

# SENATE BILL NO. 204

April 15, 2025, Introduced by Senators CHANG and BAYER and referred to Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1258.

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

1           **Sec. 1258. (1) By not later than July 31, 2026, the board of a**  
2 **school district or intermediate school district or board of**  
3 **directors of a public school academy shall adopt and implement a**  
4 **policy that prescribes procedures the school district, intermediate**  
5 **school district, or public school academy must follow before**

1 closing a school building. These procedures must address at least  
2 all of the following:

3 (a) Reporting of data to the department as required by law.

4 (b) Transition of students and the students' records,  
5 including academic and medical records, to new schools.

6 (c) The selection of a records repository for the purposes of  
7 subsection (4) and the submission of student records to that  
8 repository.

9 (d) Timely notification to the parents and legal guardians of  
10 students enrolled in the school and employees working at the  
11 school. These notification procedures must include at least a 1-  
12 month notice before a school is closed and at least 1 public  
13 meeting. For a public school academy that receives notification  
14 from its authorizing body of an intent to revoke or not renew the  
15 public school academy's contract, these notification procedures  
16 also must include notice within 1 month after that notification.  
17 For a school district or intermediate school district, the  
18 notification to parents and legal guardians also must include  
19 information regarding the reassignment of students to other schools  
20 operated by the school district or intermediate school district.  
21 For a public school academy, the notification to parents and legal  
22 guardians also must include information about options for placement  
23 in other public schools along with contact information and  
24 important timelines for enrollment in other public schools. The  
25 notification procedures must provide for notifications described in  
26 this subdivision to be made by first-class mail unless that method  
27 of notice is not financially feasible, in which case an alternative  
28 method may be used such as electronic notice, sending notifications  
29 home with students, or contracting with a third party to provide

1 notifications.

2 (e) Distribution of assets and proper securement of the closed  
3 school building within 60 days after it is closed, if it is not  
4 anticipated to be leased or sold in a timely manner. The procedure  
5 for distribution of assets must include at least an accounting of  
6 the assets of the school building and a report to the board of the  
7 school district or intermediate school district or to the  
8 authorizing body of the public school academy, and to the  
9 department that inventories those assets including any obligated  
10 fund amounts. However, except as otherwise provided under this act,  
11 for a public school that has been incorporated under the nonprofit  
12 corporation act, 1982 PA 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192, the  
13 procedure for distribution of assets must comply with that act with  
14 respect to distribution of assets.

15 (f) That if a decision to close a school building is based on  
16 financial projections made during the normal budget development  
17 process for the school fiscal year beginning on the next July 1,  
18 the closure decision must be made and the notification procedures  
19 under subdivision (d) must be started not later than that next July  
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21 (g) That if a decision to close a school building is made for  
22 a reason other than finances, the closure decision must be made and  
23 the notification procedures under subdivision (d) must be started  
24 not later than the end of the school fiscal year, and that a  
25 closure during the next school year for a reason other than  
26 finances is prohibited unless this deadline is met.

27 (h) That the closure of a school building during the school  
28 year is allowed only if there is an extenuating circumstance that  
29 would endanger the health or safety of the students in attendance

1 at the school building. For a closure allowed under this  
2 subdivision, the notification procedures under subdivision (d) must  
3 be started as soon as possible after the discovery of the  
4 extenuating circumstance.

5 (2) A policy adopted under subsection (1) must include  
6 language regarding the allocation of funds to employ an individual  
7 to facilitate the transition and ensure that all applicable  
8 requirements of the law are met.

9 (3) By not later than March 31, 2026, the department shall  
10 develop and make available a model policy for the purposes of this  
11 section that complies with subsection (1).

12 (4) A policy adopted under subsection (1) must include the  
13 selection of a records repository to provide long-term storage and  
14 maintenance of the records of students of the closed school  
15 building that are not delivered to new schools under subsection  
16 (1)(b). The board of the school district or intermediate school  
17 district or board of directors of the public school academy may  
18 select any of the following as its records repository under this  
19 subsection:

20 (a) The intermediate school district in which the closed  
21 school building is located, if the intermediate school district  
22 agrees to act as the records repository for those records.

23 (b) If the closed school building is a public school academy,  
24 the school district or intermediate school district in which the  
25 closed school building is located, if the school district or  
26 intermediate school district agrees to act as the records  
27 repository for those records.

28 (c) Another person that agrees to act as the records  
29 repository for those records, if the person demonstrates to the

1 satisfaction of the board or board of directors that it has the  
2 expertise to provide long-term storage and maintenance of those  
3 records.