

Bill would let college juniors serve as substitute teachers

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

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 Committee 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-Deerborn Heights, who voted no.

"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'll vote yes 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 go the other way — provide incentives for

teachers."

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 a sub with 60 hours credit (junior level).

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

■ The bill "sunset" (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.

■ The person must be at least 21 years old.

■ 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 Middleton, R-Ortonville, and Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

"It's a bad idea whose time has come," quipped Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, a former superintendent who voted yes reluctantly.

He said he would 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 Federation of Teachers.

The Michigan Education Association supported the bill with amendments.

Filmmaker to speak at women's 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The event convenes in the campus' Tirrell Hall (Building J). Noted independent filmmaker Sue Marx is the conference keynote. 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.

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.

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary 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 year.

FARMINGTON
Bake sale benefit horses: Fifth-graders 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 Hevran, a fifth grader at Holy Family Regional School in

Rochester will represent Michigan at the international conference of Future Problem Solving Program held at the University of Michigan campus. Hevran will compete in the junior level, scenario writing category with his story about natural disasters that earned first place at the state bowl last month.

SOUTHFIELD
Mayor objects to grant projects: Southfield Mayor Donald Francis verbally vetoed city council's unanimous approval by resolution of 1999-99 projects at HAVEN and the Women's Survival Center totaling more than \$1 million. Francis prefers the money from a Community Development Block Grant be used for senior housing.

TROY
Road work under way: The county road commission has begun construction to the 14 Mile and I-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 I-75 and, at night, there will be intermittent lane closures on 14 Mile.

Foster homes sought for neglected children

Foster homes are sought for abused and neglected children throughout the metro Detroit area.

ed at Lutheran Social Services, 21700 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

For other information, call (248) 423-2760.

To learn how to volunteer, or

DON'T PAINT YOUR RADIATORS

Paint drastically reduces the efficiency of steam & hot water radiators and wood enclosures are poor heat conductors.

Affordable Ase Radiator Enclosures...

- One durability of steel with baked enamel finish in decorator colors
- Keep draper, walls & ceilings clean
- Protect heat out into room

arsco FREE Product Brochure FREE On-site Estimates

Manufacturing Co., Inc.
3544 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247 (513) 262-6880

WIFE WANTED

Due to massive overstock situation, the ELNA Sewing Machine Warehouse is offering for sale to the public a limited number of new special ELNA HEAVY DUTY 200-2AG OPEN ARM sewing machines that are made of METAL and sew on all fabrics. Levis, canvas, upholstery, nylon, stretch, vinyl, etc. - EVEN SEWS ON LEATHER! No attachments needed for button holes (any size), monograms, hems, sews on buttons, satin stitches, overcast, darts, appliques and more. Just set the dial and see magic happen without old fashioned cams or programmers. These ELNA HEAVY DUTY SEWING MACHINES are built sturdy for home professional or school room sewing. 25 year warranty. Brand new in factory sealed cartons.

Your price with ad \$197.00. Without this ad \$449.00. Your check or cash welcome. VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Lay-a-way, Certified Savings. Three Days only! Included: Floor Samples, embroidery machines, sergers & discontinued models - discounted up to \$1,900.

HIGH TECH SEWING

31118 Dequindre • Sterling Hgts.
at 14 Mile in Washington Plaza
Just Mile E. of Oakland Mall
(810) 268-6880
Store Hours: Daily 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-4

Wonderland Mall
Plymouth & Middlebelt in Livonia
(734) 425-7699
Store Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10-9
Sun. 12-5

PEPPERIDGE FARM
BAKERY THRIFT STORE

BETTER HOP OVER TO YOUR PEPPERIDGE FARM BAKERY THRIFT STORE BEFORE EASTER.

1/2 PRICE
1/2 OFF ALL PEPPERIDGE FARM COOKIES, CRACKERS, GOLDFISH, LAYER CAKES, TURNOVERS AND BREAD ITEMS.

Thurs. • Fri. • Sat.
April 9 • 10 • 11

OUR NEW LOCATION

LIVONIA 29115 Eight Mile Rd. (248) 477-2046	STERLING HEIGHTS 2183 17 Mile Rd. at Dequindre Rd. (610) 264-3095	BIRMINGHAM 1959 Southfield Rd. (248) 642-4242
---	---	---

MARRYINGWELL

Let our bridal specialist propose ways to make yours a wedding to remember Thursday evening, April 16, from 6 to 9 in The Galleries. For additional information, call (248) 643-3300, ext. 2386.

HOUSE SPECIALTIES
Preview dinnerware, flatware, crystal, and decoratives from Herend, Bernardaud, Haviland, Aynsley, Rosenthal, Royal Copenhagen, Philippe Deshouilliers, Gien, Steuben, Lalique, Baccarat, Saint Louis, Waterford Crystal, Orrefors, Kosta Boda, Christofle, Buccellati Silver Company, Annie Glass, MacKenzie-Childs, Ltd., Arthur Court Designs, and Halcyon Days Enamels.

BRIDAL GIFTKEEPER®
Our computerized gift registry links NM® stores coast-to-coast.

A SECOND LOOK
Let makeup artists from Bobbi Brown Essentials ensure that everyone in your bridal party is at her best. Deluxe gift samples are available for the bride-to-be.

TAKE THE CAKE
Sample an exquisitely decadent wedding cake from The Home Bakery — an array of wedding and specialty cakes will also be displayed.

POST IMPRESSIONS
A Crane® representative will be on hand to assist you with invitations and notecards.

PRIZE POSSESSIONS
Why wait until the wedding to receive presents? Sign up to win crystal, china, and fabulous decoratives in our bridal gift drawing.

BLOOMIN' GENIUS
Melissa Everard can offer suggestions regarding bouquets, floral cake toppers, and tabletop arrangements.

CAMERA ANGLES
Whether you prefer candid shots, traditional portraits, or a combination of both — photographer Don Sales will discuss all your options.

FAR AND AWAY
Let the experts from Travel Headquarters show you exotic ports of call.

FAMILY THREADS
See our special evening collection featuring dresses for the mother of the bride as well as trousseau options from Dana Buchman.

Neiman Marcus

www.neimanmarcus.com

THE SUMMER COLLECTION 248 643 3300 FOR STORE EVENTS CALL TOLL FREE 1 888 NM EVENTS

SmartBusiness. \$
Checking
It's All in the Name
FREE!

Consider this.
If you operate a small business, smart money management is a top priority. Like checking. Where we offer a huge advantage. No monthly fee when you maintain a minimum average monthly balance of only \$2,500, and the first 100 transactions are free.* Plus, you can enjoy merchant services, payroll services and the convenience of paying your business bills by telephone or by PC. And more!
Now, that's really SmartBusiness! Ask for details at any branch.

SmartBusiness Check System
FREE
When you open a SmartBusiness account by July 31, 1998.

Features: Handsome ring-binder, 300 checks, 200 deposit slips and a personalized endorsement stamp... Free... a \$100 value.

FIRST FEDERAL OF MICHIGAN
Ask Us. We Can Do It.™

Branch offices throughout metropolitan Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Kalamazoo, Okemos, Durand, Cheesman and Okemos. Extended hours weekdays and all service Saturdays at most branches.

FDIC
Insured
www.ffom.com

*Transaction is defined as each deposited or cashed item, such as checks, cash deposits, withdrawals or Charter One Bank ATM transactions. The \$12 monthly service fee is waived when you maintain the minimum average monthly balance. A fast transaction fee of \$2.50 per transaction over 100. 200 payment transactions per month. An additional service fee of \$3.00 for a monthly service fee of \$3.00 for the first 10 payments and \$2.00 per payment thereafter.