program operating
- 21 purposes under sections 681 to 690 is limited to the following:
- 22 (a) If the intermediate school district did not levy any
- 23 millage in 1993 for area career and technical education program
- 24 operating purposes under sections 681 to 690, the intermediate
- 25 school board, with the approval of the intermediate school
- 26 electors, may levy not more than 1 mill for those purposes.
- 27 (b) If the intermediate school district levied millage in 1993

- 1 for area career and technical education program operating purposes
- 2 under sections 681 to 690, the intermediate school board, with the
- 3 approval of the intermediate school electors, may levy mills for
- 4 those purposes at a rate not to exceed 1.5 times the number of
- 5 mills authorized for those purposes in the intermediate school
- 6 district in 1993. Approval of the intermediate school electors is
- 7 not required for the levy under this subdivision of previously
- 8 authorized mills until that authorization expires.
- 9 (5) An intermediate school district that levies a tax for area
- 10 career and technical education program operating purposes shall not
- 11 use proceeds from the tax for any purpose other than area career
- 12 and technical education program operating purposes AND MAKING
- 13 PAYMENTS TO A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT OR REFUNDS TO TAXPAYERS AS
- 14 REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 640, and shall submit to the department of
- 15 treasury a copy of the audit report from the audit of the
- 16 intermediate school district conducted under section 622a. If the
- 17 department of treasury determines from the audit report that the
- 18 proceeds from the tax have been used for a purpose other than area
- 19 career and technical education program operating purposes, as
- 20 defined under subsection (7), OR MAKING PAYMENTS TO A CONSTITUENT
- 21 DISTRICT OR REFUNDS TO TAXPAYERS AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 640, the
- 22 department of treasury shall notify the intermediate school
- 23 district of that determination. If the intermediate school district
- 24 disputes the determination or claims that the situation has been
- 25 corrected, within 15 days after receipt of the determination the
- 26 intermediate school district may submit an appeal of the
- 27 determination to the department of treasury. Within 90 days after

- 1 receipt of the appeal, the department of treasury shall consider
- 2 the appeal and make a determination of whether the initial
- 3 determination was correct or incorrect and of whether the situation
- 4 has been corrected. If the department of treasury finds that the
- 5 initial determination was correct and that the situation has not
- 6 been corrected, then the department of treasury shall file a copy
- 7 of the report with the attorney general. The attorney general shall
- 8 review the report and, if the attorney general considers it
- 9 appropriate, shall commence or direct the prosecuting attorney for
- 10 the county in which the violations occurred to commence appropriate
- 11 proceedings against the intermediate school board or the official
- 12 or employee. These proceedings shall include at least a civil
- 13 action in a court of competent jurisdiction for the recovery of any
- 14 public money determined by the audit to have been illegally
- 15 expended and for the recovery of any public property determined by
- 16 the audit to have been converted or misappropriated.
- 17 (6) If the attorney general determines from a report filed
- 18 under subsection (5) that an intermediate school district has
- 19 misspent tax proceeds as described in subsection (5) and notifies
- 20 the intermediate school district of this determination, the
- 21 intermediate school district shall repay to its area career and
- 22 technical education program operating fund an amount equal to the
- 23 amount the department of treasury determined under subsection (5)
- 24 has been used for a purpose other than area career and technical
- 25 education program operating purposes. The intermediate school
- 26 district shall make this repayment from funds of the intermediate
- 27 school district that lawfully may be used for making such a

- 1 repayment.
- 2 (7) For the purposes of subsections (5) and (6), not later
- 3 than January 1, 2008, the department and the department of
- 4 treasury, in consultation with intermediate school districts, shall
- 5 develop and make available to intermediate school districts a
- 6 definition of area career and technical education program operating
- 7 purposes.
- 8 (8) An intermediate school district shall not hold more than 2
- 9 elections in a calendar year concerning the authorization of a
- 10 millage rate for area career and technical education program
- 11 operating purposes under sections 681 to 690.
- 12 (9) Within 30 days after receiving the audit results, an
- 13 intermediate school district shall publish the results of any audit
- 14 conducted concerning the area career and technical education
- 15 program on the intermediate school district's website. The results
- 16 shall remain posted on the website for at least 6 months.
- Sec. 684. (1) An intermediate school board in which an area
- 18 career and technical education program has been established may
- 19 operate area career and technical education programs or may
- 20 contract with local school districts or with community colleges for
- 21 the operation of the programs or with a private degree-granting
- 22 postsecondary institution if the intermediate school district is
- 23 not within a community college district and if there existed on or
- 24 before July 1, 1992 a written agreement for the operation of such a
- 25 program. Area career and technical education programs operated
- 26 under sections 681 to 690 shall be submitted for review of the
- 27 representatives of the constituent districts of the intermediate

- 1 school district at an annual budget review meeting held on or
- 2 before June 1 under section 624.
- 3 (2) An intermediate school board may expend area career and
- 4 technical education funds for the operation of area career and
- 5 technical education programs for instructional, support, and
- 6 administrative costs associated with providing career and technical
- 7 education activities, including, but not limited to, staff
- 8 salaries, wages, and benefits for career and technical education
- 9 programs only; information and awareness activities; acquisition
- 10 and rental of real property; construction of buildings; acquisition
- 11 of equipment and supplies; and maintenance, repair, and replacement
- 12 of buildings, lands, equipment, and supplies. AN INTERMEDIATE
- 13 SCHOOL BOARD ALSO MAY EXPEND AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
- 14 FUNDS FOR MAKING PAYMENTS TO A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT AS REQUIRED
- 15 UNDER SECTION 640. An intermediate school board shall not expend
- 16 area career and technical education funds for purposes other than
- 17 those set forth in sections 681 to 690. An intermediate school
- 18 board must obtain state approval to use state or federal career and
- 19 technical education funds. Expenditure of vocational education
- 20 millage revenue for the purposes allowed under this subsection
- 21 shall be determined by the intermediate school board. However, if
- 22 the millage revenue is commingled with state or federal funds, then
- 23 the intermediate school district must obtain state approval to use
- 24 the commingled funds. If an audit by or on behalf of the department
- 25 determines that an intermediate school board has expended area
- 26 career and technical education funds for a purpose other than those
- 27 set forth in sections 681 to 690, the intermediate school district

- 1 is subject to the measures under section 681(5) and (6).
- 2 (3) The intermediate school board shall ensure that all of the
- 3 following are met:
- 4 (a) The intermediate school board shall notify the department
- 5 at the time the area career and technical education program is
- 6 established.
- 7 (b) In order to be responsive to local workforce needs,
- 8 emerging technologies, and local demand occupations, the
- 9 intermediate school district shall establish a program advisory
- 10 committee pursuant to administrative guidelines established by the
- 11 office of career and technical preparation within the department.
- 12 At least a majority of the members of the program advisory
- 13 committee shall be representatives from business and industry.
- 14 (c) The program shall collect career and technical education
- 15 information data and distribute that data to the appropriate state
- 16 department or departments and to the program advisory committee.
- 17 (d) The intermediate school district shall submit its career
- 18 and technical education plan to the department in the form and
- 19 manner prescribed by the department.
- 20 (4) The department may monitor career and technical education
- 21 programs funded with state or federal funding based upon feedback
- 22 from the program advisory committee and predetermined state or
- 23 federal skills standards that include student outcomes.
- 24 (5) The department, in consultation with the appropriate
- 25 career and technical education professionals, shall develop a
- 26 process for expedited state approval of programs that recognize
- 27 local workforce needs, emerging technologies, and local demand

- 1 occupations.
- 2 (6) If there is a community college that offers career and
- 3 technical preparation programs within the intermediate school
- 4 district, the intermediate school board shall collaborate with the
- 5 community college to minimize duplication of programs.
- 6 (7) An area career and technical education program shall allow
- 7 participation by public school academy and nonpublic school pupils
- 8 to the same extent as pupils of constituent districts.
- 9 (8) An intermediate school board operating under sections 681
- 10 to 690 may expend funds received under section 683 for the costs of
- 11 a special election held to renew or increase the millage limit on
- 12 the annual property tax levied for area career and technical
- 13 education purposes.
- 14 (9) The treasurer of an intermediate school board shall pay
- 15 out area career and technical education funds on order of the
- 16 intermediate school board.
- Sec. 687. (1) An intermediate school board in which an area
- 18 vocational-technical education program is established, by a
- 19 majority vote of the intermediate school electors voting on the
- 20 question at a regular school election or at a special election
- 21 called for that purpose, may borrow money and issue bonds of the
- 22 intermediate school district subject to the revised municipal
- 23 finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, to defray all or
- 24 part of the cost of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling,
- 25 improving, furnishing, refurnishing, equipping, or reequipping area
- 26 vocational-technical buildings and other facilities, or parts of
- 27 buildings and other facilities or additions to buildings and other

- 1 facilities; acquiring, preparing, developing, or improving sites,
- 2 or parts of sites or additions to sites, for area vocational-
- 3 technical buildings and other facilities; refunding all or part of
- 4 existing bonded indebtedness; or accomplishing a combination of the
- 5 foregoing purposes. An intermediate school district shall not issue
- 6 bonds under this part for an amount greater than 1.5% of the total
- 7 assessed valuation of the intermediate school district.
- 8 (2) A bond qualified under section 16 of article IX of the
- 9 state constitution of 1963 and implementing legislation shall not
- 10 be included for purposes of calculating the foregoing 1.5%
- 11 limitation.
- 12 (3) An intermediate school board may submit a proposal to
- 13 issue bonds of the intermediate school district, authorized under
- 14 this section, to the intermediate school electors at the same
- 15 election at which the intermediate school electors vote on the
- 16 establishment of an area vocational-technical education program. If
- 17 these questions are presented to the school electors at the same
- 18 election, the board shall include the bond proposal in the 60-day
- 19 notice given the boards of constituent districts. The establishment
- 20 of an area vocational-technical education program shall become
- 21 effective if approved by a majority of the intermediate school
- 22 electors voting on the question. The authority to issue bonds is
- 23 effective only if a majority of the intermediate school electors
- 24 approve both the establishment of the area vocational-technical
- 25 education program and the issuance of bonds.
- 26 (4) The ballot used in submitting the question of borrowing
- 27 money and issuing bonds under this section shall be in

| 1 | substantially the following form: |
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| 2 | "Shall (here state the legal name of the |
| 3 | intermediate school district designating the name of a district of |
| 4 | not less than 18,000 pupils or first class school district that has |
| 5 | elected not to come under this act as far as an area vocational- |
| 6 | technical education program is concerned) state of Michigan, borrow |
| 7 | the sum of not to exceed \$ and issue its bonds therefor, for |
| 8 | the purpose of? |
| 9 | Yes () |
| 10 | No ()". |
| 11 | (5) An intermediate school district shall not use the proceeds |
| 12 | from bonds issued or refunded under this section or levy a tax to |
| 13 | repay bonds issued or refunded under this section for any purpose |
| 14 | other than facilities used for area vocational-technical education |
| 15 | purposes. If a facility is to be used during regular school hours |
| 16 | for purposes other than providing area vocational-technical |
| 17 | education programs and services, proceeds from bonds issued or |
| 18 | refunded under this section or from millage levied to repay bonds |
| 19 | issued or refunded under this section shall be used only for that |
| 20 | portion of the facility that is used for providing area vocational- |
| 21 | technical education programs and services. |
| 22 | (6) FOR BONDS THAT ARE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER THE |
| 23 | EFFECTIVE DATE OF SECTION 640, BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY: |
| 24 | (A) THE SCHOOL ELECTORS OF A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT THAT HAS IN |
| 25 | EFFECT A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 640 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO |

26 VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS UNDER THIS SECTION OR LEVYING

27 A TAX TO REPAY THOSE BONDS.

- 1 (B) THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT LEVY A TAX TO
- 2 REPAY THE BONDS ON PROPERTY THAT IS LOCATED IN A CONSTITUENT
- 3 DISTRICT THAT HAS IN EFFECT A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 640.
- 4 Sec. 1711. (1) The intermediate school board shall do all of
- 5 the following:
- 6 (a) Develop, establish, and continually evaluate and modify in
- 7 cooperation with its constituent districts, a plan for special
- 8 education that provides for the delivery of special education
- 9 programs and services designed to develop the maximum potential of
- 10 each student with a disability of whom the intermediate school
- 11 board is required to maintain a record under subdivision (f). The
- 12 plan shall coordinate the special education programs and services
- 13 operated or contracted for by the constituent districts and shall
- 14 be submitted to the superintendent of public instruction for
- 15 approval.
- 16 (b) Contract for the delivery of a special education program
- 17 or service, in accordance with the intermediate school district
- 18 plan in compliance with section 1701. Under the contract the
- 19 intermediate school board may operate special education programs or
- 20 services and furnish transportation services and room and board.
- (c) Employ or engage special education personnel in accordance
- 22 with the intermediate school district plan, and appoint a director
- 23 of special education meeting the qualifications and requirements of
- 24 the rules promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 25 (d) Accept and use available funds or contributions from
- 26 governmental or private sources for the purpose of providing
- 27 special education programs and services consistent with this

- 1 article.
- 2 (e) Lease, purchase, or otherwise acquire vehicles, sites,
- 3 buildings, or portions thereof, and equip them for its special
- 4 education staff, programs, and services.
- 5 (f) Maintain a record of each student with a disability under
- 6 26 years of age, who is a resident of 1 of its constituent
- 7 districts and who has not graduated from high school, and the
- 8 special education programs or services in which the student with a
- 9 disability is participating on the fourth Friday after Labor day
- 10 DAY and Friday before Memorial day. DAY. The sole basis for
- 11 determining the local school district in which a student with a
- 12 disability is a resident shall be the rules promulgated by the
- 13 superintendent of public instruction notwithstanding the provisions
- 14 of section 1148. The records shall be maintained in accordance with
- 15 rules promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 16 (g) Have the authority to place in appropriate special
- 17 education programs or services a student with a disability for whom
- 18 a constituent district is required to provide special education
- 19 programs or services under section 1751.
- 20 (h) Investigate special education programs and services
- 21 operated or contracted for by the intermediate school board or
- 22 constituent district boards and report in writing failures to
- 23 comply with the provisions of a contract, statute, or rule
- 24 governing the special education programs and services or with the
- 25 intermediate school district plan, to the local school district
- 26 board and to the superintendent of public instruction.
- 27 (i) Operate the special education programs or services or

- 1 contract for the delivery of special education programs or services
- 2 by local school district boards, in accordance with section 1702,
- 3 as if a local school district under section 1751. The contract
- 4 shall provide for items stated in section 1751 and shall be
- 5 approved by the superintendent of public instruction. The
- 6 intermediate school board shall contract for the transportation, or
- 7 room and board, or both, or persons participating in the program or
- 8 service as if a local school district board under sections 1756 and
- 9 1757.
- 10 (j) Receive the report of a parent or guardian or, with the
- 11 consent of a parent or guardian, receive the report of a licensed
- 12 physician, registered nurse, social worker, or school or other
- 13 appropriate professional personnel whose training and relationship
- 14 to students with a disability provide competence to judge them and
- 15 who in good faith believes that a person under 26 years of age
- 16 examined by the professional is or may be a student with a
- 17 disability, and immediately evaluate the person pursuant to rules
- 18 promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction. A person
- 19 making or filing this report or a local school district board shall
- 20 not incur liability to a person by reason of filing the report or
- 21 seeking the evaluation, unless lack of good faith is proven.
- (k) Evaluate pupils in accordance with section 1311.
- 23 (2) The intermediate school board may expend up to 10% of the
- 24 annual budget but not to exceed \$12,500.00, for special education
- 25 programs approved by the intermediate school board without having
- 26 to secure the approval of the superintendent of public instruction.
- 27 (3) IF A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT OF AN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- 1 DISTRICT HAS IN EFFECT A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 640, THAT
- 2 CONSTITUENT DISTRICT SHALL DIRECTLY PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OTHERWISE
- 3 REQUIRED UNDER THIS PART TO BE PERFORMED BY THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
- 4 DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF PUPILS OR RESIDENTS OF THE CONSTITUENT
- 5 DISTRICT AND SHALL USE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
- 6 DISTRICT UNDER SECTION 640 FOR THIS PURPOSE.
- 7 Sec. 1724a. (1) Beginning in 1995, and subject to section
- 8 625b, the board of an intermediate school district may levy ad
- 9 valorem property taxes for special education purposes under
- 10 sections 1722 to 1729 at a rate not to exceed 1.75 times the number
- 11 of mills of those taxes authorized in the intermediate school
- 12 district in 1993. All or part of the millage levied under this
- 13 section may be renewed as provided in this article. Approval of the
- 14 intermediate school electors is not required for the levy under
- 15 this section of previously authorized mills until that
- 16 authorization expires.
- 17 (2) An intermediate school district that levies a tax for
- 18 special education operating purposes shall not use proceeds from
- 19 the tax for any purpose other than special education operating
- 20 purposes AND FOR MAKING PAYMENTS TO A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT OR
- 21 REFUNDS TO TAXPAYERS AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 640 and shall submit
- 22 to the department of treasury a copy of the audit report from the
- 23 audit of the intermediate school district conducted under section
- 24 622a. If the department of treasury determines from the audit
- 25 report that the proceeds from the tax have been used for a purpose
- 26 other than special education operating purposes, as defined under
- 27 subsection (4), OR MAKING PAYMENTS TO A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT OR

- 1 REFUNDS TO TAXPAYERS AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 640, the department
- 2 of treasury shall notify the intermediate school district of that
- 3 determination. If the intermediate school district disputes the
- 4 determination or claims that the situation has been corrected,
- 5 within 15 days after receipt of the determination the intermediate
- 6 school district may submit an appeal of the determination to the
- 7 department of treasury. Within 90 days after receipt of the appeal,
- 8 the department of treasury shall consider the appeal and make a
- 9 determination of whether the initial determination was correct or
- 10 incorrect and of whether the situation has been corrected. If the
- 11 department of treasury finds that the initial determination was
- 12 correct and that the situation has not been corrected, then the
- 13 department of treasury shall file a copy of the report with the
- 14 attorney general. The attorney general shall review the report and,
- 15 if the attorney general considers it appropriate, shall commence or
- 16 direct the prosecuting attorney for the county in which the
- 17 violations occurred to commence appropriate proceedings against the
- 18 intermediate school board or the official or employee. These
- 19 proceedings shall include at least a civil action in a court of
- 20 competent jurisdiction for the recovery of any public money
- 21 determined by the audit to have been illegally expended and for the
- 22 recovery of any public property determined by the audit to have
- 23 been converted or misappropriated.
- 24 (3) If the attorney general determines from a report filed
- 25 under subsection (2) that an intermediate school district has
- 26 misspent tax proceeds as described in subsection (2) and notifies
- 27 the intermediate school district of this determination, the

- 1 intermediate school district shall repay to its special education
- 2 operating fund an amount equal to the amount the department of
- 3 treasury determined under subsection (2) has been used for a
- 4 purpose other than special education operating purposes OR MAKING
- 5 PAYMENTS TO A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT OR REFUNDS TO TAXPAYERS AS
- 6 REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 640. The intermediate school district shall
- 7 make this repayment from funds of the intermediate school district
- 8 that lawfully may be used for making such a repayment.
- 9 (4) For the purposes of subsections (2) and (3), the
- 10 department and the department of treasury, in consultation with
- 11 intermediate school districts, shall develop and make available to
- 12 intermediate school districts a definition of special education
- 13 operating purposes.
- 14 (5) An intermediate district shall not hold more than 2
- 15 elections in a calendar year concerning the authorization of a
- 16 millage rate for special education purposes under sections 1722 to
- **17** 1729.
- 18 Sec. 1731. (1) An intermediate school district may borrow
- 19 money and issue bonds of the intermediate school district subject
- 20 to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to
- 21 141.2821, to defray all or part of the costs of purchasing,
- 22 erecting, completing, remodeling, improving, furnishing,
- 23 refurnishing, equipping, or reequipping buildings for special
- 24 education facilities; acquiring, preparing, developing, or
- 25 improving sites, or parts of sites or additions to sites, for
- 26 buildings and other special education facilities; refunding all or
- 27 part of existing bonded indebtedness; or the accomplishment of a

- 1 combination of these purposes.
- 2 (2) An intermediate school district shall not issue bonds for
- 3 purposes of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling,
- 4 improving, furnishing, refurnishing, equipping, or reequipping
- 5 buildings for special education for an amount greater than 1.5% of
- 6 the total assessed valuation of the intermediate school district.
- 7 (3) An intermediate school district shall not use the proceeds
- 8 from bonds issued or refunded under this section or levy a tax to
- 9 repay bonds issued or refunded under this section for any purpose
- 10 other than facilities used for special education purposes. If a
- 11 facility is to be used during regular school hours for purposes
- 12 other than providing special education programs and services,
- 13 proceeds from bonds issued or refunded under this section or from
- 14 millage levied to repay bonds issued or refunded under this section
- 15 shall be used only for that portion of the facility that is used
- 16 for providing special education programs and services.
- 17 (4) FOR BONDS THAT ARE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER THE
- 18 EFFECTIVE DATE OF SECTION 640, BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
- 19 (A) THE SCHOOL ELECTORS OF A CONSTITUENT DISTRICT THAT HAS IN
- 20 EFFECT A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 640 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO
- 21 VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS UNDER THIS SECTION OR LEVYING
- 22 A TAX TO REPAY THOSE BONDS.
- 23 (B) THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT LEVY A TAX TO
- 24 REPAY THE BONDS ON PROPERTY THAT IS LOCATED IN A CONSTITUENT
- 25 DISTRICT THAT HAS IN EFFECT A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 640.
- 26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 27 after the date it is enacted into law.