

HOUSE BILL NO. 6534

December 17, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Gay-Dagnogo, Jones, Sneller, Yancey, Cherry, Guerra, Hood, Camilleri, Anthony, Brenda Carter, Garrett, Kuppa, Cynthia Neeley and Stone and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1278e.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1278e. (1) Subject to subsection (2), in addition to a
2 STEM endorsement under section 1278d, a school district or public
3 school academy may notate a pupil's transcript or diploma to
4 indicate that the pupil has earned an arts and humanities

1 endorsement.

2 (2) A pupil is eligible for an arts and humanities endorsement
3 under subsection (1) if the pupil meets all of the following:

4 (a) Completes all applicable requirements of the Michigan
5 merit standard for a high school diploma under sections 1278a and
6 1278b.

7 (b) In addition to the requirements under subdivision (a),
8 completes 3 credits in any of the following subjects that align
9 with subject area content expectations or guidelines, as
10 applicable, developed under section 1278b or more rigorous content
11 expectations or guidelines:

12 (i) English.

13 (ii) Visual arts, performing arts, or applied arts.

14 (iii) A language other than English. For purposes of this
15 subparagraph, both of the following apply:

16 (A) American Sign Language is considered to be a language
17 other than English.

18 (B) The pupil may complete all or part of this credit with
19 online course work.

20 (c) Declares his or her intention to pursue an arts and
21 humanities endorsement described in subsection (1) upon entering
22 high school. A pupil may change or add an endorsement under this
23 section or section 1278d at any time.

24 (3) A school district or public school academy that offers an
25 endorsement under subsection (1) or section 1278d shall develop and
26 implement a pupil tracking program for pupils pursuing an
27 endorsement that includes, at least, advice and annual check-ins
28 from a school counselor to assist in keeping the pupil on track to
29 earn the endorsement.

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
2 after the date it is enacted into law.