

**EDUCATION FOR THE GIFTED AND/OR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED ACT**  
**Act 299 of 1974**

AN ACT to promote the planning and development of educational programs for the gifted and/or academically talented; to create a state advisory commission on education for the gifted and/or academically talented and to prescribe its powers and duties; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments and agencies.

**History:** 1974, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Oct. 18, 1974.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**388.1091 Short title.**

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “education for the gifted and/or academically talented act”.

**History:** 1974, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Oct. 18, 1974.

**388.1092 Definitions.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) The “gifted and/or academically talented” means elementary and/or secondary school students who may be considered to be (1) intellectually gifted, (2) outstanding in school achievement, and/or (3) those who have outstanding abilities in particular areas of human endeavor, including the arts and humanities.

(b) “Education for the gifted and/or academically talented” means a school program, whether of an enrichment, an acceleration, an individualized instruction, or a special grouping nature, that provides for educational opportunities commensurate with the abilities, achievements, or special needs of the gifted and/or academically talented students.

(c) “Commission” means the advisory commission on education for the gifted and/or academically talented.

**History:** 1974, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Oct. 18, 1974.

**388.1093 Advisory commission on education of the gifted and/or academically talented; creation; appointment and qualifications of members; ex officio member and chairman; director; compensation.**

Sec. 3. (1) The advisory commission on education of the gifted and/or academically talented is created in the department of education. The commission consists of 20 members of which not more than 1/2 shall represent the education profession. The members shall be appointed by the state board of education. The state superintendent of public instruction or his designated agent shall be a nonvoting, ex officio member and shall serve as chairman. The commission membership shall include a director appointed by the state board of education, representatives of labor, business, or industry, a noneducational state governmental agency, local and intermediate school board members and administrators, a community college district, a 4-year college or university, a neighborhood education authority, a school psychologist, a specialist in the psychology and education of the gifted and/or academically talented students, a parent, a teacher, a counselor, a high school student, and a post high school student.

(2) The director shall be employed full time as a staff member of the department of education and shall carry out all administrative and organizational functions of the commission as well as any other duties concerning the needs of the gifted and/or academically talented students. Other members of the commission shall serve without compensation except for necessary and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**History:** 1974, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Oct. 18, 1974.

**388.1094 Duties of commission; estimate of costs.**

Sec. 4. (1) The commission shall evaluate current state, regional, and local efforts toward education of the gifted and/or academically talented and shall submit to the state board of education its findings.

(2) The commission shall recommend to the board guidelines and performance objectives for a comprehensive education program for the gifted and/or academically talented and shall provide an estimate of the cost of the program or programs recommended.

(3) The commission shall present to the board proposed legislation to implement its recommendations. The state board of education shall study the recommendations and evaluations submitted to it by the commission and shall provide to the legislature and the governor by December 1, 1975, an estimate of the cost of

implementing a comprehensive plan for education of the gifted and/or academically talented in the state and proposed legislation to implement the plan.

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