Bill would let college juniors serve as substitute teachers

BY TIM RICHARD

School districts would be able to hire college juniors as short-term substitutes under a bill headed the full state House of Representatives. The House Education Commit-

The House Education Commit-tee reported it out April 1 on a 10.2 vote.

"I want the bill amended so that a candidate would have to be 'enrolled' in an approved teacher education program, not just 'admitted' to one,' said Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, who voted no. "It's a technical thing, but important. I could be 'admitted' to a program and never have any

"It's a technical thing, but important. I could be 'admitted' to a program and never have any intention of enrolling and finishing it," he said. "If I get it (the amendment). I'l vote yee on the bill."

Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison and a former public school music teacher, also voted no. "This will degrade the quality of teaching. We should got the other way — provide incentives for

The current school code permits a school board to hire a substitute teacher with at least 90 semester hours of college credit (at the senior level). Purpose of House bill 5481 is to allow boards to hire subs with 60 hours credit (junior level).

Educators got the sponsor, Rop. Clyde Lefarte, R-Jackson, to amend it will these safeguards:

The bill "sunsets" (expires) in mid-2003.

It covers kindergarten through grade 9 only.

The district must first try to hire a sub with at least 90 credit hours.

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The person must be at least 21 years old.

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The person may be engaged for no more than two consecutive days in the same classroom.

■ The person "has been admitted to an approved teacher education program leading to a provisional teaching certificate."

Voting with the panel majority

to report out the bill were Reps. Tom Middloton, R-Ortonville, and Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

"It's a bad idea whose time has come," quipped Rep. James Aigee, D-Muskegen, a former superintendent who voted yes reluctantly. Agee wants to amend the bill to move the sunset forward to 2001 and to ask the Department of Education for a detailed plan to deal with substitute teachers.

In an earlier public hearing, Professor Michael Bretting, interim associate dean of education at Eastern Michigan University, opposed the bill because of the "admitted" provision.

Supporters included the Michigan Association of School Administrators and Oakland Intermediate School District. Opposed was the Michigan Education Association, supported the bill with amendments.

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The cost for the conference is \$35, including lunch. Pre-registration is suggested, and childcare will be available for ages two and a half and up, for an additional fee. For further information on this and other program offerings, call the Womencenter at (248) 471-7602.

Filmmaker

to speak at

conference

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will present a conference for women entitled "A Call to Wholeness Emerging" on Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 mto 4:30 pm.

The event convenes in the campus" Tirrell Hall (Building J). Noted independent filmmaker Sue Marx is the conference keynoter. She will speak on "Women and the Arts," and present several short videos. An Academy and Emmy awards winner, Marx is president of Sue Marx Films, Inc., Woodbridge Video Productions, and Urban Communication Group.

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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a sum-mary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to April 9.

BIRMINGHAM
City arrests increase: According to the department's annual 1997 report, Birmingham police arrested 760 adults in 1997, a 22 percent increase over 1996. There were a rise in assaults from 131 to 195 from 1996 to 1997 and the larceny figure climbed from 583 in 1996 to 826 last vear.

FARMINGTOM
Bake sale benefit horses: Fifthgraders at Gill Elementary
School are organizing a bake
sale to raise money to help take
care of 35 horses that were rescued from cruel, inhumane conditions at a Davison farm in
December. All proceeds from the
sale, which is not open to the
general public, will help Horse
Haven.

ROCHESTER

Student to compete in contest: Josh Hevron, a fifth grader at Holy Family Regional School in

Rochester will represent Michi-gan at the international confer-ence of Fature Problem Solving. Piogram held at the University. of Michigan campus. Heven will compete in the junior level, sco-nario writing category with his story about natural disasters. that earned first place at the state bowl last month.

CONTRACTOR IN

SOURSELD
Mayor objects to grant projects:
Southfield Mayor Donald Fracasas verbally vetoed city council's unanimous approval by reaolution of 1998-99 projects at
HAVEN and the Women's Survival Center totaling more than
\$1 million. Fracassi prefers the
money from a Community Devel
opment Block Grant be used for
senior housies.

Road work under way: The county road commission has begun construction to the 14 Mile and I-75 interchange. The Mile and 1-75 interchange. The work will begin at 7 p.m. week, day evenings and stop by 6 a.m. Construction will cause a lane shift on north-bound 1-75 and, at night, there will be intermittent lane closures on 14 Mile.

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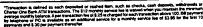


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