

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5506**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0
Full-time equated classified positions	560.2



1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	167,825,100
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
3	Total interdepartmental grants and			
4	intradepartmental transfers			0
5	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	167,825,100
6	Federal revenues:			
7	Total federal revenues			82,550,500
8	Special revenue funds:			
9	Total local revenues			5,868,500
10	Total private revenues			2,542,200
11	Total other state restricted revenues			10,117,800
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$	66,746,100
13	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE			
14	SUPERINTENDENT			
15	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	14.8		
17	Unclassified salaries--FTE positions	6.0	\$	1,155,600
18	Education commission of the states			120,800
19	State board of education, per diem payments			24,400
20	State board/superintendent operations--FTEs	14.8		3,097,000
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	4,397,800
22	Appropriated from:			
23	Federal revenues:			
24	Federal revenues			306,600
25	Special revenue funds:			
26	Private foundations			80,000
27	Certification fees			835,100
28	State general fund/general purpose		\$	3,176,100



1	Sec. 103. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND		
2	SUPPORT		
3	Full-time equated classified positions	47.7	
4	Central support operations--FTEs	41.7	\$ 7,047,600
5	Federal and private grants		3,000,000
6	Grant and contract operations--FTEs	6.0	2,420,800
7	Property management		3,985,000
8	Terminal leave payments		353,300
9	Training and orientation workshops		150,000
10	Worker's compensation		6,200
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 16,962,900
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal indirect revenues		2,296,800
15	Federal revenues		5,860,200
16	Special revenue funds:		
17	Private foundations		1,000,000
18	Certification fees		616,800
19	Teacher testing fees		80,600
20	Training and orientation workshop fees		150,000
21	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 6,958,500
22	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
23	Information technology services and projects		\$ 5,753,400
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 5,753,400
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Federal revenues:		
27	Federal indirect revenues		1,821,500
28	Federal revenues		670,600



1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Certification fees		977,400
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$	2,283,900
4	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES		
5	Full-time equated classified positions	47.0	
6	Special education operations--FTEs	47.0	\$ 9,555,600
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	9,555,600
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Federal revenues:		
10	Federal revenues		8,955,700
11	Special revenue funds:		
12	Private foundations		111,800
13	Certification fees		49,200
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	438,900
15	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND		
16	BLIND		
17	Full-time equated classified positions	74.0	
18	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--FTE	1.0	\$ 1,000,400
19	Low incidence outreach program		1,000,000
20	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind		
21	operations--FTEs	73.0	16,714,000
22	Private gifts - blind		200,000
23	Private gifts - deaf		150,000
24	ASL literacy resources		1,000,000
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	20,064,400
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	Federal revenues		7,639,400



1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		5,868,500
3	Gifts, bequests, and donations		1,350,400
4	Low incidence outreach fund		1,000,000
5	Student insurance revenue		206,100
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,000,000
7	Sec. 107. EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE		
8	Full-time equated classified positions	47.0	
9	Educator excellence operations--FTEs	46.0	\$ 10,678,400
10	Educator recruitment and preparation programs--		
11	FTE	1.0	1,675,600
12	Teacher license renewals		280,000
13	Michigan test for teacher certification		
14	reimbursement		1,150,000
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	13,784,000
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	Federal revenues		3,173,000
19	Special revenue funds:		
20	Certification fees		4,190,100
21	Teacher testing fees		203,300
22	State general fund/general purpose	\$	6,217,600
23	Sec. 108. SYSTEMS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY		
24	Full-time equated classified positions	15.0	
25	Office of systems, evaluation, and technology		
26	operations--FTEs	15.0	\$ 2,742,000
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	2,742,000
28	Appropriated from:		



1	Federal revenues:		
2	Federal indirect revenues		145,500
3	Federal revenues		1,335,700
4	Special revenue funds:		
5	Certification fees		11,000
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,249,800
7	Sec. 109. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION		
8	Full-time equated classified positions	6.0	
9	Strategic planning and implementation		
10	operations--FTEs	6.0	\$ 1,194,100
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 1,194,100
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal revenues		643,100
15	State general fund/general purpose	\$	551,000
16	Sec. 110. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SERVICES		
17	Full-time equated classified positions	3.0	
18	Administrative law operations--FTEs	3.0	\$ 1,574,500
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 1,574,500
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Federal revenues:		
22	Federal revenues		573,300
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Certification fees		745,800
25	State general fund/general purpose	\$	255,400
26	Sec. 111. ACCOUNTABILITY SERVICES		
27	Full-time equated classified positions	58.0	
28	Accountability services operations--FTEs	58.0	\$ 14,921,300



1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	14,921,300
2	Appropriated from:			
3	Federal revenues:			
4	Federal revenues			12,981,800
5	State general fund/general purpose		\$	1,939,500
6	Sec. 112. SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES			
7	Full-time equated classified positions	84.0		
8	Adolescent and school health		\$	334,100
9	School support services operations--FTEs	84.0		16,310,400
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	16,644,500
11	Appropriated from:			
12	Federal revenues:			
13	Federal revenues			13,127,300
14	Special revenue funds:			
15	Commodity distribution fees			150,000
16	State general fund/general purpose		\$	3,367,200
17	Sec. 113. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS			
18	Full-time equated classified positions	85.7		
19	Educational supports operations--FTEs	85.7	\$	17,846,000
20	Michigan core curriculum			750,000
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	18,596,000
22	Appropriated from:			
23	Federal revenues:			
24	Federal revenues			13,175,600
25	Special revenue funds:			
26	Certification fees			602,400
27	State general fund/general purpose		\$	4,818,000
28	Sec. 114. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION			



1	Full-time equated classified positions	25.0		
2	Career and technical education operations--FTEs	25.0	\$	5,834,200
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	5,834,200
4	Appropriated from:			
5	Federal revenues:			
6	Federal revenues			4,099,200
7	State general fund/general purpose		\$	1,860,000
8	Sec. 115. LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN			
9	Full-time equated classified positions	36.0		
10	Library of Michigan operations--FTEs	34.0	\$	5,623,000
11	Library services and technology program--FTE	1.0		5,630,700
12	Michigan eLibrary--FTE	1.0		1,740,800
13	Renaissance zone reimbursements			2,200,000
14	State aid to libraries			16,067,700
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	31,262,200
16	Appropriated from:			
17	Federal revenues:			
18	Federal revenues			5,630,700
19	Special revenue funds:			
20	Library fees			300,000
21	State general fund/general purpose		\$	25,331,500
22	Sec. 116. PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT SUPPORT			
23	Full-time equated classified positions	17.0		
24	Partnership district support operations--FTEs	17.0	\$	4,238,200
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	4,238,200
26	Appropriated from:			
27	Federal revenues:			
28	Federal revenues			114,500



1	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,123,700
2	Sec. 118. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
3	Toolkit development	\$	300,000
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	300,000
5	Appropriated from:		
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	300,000

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, total state spending under part 1 from state sources is \$76,863,900.00 and state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is \$18,417,000.00. The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Renaissance zone reimbursements	2,200,000
School support services operations	150,000
State aid to libraries	16,067,700
TOTAL	\$ 18,417,700

Sec. 202. The appropriations under this part and part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

- (a) "Department" means the department of education.
- (b) "DHHS" means the department of health and human services.



1 (c) "District" means a local school district as that term is
2 defined in section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
3 380.6, or a public school academy as that term is defined in
4 section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

5 (d) "FTE" means full-time equated.

6 (e) "HHS" means the United States Department of Health and
7 Human Services.

8 (f) "Standard report recipients" means the senate and house
9 appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate
10 and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and
11 the state budget office.

12 Sec. 204. The department shall use the internet to fulfill the
13 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement includes
14 transmitting reports to the standard report recipients and any
15 other required recipients by email and posting the reports on a
16 website.

17 Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
18 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
19 following apply to the expenditure of funds appropriated in part 1:

20 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign
21 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of
22 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are
23 available.

24 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
25 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
26 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

27 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
28 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and
29 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of



1 comparable quality.

2 Sec. 206. The department shall not take disciplinary action
3 against an employee of the department for communicating with a
4 member of the legislature or legislative staff, unless the
5 communication is prohibited by law and the department is exercising
6 its authority as provided by law.

7 Sec. 207. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
8 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare
9 a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1.
10 The report must list all travel by classified and unclassified
11 employees outside this state in the previous fiscal year that was
12 funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the
13 department's budget. The department shall submit the report to the
14 standard report recipients and to the senate and house
15 appropriations committees. The report must include all of the
16 following information:

17 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

18 (b) The total transportation and related expenses of each
19 travel occurrence and the proportions funded with state general
20 fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal
21 revenues, and other revenues.

22 Sec. 208. The department shall not use funds appropriated in
23 part 1 to hire a person to provide legal services that are the
24 responsibility of the attorney general. This section does not apply
25 to legal services for bonding activities or to outside legal
26 services that the attorney general authorizes.

27 Sec. 209. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
28 shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the
29 total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the



1 close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the
2 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
3 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The state
4 budget office shall transmit the report to the standard report
5 recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house
6 appropriations committees.

7 Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
8 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
9 federal contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this
10 subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been
11 transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of
12 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

13 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
14 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for state
15 restricted contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under
16 this subsection are not available for expenditure until they have
17 been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section
18 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

19 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
20 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for local
21 contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this
22 subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been
23 transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of
24 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

25 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
26 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for private
27 contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this
28 subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been
29 transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of



1 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

2 Sec. 211. The department shall cooperate with the department
3 of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable
4 website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is
5 not limited to, all of the following for the department:

6 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

7 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

8 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
9 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
10 payment description.

11 (d) The number of active department employees by job
12 classification.

13 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

14 Sec. 212. Not later than 14 days after the release of the
15 executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate
16 with the state budget office to provide an annual report on
17 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund
18 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the
19 previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the
20 standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate
21 and house appropriations committees.

22 Sec. 214. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to
23 restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government
24 resources, programs, or facilities.

25 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments
26 shall report any action or policy that attempts to restrict or
27 interfere with the duties of the local health officer.

28 Sec. 215. To the extent permissible under the management and
29 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the state



1 superintendent of public instruction shall take all reasonable
2 steps to ensure that geographically disadvantaged business
3 enterprises compete for and perform contracts to provide services,
4 supplies, or both. The state superintendent of public instruction
5 shall strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts
6 to subcontract with certified geographically disadvantaged business
7 enterprises for services, supplies, or both. As used in this
8 section, "geographically disadvantaged business enterprises" means
9 that term as defined in Executive Directive No. 2019-08.

10 Sec. 216. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report on
11 the number of full-time equated positions in pay status by civil
12 service classification, including a comparison by line item of the
13 number of full-time equated positions authorized from funds
14 appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of full-time equated
15 positions employed by the department at the end of the reporting
16 period. The report must be submitted to the senate and house
17 appropriations committees and to the standard report recipients.

18 Sec. 217. It is the intent of the legislature that the
19 department maximize the efficiency of the state workforce, and, if
20 possible, prioritize in-person work and post its in-person, remote,
21 or hybrid work policy on its website.

22 Sec. 218. The department shall receive and retain copies of
23 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department
24 shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-
25 term retention of records. The department may electronically retain
26 copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state
27 guidelines.

28 Sec. 219. Not later than April 1, the department shall report
29 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act



1 affecting the department that took effect during the previous
 2 calendar year. The department shall submit the report to the
 3 standard report recipients, to the senate and house appropriations
 4 committees, and to the joint committee on administrative rules.

5 Sec. 222. To the extent possible, the department shall not
 6 expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing authorized
 7 work project funds available for the same purposes are exhausted.

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9 **DEPARTMENT-SPECIFIC GENERAL SECTIONS**

10 Sec. 301. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
 11 department shall provide through the internet the state board of
 12 education agenda and all supporting documents, and shall notify the
 13 state budget director and the senate and house fiscal agencies that
 14 the agenda and supporting documents are available on the internet,
 15 at the time the agenda and supporting documents are provided to
 16 state board of education members.

17 Sec. 302. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
 18 department may assist DHHS, other departments, intermediate school
 19 districts, and local school districts to secure reimbursement for
 20 eligible services provided in Michigan schools from the federal
 21 Medicaid program. The department may submit reports of direct
 22 expenses related to this effort to DHHS for reimbursement.

23 Sec. 303. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
 24 department shall do both of the following:

25 (a) Post on its website a link to the federal Institute of
 26 Education Sciences' What Works Clearinghouse.

27 (b) Disseminate knowledge about the What Works Clearinghouse
 28 to districts and intermediate school districts so that it may be
 29 used to improve reading proficiency for pupils in grades K to 3.



1 Sec. 304. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
2 department shall coordinate with the other departments to
3 streamline state services and resources, reduce duplication, and
4 increase efficiency, including, but not limited to, all of the
5 following:

6 (a) Working with the department of treasury to coordinate with
7 the financial independence team and overseeing deficit districts.

8 (b) Working with DHHS and the department of licensing and
9 regulatory affairs to coordinate with early childhood programs and
10 overseeing child care providers.

11 Sec. 305. (1) As a condition of receiving appropriations in
12 part 1, the department shall, in collaboration with DHHS, promote
13 and support initiatives in schools and other educational
14 organizations that include, but are not limited to, training for
15 educators, teachers, and other personnel in school settings for all
16 of the following:

17 (a) Using trauma-informed practices.

18 (b) Age-appropriate education and information on human
19 trafficking.

20 (c) Age-appropriate education and information on sexual abuse
21 prevention.

22 (2) If requested by the department, the department of state
23 police and the department of attorney general shall consult with
24 the department in the promotion and support of initiatives in
25 schools and other educational organizations under subsection (1).

26 Sec. 306. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
27 department shall ensure that the most recently issued report of
28 regional in-demand occupations issued by the department of
29 technology, management, and budget is distributed in electronic or



1 paper form to all high schools in each school district,
2 intermediate school district, and public school academy.

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4 **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

5 Sec. 351. (1) The department may use the appropriations from
6 the state board of education, per diem payments in part 1 for per
7 diem payments to the state board members for meetings at which a
8 quorum is present or for performing official business authorized by
9 the state board. The per diem payments are set at the following
10 rates:

11 (a) State board of education - president - \$110.00 per day.

12 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
13 \$100.00 per day.

14 (2) The department shall not pay a state board of education
15 member a per diem for more than 30 days per year.

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17 **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

18 Sec. 401. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for special
19 education operations, the department shall use \$100,000.00 to
20 design and distribute to all parents and legal guardians of a
21 student with a disability the following information:

22 (a) Federal and state mandates regarding the rights and
23 protections of students with disabilities, including, but not
24 limited to, individualized education programs to ensure that
25 parents and legal guardians are fully informed about laws, rules,
26 procedural safeguards, and problem-solving options.

27 (b) Any other information the department determines is
28 necessary to allow parents and legal guardians to provide
29 meaningful input in collaboration with districts to develop and



1 implement an individualized education program.

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3 **MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

4 Sec. 451. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the employees
5 at the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind who work on a
6 school-year basis are considered annual employees for purposes of
7 service credits, retirement, and insurance benefits.

8 Sec. 452. For each student enrolled at the Michigan Schools
9 for the Deaf and Blind, the department shall assess the
10 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
11 operating the student's instructional program, excluding room and
12 board related costs and the cost of weekend transportation between
13 the school and the student's home.

14 Sec. 456. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
15 Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind may promote its residential
16 program as a possible appropriate option for children who are deaf
17 or hard of hearing or who are blind or visually impaired. From the
18 funds appropriated in part 1, the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and
19 Blind shall distribute information detailing its services to all
20 intermediate school districts in this state.

21 (2) If an intermediate school district knows that a child in
22 the district is deaf or hard of hearing or blind or visually
23 impaired, the intermediate school district shall provide to the
24 parents of the child the literature distributed by the Michigan
25 Schools for the Deaf and Blind to intermediate school districts
26 under subsection (1).

27 (3) Parents will continue to have a choice regarding the
28 educational placement of their deaf or hard-of-hearing children.

29 Sec. 457. Revenue received by the Michigan Schools for the



1 Deaf and Blind from gifts, bequests, and donations that is
2 unexpended at the end of the state fiscal year may be carried over
3 to the succeeding fiscal year and does not revert to the general
4 fund.

5 Sec. 458. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the low
6 incidence outreach fund are appropriated from money collected by
7 the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind and the low incidence
8 outreach program for providing qualified services and may be used
9 for any expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any
10 money that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year does
11 not revert to the general fund and may be carried forward into the
12 succeeding fiscal year.

13 (2) As used in this section, "qualified services" means any of
14 the following:

- 15 (a) Document reproduction and services.
16 (b) Conducting conferences, workshops, and training classes.
17 (c) Providing specialized equipment, facilities, and software.

18 Sec. 459. When conducting a due process hearing resulting from
19 a parent's appeal of that parent's child's individualized education
20 program team's decision on the child's educational placement, a
21 state administrative law judge shall consider designating the
22 Michigan School for the Deaf as 1 of the options for the least
23 restrictive environment under federal law for the parent's child
24 who is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing.

25 Sec. 460. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for ASL
26 literacy resources, the department shall expend the funds to comply
27 with all requirements in section 1705 of the revised school code,
28 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1705.

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1 **EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE**

2 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
3 excellence, the department shall maintain certificate revocation
4 and felony conviction files of educational personnel.

5 Sec. 502. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for teacher
6 license renewals, the department shall implement a program to waive
7 fees or associated costs for the recruitment and retention of
8 educators.

9 Sec. 503. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
10 department shall, if requested by the Michigan Virtual Learning
11 Research Institute, consult with the Michigan Virtual Learning
12 Research Institute and external stakeholders in connection with the
13 department's implementation and administration of professional
14 development training described in section 35a of the state school
15 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1635a, including, but not
16 limited to, the online training of educators of pupils in grades K
17 to 3 described in that section.

18 Sec. 504. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
19 recruitment and preparation programs, the department shall award
20 \$1,000,000.00 to districts for both of the following:

21 (a) Educator preparation program tuition, program fees,
22 testing fees, and substitute permit costs for any individual
23 employed in grades pre-k to 12 working toward certification or an
24 additional endorsement.

25 (b) Program costs associated with hands-on learning
26 experiences for students in grades 6 to 12 interested in the field
27 of education, with supervision and mentoring from educators who are
28 champions of, and committed to, the success of the profession.

29 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator



1 recruitment and preparation programs, not less than \$190,000.00 and
2 not fewer than 1.0 FTE position is allocated for educator
3 recruitment and preparation programs.

4 Sec. 506. Revenue received from teacher testing fees that is
5 unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year may be carried
6 over to the succeeding fiscal year and does not revert to the
7 general fund.

8 Sec. 507. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
9 department shall adopt a teacher certification test that ensures
10 that all newly certified elementary teachers have the skills to
11 deliver evidence-based literacy instruction grounded in the science
12 of reading. The department may use teacher certification or teacher
13 testing fee revenue to the extent allowable under law to implement
14 this section, or may pass along increased testing fees to teachers
15 as allowable and appropriate.

16 Sec. 508. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the
17 Michigan test for teacher certification shall be used for grants to
18 reimburse eligible applicants who have taken a subject area test or
19 subject area tests required under the Michigan test for teacher
20 certification during the 2024-2025 academic year. Grant awards must
21 be equal to 100% of the fees associated with any test or tests
22 under the Michigan test for teacher certification necessary for the
23 eligible applicant to be certified to teach in Michigan. As used in
24 this subsection, "eligible applicant" means any of the following:

25 (a) The applicant was not a certified teacher in any state and
26 took a required subject area test or subject area tests under the
27 Michigan test for teacher certification for the first time.

28 (b) The applicant was a certified teacher in another state and
29 took a required test or tests under the Michigan test for teacher



1 certification for the first time.

2 (c) The applicant was a Michigan certified teacher and took a
3 required subject area test or subject area tests under the Michigan
4 test for teacher certification for an additional endorsement for
5 the first time.

6 (2) The department shall develop, and publish on the
7 department website, program guidelines, an application process, and
8 the associated application materials for grants under subsection
9 (1).

10 (3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the
11 Michigan test for teacher certification are designated as a work
12 project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallocated funds
13 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be
14 available for expenditures for projects under this section until
15 the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance
16 with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
17 MCL 18.1451a:

18 (a) The purpose of the project is to reimburse applicants who
19 are taking a required test for the Michigan test for teacher
20 certification for the first time.

21 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
22 resources, contracts, or grants.

23 (c) The total estimated cost for the work project is
24 \$1,150,000.00.

25 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2029.

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27 **SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

28 Sec. 601. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for adolescent
29 and school health, the department shall use the funds to replace



1 federal funding reductions from the HHS - Centers for Disease
2 Control and Prevention to the department and section 39a(2)(a) of
3 the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1639a.

4 Sec. 602. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for school
5 support services operations, there is appropriated \$150,000.00 for
6 school board member training. The department shall approve 1 or
7 more training programs for school board members that include
8 courses of instruction for school board members in 1 or more of the
9 following topic areas:

10 (a) Conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to, the
11 application of section 1203 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
12 451, MCL 380.1203.

13 (b) Labor relations, including, but not limited to, a school
14 board's role in collective bargaining agreements in 1947 PA 336,
15 MCL 423.201 to 423.217, and in other laws related to employment.

16 (c) Education law, including, but not limited to, the revised
17 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, the state school
18 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896, the open
19 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, and 1937 (Ex Sess)
20 PA 4, MCL 38.71 to 38.191, dealing with teacher tenure.

21 (d) School finance, including, but not limited to, the
22 creation and management of school district budgets.

23 (e) Board governance, including, but not limited to, roles and
24 responsibilities, parliamentary procedure, and best practices.

25 (f) Implicit bias training.

26 (2) On completion of an eligible training program, a school
27 board member may apply for reimbursement for the cost of the
28 eligible training program through the board member's local
29 district, up to \$100.00 per course. The department may determine



1 the form and manner of the application to reimburse the district
2 for the cost.

3 (3) The department shall create a process for the provider of
4 a course in a topic listed in subsection (1) to apply to the
5 department to have the course approved and be eligible for a school
6 board member to be reimbursed for completing that course as
7 provided under subsection (2).

8 (4) As used in this section:

9 (a) "Eligible training program" means a training program that
10 is approved under subsection (1).

11 (b) "School board member" means a member of the board of a
12 school district or intermediate school district or a member of the
13 board of directors of a public school academy in this state.

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15 **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS**

16 Sec. 701. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
17 educational supports, the department shall produce a report
18 detailing the progress made by districts with grades K to 12
19 receiving at-risk funding under section 31a of the state school aid
20 act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631a, in doing both of the
21 following:

22 (a) Implementing multitiered systems of supports in the
23 previous school fiscal year for grades K to 12.

24 (b) Providing reading intervention services described in
25 section 1280f of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
26 380.1280f, for pupils in grades K to 12.

27 (2) The department shall include, at a minimum, all of the
28 following in the report described in subsection (1):

29 (a) A description of the training, coaching, and technical



1 assistance offered by the department to districts to support the
2 implementation of effective multitiered systems of supports and
3 reading intervention programs.

4 (b) A list of districts determined by the department to have
5 successfully implemented multitiered systems of supports and
6 reading intervention programs.

7 (c) A list of best practices that the department has
8 identified that may be used by districts to implement multitiered
9 systems of supports and reading intervention programs.

10 (d) Other information the department determines would be
11 useful to understanding the status of districts' implementation of
12 effective multitiered systems of supports and reading intervention
13 programs.

14 (3) The department shall provide the report described in
15 subsection (1) to the state budget director, the house and senate
16 subcommittees that oversee the department and school aid budgets,
17 and the house and senate fiscal agencies by September 30 of the
18 current fiscal year.

19 Sec. 702. From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
20 appropriated an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for
21 implementation costs associated with programs for early childhood
22 literacy funded under section 35a of the state school aid act of
23 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1635a.

24 Sec. 703. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
25 core curriculum, the department shall, in collaboration with the
26 confederation of Michigan tribal education department, continuously
27 design, implement, and evaluate professional learning and optional
28 curriculum modules for the purpose of teaching Michigan Indigenous
29 tribal history including the history of Indian boarding schools in



1 Michigan as described in the Michigan core curriculum standards for
2 grades 8 to 12.

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4 **LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN**

5 Sec. 801. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for library
6 fees are appropriated from money collected by the library of
7 Michigan for providing qualified services and may be used for any
8 expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any money
9 that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year does not
10 lapse to the general fund and may be carried forward into the
11 succeeding fiscal year.

12 (2) As used in this section, "qualified services" means any of
13 the following:

14 (a) Document reproduction and services.

15 (b) Conducting conferences, workshops, and training classes.

16 (c) Providing specialized equipment, facilities, and software.

17 Sec. 804. (1) The department shall use the funds appropriated
18 in part 1 for renaissance zone reimbursements to reimburse public
19 libraries under section 12 of the Michigan renaissance zone act,
20 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2692, for taxes levied in 2024. The department
21 shall allocate the funds not later than 60 days after the
22 department of treasury certifies to the department and to the state
23 budget director that the department of treasury has received all
24 necessary information to properly determine the amounts due to each
25 eligible recipient.

26 (2) If the amount appropriated under this section is not
27 sufficient to fully pay obligations under this section, the
28 department shall prorate payments on an equal basis among all
29 eligible recipients.



1 Sec. 805. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the
2 Library of Michigan, there is appropriated \$100,000.00 for
3 Michigan's poet laureate to support the Michigan poet laureate
4 program to promote poetry, the spoken word, and literary arts
5 across this state.

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8 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

9 Sec. 1102. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
10 toolkit development, the department is authorized to hire 1
11 limited-term employee and cover necessary costs to develop a
12 toolkit to provide professional development regarding the teaching
13 of the full and complex American history across subject areas
14 including the history of communities of color and other
15 marginalized communities.

16 (2) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for toolkit
17 development are designated as a work project appropriation, and any
18 unencumbered or unallocated funds shall not lapse at the end of the
19 fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects
20 under this section until the projects have been completed. The
21 following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and
22 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

23 (a) The purpose of the project is to develop a toolkit to
24 provide professional development regarding teaching of the full and
25 complex American history.

26 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state
27 resources, contracts, or grants.

28 (c) The total estimated cost for the work project is
29 \$300,000.00.



1 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2026.

