

SENATE BILL No. 154

February 6, 2003, Introduced by Senators CLARK-COLEMAN, SCHAUER, CLARKE, BARCIA, SCOTT, CHERRY, JACOBS, LELAND and EMERSON 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 1282b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1282b. (1) The board of a school district or local act
2 school district or board of directors of a public school academy
3 shall develop and adopt standards for promotion of pupils to the
4 next grade level. These standards shall include at least

5 standards concerning all of the following:

- 6 (a) Exit skills expected for each grade level.
- 7 (b) Attendance requirements.
- 8 (c) Other specific, demonstrated, identified competencies for
- 9 each grade level.
- 10 (d) How and when a pupil's performance will be assessed.

11 (2) The board of a school district or local act school

1 district or board of directors of a public school academy shall
2 adopt and implement a pupil promotion policy as provided in this
3 subsection. The policy shall provide that a pupil shall not be
4 promoted to the next grade level at the end of a school year if
5 the pupil has not met the locally adopted standards for pupil
6 promotion adopted under subsection (1). Not later than the
7 2006-2007 school year, the board shall implement the pupil
8 promotion policy required under this subsection at least for
9 pupils in grades K-3. The board shall implement the policy for
10 pupils in at least 1 additional grade level each school year
11 thereafter until the policy has been implemented for pupils in
12 every grade level. In addition, the pupil promotion policy
13 required under this subsection shall include at least all of the
14 following:

15 (a) A process through which a pupil's parents or legal
16 guardian will be notified if the child is not performing at grade
17 level, as assessed in accordance with the standards under
18 subsection (1)(d).

19 (b) A process for developing an education plan to assist a
20 pupil who is at risk of not being promoted, as determined by
21 assessment in accordance with the standards under subsection
22 (1)(d), to achieve the necessary grade level skills and
23 competencies.

24 (3) The board of a school district or local act school
25 district or board of directors of a public school academy shall
26 ensure that the standards adopted under subsection (1) and the
27 policy adopted under subsection (2) are distributed to the

1 parents of pupils enrolled in the school district or public
2 school academy and are made available to members of the
3 community.

4 (4) This section does not limit any rights a pupil has under
5 state or federal special education law.