

# SENATE BILL NO. 1121

November 14, 2024, Introduced by Senators SHINK, CAVANAGH and MCMORROW and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1969 PA 226, entitled  
"Critical health problems education act,"  
by amending section 3 (MCL 388.383).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 3. **(1)** A critical health problems education program is  
2 created in the ~~state~~ department of education. The superintendent is  
3 authorized to promote, support and conduct programs to carry out  
4 the purposes of this act. These programs ~~shall~~**must** include, but  
5 not be limited to, **all of the following:**

1 (a) Establishing guidelines to help local school districts  
2 develop comprehensive health education programs.

3 (b) Establishing special inservice programs to provide  
4 professional preparation in health education for teachers  
5 throughout ~~the~~**this** state.

6 (c) Providing leadership for institutions of higher education  
7 to develop and extend curricula in health education for  
8 professional preparation in both inservice and preservice programs.

9 (d) Developing cooperative programs between school districts  
10 and institutions of higher education ~~whereby~~**through which** the  
11 appropriate health personnel of ~~such~~**the** institutions would be  
12 available to guide the continuing professional preparation of  
13 teachers and the development of curricula for local programs.

14 (e) Adding to the staff of the department of education  
15 competent specialists in the field of school health education to  
16 work with local school districts in the development of curricula  
17 and the preparation of teachers in health education.

18 (f) Employing, on a contractual basis, authorities in health  
19 education, **including, but not limited to, regional school health**  
20 **coordinators**, to provide assistance to the department of education  
21 in its inservice programs for teachers.

22 (g) Assisting in the development of plans and procedures for  
23 the evaluation of health education curricula and determining that a  
24 program of comprehensive health education is being carried out  
25 ~~which~~**that** meets the needs of the children and youth within the  
26 local school district.

27 **(2) As used in this section, "regional school health**  
28 **coordinators" means a network of qualified health education**  
29 **professionals employed by a school district, intermediate school**

1 district, public school academy, or other entity and funded and  
2 supported in part by the department of health and human services  
3 and the department that operationalize comprehensive school health  
4 education and wellness programs in all schools in this state.