

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4287**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; 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, 2024, from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions 6.0

Full-time equated classified positions 640.5

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	515,783,000
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
3	Total interdepartmental grants and			
4	intradepartmental transfers			
5	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	515,783,000
6	Federal revenues:			
7	Total federal revenues			370,064,100
8	Special revenue funds:			
9	Total local revenues			5,856,000
10	Total private revenues			2,791,300
11	Total other state restricted revenues			10,072,000
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$	126,999,600
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	11.0		
17	Unclassified salaries--FTE positions	6.0	\$	1,100,500
18	Education commission of the states			120,800
19	State board of education, per diem payments			24,400
20	State board/superintendent operations--FTEs	11.0		2,505,400
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	3,751,100
22	Appropriated from:			
23	Federal revenues:			
24	Federal revenues			299,100
25	Special revenue funds:			
26	Private foundations			80,000
27	Certification fees			819,000
28	State general fund/general purpose		\$	2,553,000

1	Sec. 103. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND		
2	SUPPORT		
3	Full-time equated classified positions	47.6	
4	Central support operations--FTEs	38.6	\$ 6,142,700
5	Federal and private grants		3,000,000
6	Grant and contract operations--FTEs	9.0	2,781,200
7	Property management		3,972,900
8	Terminal leave payments		353,300
9	Training and orientation workshops		150,000
10	Worker's compensation		13,000
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 16,413,100
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal indirect revenues		2,994,300
15	Federal revenues		6,266,700
16	Special revenue funds:		
17	Private foundations		1,000,000
18	Certification fees		601,600
19	Teacher testing fees		77,100
20	Training and orientation workshop fees		150,000
21	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 5,323,400
22	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
23	Information technology services and projects		\$ 5,020,800
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 5,020,800
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Federal revenues:		
27	Federal indirect revenues		1,983,600
28	Federal revenues		650,800

1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Certification fees		948,500
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,437,900
4	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES		
5	Full-time equated classified positions	47.0	
6	Special education operations--FTEs	47.0	\$ 9,408,900
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	9,408,900
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Federal revenues:		
10	Federal revenues		8,816,400
11	Special revenue funds:		
12	Private foundations		110,900
13	Certification fees		47,400
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	434,200
15	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND		
16	BLIND		
17	Full-time equated classified positions	82.0	
18	Camp Tuhsmeheta--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	81.0	16,652,300
22	Private gifts - blind		200,000
23	Private gifts - deaf		150,000
24	ASL literacy resources		1,000,000
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	20,002,700
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	Federal revenues		7,590,200

1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		5,856,000
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	53.0	
9	Educator excellence operations--FTEs	52.0	\$ 10,365,100
10	Educator recruitment and preparation programs--		
11	FTE	1.0	1,669,500
12	Teacher license renewals		280,000
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	12,314,600
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Federal revenues:		
16	Federal revenues		3,167,100
17	Special revenue funds:		
18	Certification fees		4,154,700
19	Teacher testing fees		200,700
20	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,792,100
21	Sec. 108. MICHIGAN OFFICE OF GREAT START		
22	Full-time equated classified positions	77.0	
23	Child development and care contracted services		\$ 18,900,000
24	Child development and care external support		31,089,000
25	Child development and care public assistance		271,080,000
26	Head start collaboration office--FTE	1.0	421,900
27	Office of great start operations--FTEs	76.0	14,217,100
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	335,708,000

1	Appropriated from:		
2	Federal revenues:		
3	Federal revenues		282,060,600
4	Special revenue funds:		
5	Private foundations		250,000
6	Certification fees		64,600
7	State general fund/general purpose	\$	53,332,800
8	Sec. 109. SYSTEMS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY		
9	Full-time equated classified positions	10.0	
10	Office of systems, evaluation, and technology		
11	operations--FTEs	10.0 \$	2,016,700
12	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	2,016,700
13	Appropriated from:		
14	Federal revenues:		
15	Federal indirect revenues		141,300
16	Federal revenues		998,900
17	Special revenue funds:		
18	Certification fees		10,600
19	State general fund/general purpose	\$	865,900
20	Sec. 110. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION		
21	Full-time equated classified positions	6.0	
22	Strategic planning and implementation		
23	operations--FTEs	6.0 \$	1,101,100
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,101,100
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Federal revenues:		
27	Federal revenues		567,600
28	State general fund/general purpose	\$	533,500

1	Sec. 111. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SERVICES		
2	Full-time equated classified positions	2.0	
3	Administrative law operations--FTEs	2.0	\$ 1,416,800
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 1,416,800
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Federal revenues		572,900
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	Certification fees		739,300
10	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 104,600
11	Sec. 112. ACCOUNTABILITY SERVICES		
12	Full-time equated classified positions	63.6	
13	Accountability services operations--FTEs	63.6	\$ 14,736,600
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 14,736,600
15	Appropriated from:		
16	Federal revenues:		
17	Federal revenues		12,819,500
18	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 1,917,100
19	Sec. 113. SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES		
20	Full-time equated classified positions	78.6	
21	Adolescent and school health		\$ 326,800
22	School support services operations--FTEs	78.6	14,826,400
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 15,153,200
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Federal revenues:		
26	Federal revenues		12,829,300
27	Special revenue funds:		
28	Commodity distribution fees		150,000

1	State general fund/general purpose		\$	2,173,900
2	Sec. 114. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS			
3	Full-time equated classified positions	84.7		
4	Educational supports operations--FTEs	84.7	\$	17,394,200
5	Michigan core curriculum			750,000
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	18,144,200
7	Appropriated from:			
8	Federal revenues:			
9	Federal revenues			12,941,000
10	Special revenue funds:			
11	Certification fees			602,400
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$	4,600,800
13	Sec. 115. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION			
14	Full-time equated classified positions	24.0		
15	Career and technical education operations--FTEs	24.0	\$	5,440,300
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	5,440,300
17	Appropriated from:			
18	Federal revenues:			
19	Federal revenues			4,052,300
20	State general fund/general purpose		\$	1,388,000
21	Sec. 116. LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN			
22	Full-time equated classified positions	33.0		
23	Library of Michigan operations--FTEs	31.0	\$	5,018,100
24	Library services and technology program--FTE	1.0		5,623,000
25	Michigan eLibrary--FTE	1.0		1,731,000
26	Renaissance zone reimbursements			2,200,000
27	State aid to libraries			15,567,700
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	30,139,800

1	Appropriated from:		
2	Federal revenues:		
3	Federal revenues		5,623,000
4	Special revenue funds:		
5	Library fees		300,000
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	24,216,800
7	Sec. 117. PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT SUPPORT		
8	Full-time equated classified positions	13.0	
9	Partnership district support operations--FTEs	13.0	\$ 3,583,600
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	3,583,600
11	Appropriated from:		
12	Federal revenues:		
13	Federal revenues		114,500
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	3,469,100
15	Sec. 118. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	8.0	
17	Michigan's poet laureate		\$ 100,000
18	E-rate matching enhancement		5,000,000
19	Family and community engagement--FTEs	6.0	3,000,000
20	Head start collaboration office		100,000
21	School infrastructure and consolidation		
22	administration--FTEs	2.0	756,500
23	Michigan test for teacher certification		
24	reimbursement		1,000,000
25	PRIME schools		6,000,000
26	Wonderschool		5,475,000
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	21,431,500
28	Appropriated from:		

1	Federal revenues:	
2	Federal revenues	5,575,000
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 15,856,500

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

GENERAL SECTIONS

9 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
10 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under
11 part 1 for fiscal year 2023-2024 is 126,999,600.00 and state
12 spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government
13 for fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$17,767,700.00. The itemized statement
14 below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units
15 of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

17	Renaissance zone reimbursements	2,200,000
18	State aid to libraries	15,567,700
19	TOTAL	\$ 17,767,700

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

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

24 (a) "Department" means the Michigan department of education.

25 (b) "DHHS" means the Michigan department of health and human
26 services.

27 (c) "District" means a local school district as that term is
28 defined in section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
29 380.6, or a public school academy as that term is defined in

1 section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

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

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

5 Sec. 204. The departments and agencies receiving
6 appropriations in part 1 shall use the internet to fulfill the
7 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement shall include
8 transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for
9 each reporting requirement, and it shall include placement of
10 reports on an internet site.

11 Sec. 205. Except as otherwise provided in this part, all
12 reports required under this part shall be submitted to the senate
13 and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget,
14 the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office.

15 Sec. 206. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
16 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
17 following apply:

18 (a) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used for the
19 purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively
20 priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or
21 both, are available.

22 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
23 manufactured or provided by businesses in this state, if they are
24 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

25 (c) In addition, preference must be given to goods or
26 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by businesses
27 in this state that are owned and operated by veterans, if they are
28 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

29 Sec. 207. From the funds appropriated in part 1, to the extent

1 permissible under the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
2 18.1101 to 18.1594, the state superintendent of public instruction
3 shall take all reasonable steps to ensure geographically
4 disadvantaged business enterprises, as that term is defined in
5 Executive Directive 2019-08, compete for and perform contracts to
6 provide services or supplies, or both. The state superintendent of
7 public instruction shall strongly encourage firms with which the
8 department contracts to subcontract with geographically
9 disadvantaged business enterprises, as that term is defined in
10 Executive Directive 2019-08, for services, supplies, or both.

11 Sec. 208. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
12 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the departments and agencies
13 receiving appropriations in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-
14 of-state travel expenses not later than January 1. The travel
15 report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and
16 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
17 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
18 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
19 submitted to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
20 house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.
21 The report must include the following information:

22 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

23 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel
24 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
25 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
26 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
27 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

28 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by
29 the department to hire a person to provide legal services that are

1 the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does
2 not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those
3 outside services that the attorney general authorizes.

4 Sec. 210. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
5 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of
6 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
7 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the
8 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
9 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report
10 shall be transmitted to the chairpersons of the senate and house
11 appropriations committees and to the report recipients required in
12 section 205 of this part.

13 Sec. 211. (1) Money appropriated in part 1 must not be used to
14 restrict or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity,
15 and inclusion, to restrict or impede community access to government
16 programs, or restrict an individual's ability to exercise the right
17 to reproductive freedom.

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

21 Sec. 212. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
22 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for
23 federal contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not
24 available for expenditure until they have been transferred to
25 another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management
26 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

27 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
28 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for state
29 restricted contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not

1 available for expenditure until they have been transferred to
2 another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management
3 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

4 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
5 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for local
6 contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not available for
7 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
8 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
9 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

10 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
11 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for private
12 contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not available for
13 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
14 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
15 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

16 Sec. 213. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
17 in part 1 shall cooperate with the department of technology,
18 management, and budget to maintain a searchable website accessible
19 by the public at no cost that includes, but is not limited to, all
20 of the following for the department:

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

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

23 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
24 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
25 payment description.

26 (d) The number of active department employees by job
27 classification.

28 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

29 Sec. 214. As a condition of receiving funds in part 1, within

1 14 days after the release of the executive budget recommendation,
2 the department shall cooperate with the state budget office to
3 provide the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations
4 committees and the report recipients required in section 205 of
5 this part with an annual report on estimated state restricted fund
6 balances, state restricted fund projected revenues, and state
7 restricted fund expenditures for the fiscal years ending September
8 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

9 Sec. 215. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
10 department shall maintain, on a publicly accessible website, a
11 department scorecard that identifies, tracks, and regularly updates
12 key metrics that are used to monitor and improve the department's
13 performance.

14 Sec. 216. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
15 department shall provide through the internet the state board of
16 education agenda and all supporting documents, and shall notify the
17 state budget director and the senate and house fiscal agencies that
18 the agenda and supporting documents are available on the internet,
19 at the time the agenda and supporting documents are provided to
20 state board of education members.

21 Sec. 217. On a quarterly basis, the department shall submit to
22 the senate and house appropriations committees and to the report
23 recipients required in section 205 of this part, a comparison by
24 line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated
25 in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department
26 at the end of the reporting period.

27 Sec. 218. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
28 department may assist DHHS, other departments, intermediate school
29 districts, and local school districts to secure reimbursement for

1 eligible services provided in Michigan schools from the federal
2 Medicaid program. The department may submit reports of direct
3 expenses related to this effort to DHHS for reimbursement.

4 Sec. 220. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
5 department shall post on its website a link to the federal
6 Institute of Education Sciences' What Works Clearinghouse. The
7 department also shall work to disseminate knowledge about the What
8 Works Clearinghouse to districts and intermediate school districts
9 so that it may be used to improve reading proficiency for pupils in
10 grades K to 3.

11 Sec. 221. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
12 department shall report no later than April 1 on each specific
13 policy change made to implement a public act affecting the
14 department that took effect during the prior calendar year to the
15 senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house
16 subcommittees responsible for the department budget, the joint
17 committee on administrative rules, and the senate and house fiscal
18 agencies.

19 Sec. 222. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by
20 the department or departmental agency to take disciplinary action
21 against an employee of the department or departmental agency in the
22 state classified civil service because the employee communicates
23 with a member of the legislature or the member's staff, unless the
24 communication is prohibited by law and the department or
25 departmental agency taking disciplinary action is exercising its
26 authority as provided by law.

27 Sec. 223. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
28 in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded
29 from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state guidelines for

1 short-term and long-term retention of records shall be followed.
2 The department may electronically retain copies of reports unless
3 otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

4 Sec. 224. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent
5 possible by the department, not be expended until all existing work
6 project authorization available for the same purposes is exhausted.

7 Sec. 225. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
8 department shall do all of the following:

9 (a) Report to the house and senate appropriations committees,
10 the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy
11 offices, and the state budget office any amounts of severance pay
12 for the department director, deputy director, or other high-ranking
13 department officials not later than 14 days after a severance
14 agreement with the director or official is signed. The name of the
15 director or official and the amount of severance pay must be
16 included in the report required by this subdivision.

17 (b) By February 1, report to the house and senate
18 appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house
19 and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices,
20 and the state budget office on the total amount of severance pay
21 remitted to former department employees during the fiscal year
22 ending September 30, 2023, and the total number of former
23 department employees that were remitted severance pay during the
24 fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

25 (2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means
26 compensation that is both payable or paid upon the termination of
27 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned
28 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement
29 benefits.

1 Sec. 226. 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. This includes, but is not limited to, working
5 with the department of treasury to coordinate with the financial
6 independence team and overseeing deficit districts and working with
7 DHHS and department of licensing and regulatory affairs to
8 coordinate with early childhood programs and overseeing child care
9 providers.

10 Sec. 228. (1) As a condition of receiving appropriations in
11 part 1, in collaboration with DHHS, the department shall promote
12 and support initiatives in schools and other educational
13 organizations that include, but are not limited to, training for
14 educators, teachers, and other personnel in school settings for all
15 of the following:

16 (a) Utilization of trauma-informed practices.

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

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

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

25 Sec. 231. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
26 department shall ensure that the most recently issued report of
27 regional in-demand occupations issued by the department of
28 technology, management, and budget is distributed in electronic or
29 paper form to all high schools in each school district,

1 intermediate school district, and public school academy.

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

4 Sec. 301. (1) The appropriations in part 1 may be used for per
5 diem payments to the state board for meetings at which a quorum is
6 present or for performing official business authorized by the state
7 board. The per diem payments shall be at a rate as follows:

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

9 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
10 \$100.00 per day.

11 (2) A state board of education member shall not be paid a per
12 diem for more than 30 days per year.

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14 **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

15 Sec. 350. From the funds in part 1 for special education
16 operations, the department shall use \$100,000.00 to design and
17 distribute to all parents and legal guardians of a student with a
18 disability information about federal and state mandates regarding
19 the rights and protections of students with disabilities,
20 including, but not limited to, individualized education programs to
21 ensure that parents and legal guardians are fully informed about
22 laws, rules, procedural safeguards, problem-solving options, and
23 any other information the department determines is necessary so
24 that parents and legal guardians may be able to provide meaningful
25 input in collaboration with districts to develop and implement an
26 individualized education program.

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

29 Sec. 401. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the employees

1 at the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind who work on a
2 school-year basis are considered annual employees for purposes of
3 service credits, retirement, and insurance benefits.

4 Sec. 402. For each student enrolled at the Michigan Schools
5 for the Deaf and Blind, the department shall assess the
6 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
7 operating the student's instructional program. The amount shall
8 exclude room and board related costs and the cost of weekend
9 transportation between the school and the student's home.

10 Sec. 406. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
11 Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind may promote its residential
12 program as a possible appropriate option for children who are deaf
13 or hard of hearing or who are blind or visually impaired. The
14 Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind shall distribute
15 information detailing its services to all intermediate school
16 districts in this state.

17 (2) Upon knowledge of or recognition by an intermediate school
18 district that a child in the district is deaf or hard of hearing or
19 blind or visually impaired, the intermediate school district shall
20 provide to the parents of the child the literature distributed by
21 the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind to intermediate school
22 districts under subsection (1).

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

25 Sec. 407. Revenue received by the Michigan Schools for the
26 Deaf and Blind from gifts, bequests, and donations that is
27 unexpended at the end of the state fiscal year may be carried over
28 to the succeeding fiscal year and shall not revert to the general
29 fund.

1 Sec. 408. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the low
2 incidence outreach fund are appropriated from money collected by
3 the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind and the low incidence
4 outreach program for providing qualified services and may be used
5 for any expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any
6 money that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year may
7 be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year.

8 (2) As used in this section, "qualified services" means
9 document reproduction and services; conducting conferences,
10 workshops, and training classes; and providing specialized
11 equipment, facilities, and software.

12 Sec. 409. When conducting a due process hearing resulting from
13 a parent's appeal of that parent's child's individualized education
14 program team's decision on the child's educational placement, a
15 state administrative law judge shall consider designating the
16 Michigan School for the Deaf as 1 of the options for the least
17 restrictive environment under federal law for the parent's child
18 who is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing.

19 Sec. 410. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for ASL
20 literacy resources, the department shall expend the funds to comply
21 with all requirements in section 1705 of the revised school code,
22 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1705.

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24 **EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE**

25 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
26 excellence, the department shall maintain certificate
27 revocation/felony conviction files of educational personnel.

28 Sec. 502. The funds appropriated in part 1 for teacher license
29 renewals shall be used to implement a program to waive fees or

1 associated costs for the recruitment and retention of teachers.

2 Sec. 503. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
3 department shall, upon request, consult with the Michigan Virtual
4 Learning Research Institute and external stakeholders in connection
5 with the department's implementation and administration of
6 professional development training described in section 35a of the
7 state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1635a, including,
8 but not limited to, the online training of educators of pupils in
9 grades K to 3 described in that section.

10 Sec. 504. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
11 recruitment and preparation programs, the department shall award
12 \$1,000,000.00 to districts for educator preparation program
13 tuition, program fees, testing fees, and substitute permit costs
14 for any individual employed in grades pre-k to 12 working toward
15 certification or an additional endorsement, and for program costs
16 associated with hands-on learning experiences for students in
17 grades 6 to 12 interested in the field of education, with
18 supervision and mentoring from educators who are champions of, and
19 committed to, the success of the profession.

20 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
21 recruitment and preparation programs, not less than \$190,000.00 and
22 not fewer than 1.0 FTE position is allocated for educator
23 recruitment and preparation programs. These amounts are in addition
24 to any funding and FTEs utilized for this purpose in the fiscal
25 year ending September 30, 2024.

26 Sec. 506. Revenue received from teacher testing fees that is
27 unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year may be carried
28 over to the succeeding fiscal year and shall not revert to the
29 general fund.

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

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10 **SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

11 Sec. 601. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for adolescent
12 and school health, there is appropriated \$326,800.00 to replace
13 federal funding reductions from the HHS - Centers for Disease
14 Control and Prevention to the department and section 39a(2) (a) of
15 the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1639a.

16 Sec. 602. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for school
17 support services operations, there is appropriated \$150,000.00 for
18 school board member training. The department shall approve 1 or
19 more training programs for school board members that include
20 courses of instruction for school board members in 1 or more of the
21 following topic areas:

22 (a) Conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to, the
23 application of section 1203 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
24 451, MCL 380.1203.

25 (b) Labor relations, including, but not limited to, in a
26 school board's role in collective bargaining agreements in 1947 PA
27 336, MCL 423.201 to 423.217, and in other laws related to
28 employment.

29 (c) Education law, including, but not limited to, the revised

1 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, the state school
2 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896, the open
3 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, and 1937 (Ex Sess)
4 PA 4, MCL 38.71 to 38.191, dealing with teacher tenure.

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

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

9 (2) Upon completion of an eligible training program, a school
10 board member may apply for reimbursement for the cost of the
11 eligible training program through the board member's local
12 district, up to \$100.00 per course. The department may determine
13 the form and manner of the application to reimburse the district
14 for the cost.

15 (3) The department must create a process for the provider of a
16 course in a topic listed in subsection (1) to apply to the
17 department to have the course approved and be eligible for a school
18 board member to be reimbursed for completing that course as
19 provided under subsection (2).

20 (4) As used in this section:

21 (a) "Eligible training program" means a training program that
22 is approved under subsection (1).

23 (b) "School board member" means a member of the board of a
24 school district or intermediate school district or a member of the
25 board of directors of a public school academy in this state.

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27 **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS**

28 Sec. 701. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
29 educational supports, the department shall produce a report

1 detailing the progress made by districts with grades K to 12
2 receiving at-risk funding under section 31a of the state school aid
3 act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631a, in implementing multitiered
4 systems of supports in the prior school fiscal year for grades K to
5 12, and in providing reading intervention services described in
6 section 1280f of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
7 380.1280f, for pupils in grades K to 12.

8 (2) The report described in subsection (1) shall include, at a
9 minimum:

10 (a) A description of the training, coaching, and technical
11 assistance offered by the department to districts to support the
12 implementation of effective multitiered systems of supports and
13 reading intervention programs.

14 (b) A list of districts determined by the department to have
15 successfully implemented multitiered systems of supports and
16 reading intervention programs.

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

20 (d) Other information the department determines would be
21 useful to understanding the status of districts' implementation of
22 effective multitiered systems of supports and reading intervention
23 programs.

24 (3) The department shall provide the report described in
25 subsection (1) to the state budget director, the house and senate
26 subcommittees that oversee the department and school aid budgets,
27 and the house and senate fiscal agencies by September 30, 2024.

28 Sec. 702. From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
29 appropriated an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for

1 implementation costs associated with programs for early childhood
2 literacy funded under section 35a of the state school aid act of
3 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1635a.

4 Sec. 703. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
5 core curriculum, in collaboration with the confederation of
6 Michigan tribal education department, the department shall design,
7 implement, and evaluate professional learning and optional
8 curriculum modules for the purpose of learning Michigan Indigenous
9 tribal history including the history of Indian boarding schools in
10 Michigan as described in the Michigan core curriculum standards for
11 grades 8 to 12.

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13 **LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN**

14 Sec. 801. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for library
15 fees are appropriated from money collected by the library of
16 Michigan for providing qualified services and may be used for any
17 expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any money
18 that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year may be
19 carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year.

20 (2) As used in this section, "qualified services" means
21 document reproduction and services; conducting conferences,
22 workshops, and training classes; and providing specialized
23 equipment, facilities, and software.

24 Sec. 804. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for renaissance
25 zone reimbursements shall be used to reimburse public libraries
26 under section 12 of the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376,
27 MCL 125.2692, for taxes levied in 2023. The allocations shall be
28 made not later than 60 days after the department of treasury
29 certifies to the department and to the state budget director that

1 the department of treasury has received all necessary information
2 to properly determine the amounts due to each eligible recipient.

3 (2) If the amount appropriated under this section is not
4 sufficient to fully pay obligations under this section, payments
5 shall be prorated on an equal basis among all eligible public
6 libraries.

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8 **MICHIGAN OFFICE OF GREAT START**

9 Sec. 1002. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
10 department shall ensure that the final child development and care
11 provider reimbursement rates are published on the department and
12 Great Start to Quality webpages.

13 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, upon
14 receiving approval from the state budget director, the department
15 may receive and expend federal child care development block grants
16 funds at risk of being lapsed back to the federal government. The
17 department may only do this if it meets all of the following
18 criteria:

19 (a) The funds are at risk of being lapsed by the end of the
20 current fiscal year.

21 (b) The department plans to expend the funds through a one-
22 time rate increase to providers.

23 (c) The department makes this request to the state budget
24 director not less than 30 days before the expenditure of the funds.

25 (3) The department may withdraw the intent to expend the funds
26 under subsection (2) by notifying the state budget director in
27 writing.

28 Sec. 1003. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
29 development and care contracted service, the department shall

1 provide the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the
2 department budget with an annual report on all funding appropriated
3 to contracts for the early childhood comprehensive systems planning
4 by this state during the previous fiscal year. The report is due by
5 February 15 and must contain at least the following information:

6 (a) Total funding appropriated to contracts for the early
7 childhood comprehensive systems planning by the state during the
8 previous fiscal year.

9 (b) The amount of funding for each grant awarded.

10 (c) The grant recipients.

11 (d) The activities funded by each grant.

12 (e) An analysis of each grant recipient's success in
13 addressing the development of a comprehensive system of early
14 childhood services and supports.

15 (2) All department contracts for early childhood comprehensive
16 systems planning shall be bid out through a statewide request-for-
17 proposal process.

18 Sec. 1007. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
19 development and care - external support, the department, the
20 department of license and regulatory affairs, and DHHS shall create
21 a joint annual report that includes, but is not limited to, the
22 following:

23 (a) The affordability of child care in this state, including,
24 but not limited to, the number of children eligible for and
25 participating in the child development and care program for the
26 last 5 years, and key takeaways from the most recent market rate
27 survey.

28 (b) The availability of child care in this state by county,
29 including, but not limited to, the number of licensed child care

1 providers, the change in the number of licensed child care
2 providers and slots over time, and the estimated demand for care.

3 (c) The health and safety of child care, including, but not
4 limited to, the top 10 most common rule violations, the number of
5 licenses revoked and summarily suspended, and the number of license
6 violations for incomplete health and safety training and safe sleep
7 training.

8 (d) Any actions taken to strengthen health and safety of care,
9 including, but not limited to, the number of licensing consultants,
10 their average caseload, the number of on-site visits they complete
11 by provider type and region, the types of activities that are
12 intended to improve health and safety in licensed care, and the
13 number of times those activities are performed by licensing
14 consultants.

15 (e) The quality of child care, including, but not limited to,
16 the number of licensed providers participating in Great Start to
17 Quality and the workforce registry, the number of new participants
18 and how participation has changed over the last 5 years, and the
19 number of children participating in the child development and care
20 program enrolled in an enhancing quality level or higher program.

21 (f) Actions taken to improve child care quality, including,
22 but not limited to, the number of quality consultants, the
23 consultant's average caseload, the number of on-site visits they
24 complete by region, the types of activities that are intended to
25 improve quality and the number of times those activities are
26 performed, and the number of providers that have improved their
27 quality rating since the start of the current fiscal year compared
28 to the same time period in the preceding fiscal year, reported as
29 the number of providers in each region.

1 (g) The child care workforce, including, but not limited to,
2 the number of child care professionals, average wages by role,
3 number of individuals participating in the TEACH scholarship and
4 earning a credential, and the level of demand for staff.

5 (2) The report shall be posted to the department website and
6 sent to the state budget director, the house and senate
7 subcommittees that oversee the department, and the house and senate
8 fiscal agencies by December 1 reflecting data for the previous
9 fiscal year.

10 Sec. 1008. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for office
11 of great start operations, the department shall ensure efficient
12 service provisions to coordinate services provided to families for
13 home visits, reduce duplication of state services and spending, and
14 increase efficiencies including the home visits funded under
15 section 32p of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL
16 388.1632p, and work with DHHS as necessary.

17 Sec. 1009. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
18 development and care public assistance, the income entrance
19 eligibility threshold for the child development and care program is
20 set to not more than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

21 Sec. 1011. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
22 development and care public assistance, for eligible children in
23 the child development and care program, the department shall
24 implement payments to providers based on enrollment rather than
25 based on attendance, in a manner determined by the department.

26 Sec. 1012. From the funds appropriated in part 1,
27 \$3,000,000.00 shall be for the department to work in collaboration
28 with DHHS to continue the network of infant and early childhood
29 mental health consultation, which provides mental health

1 consultation to child care providers.

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3 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

4 Sec. 1101. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
5 Michigan's poet laureate, there is \$100,000.00 appropriated for
6 support of the Michigan poet laureate program to promote poetry,
7 the spoken word, and literary arts across this state.

8 Sec. 1102. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for family
9 and community engagement, the department shall at a minimum do all
10 of the following:

11 (a) Partner with family engagement centers across this state
12 to increase parent and guardian involvement in their child's
13 education.

14 (b) Ensure translation and interpretation services are
15 available and implemented in accordance with department guidance.

16 (c) Partner with intermediate school districts to assist in
17 getting information and resources to their constituent districts.

18 (d) Develop an early literacy engagement plan to help parents
19 or guardians become involved in their child's education.

20 Sec. 1103. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
21 school infrastructure and consolidation administration, not less
22 than \$378,300.00 and not fewer than 2.0 FTE positions to administer
23 funding for school consolidation, infrastructure, and the MI
24 Healthy Climate Plan.

25 (2) In addition to the funds in subsection (1) there is an
26 additional \$378,200.00 allocated to partner with the department of
27 environment, Great Lakes, and energy, DHHS, and the department of
28 treasury to work in coordination on administering funding for
29 school consolidation, infrastructure, and the MI Healthy Climate

1 Plan.

2 Sec. 1104. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the
3 Michigan test for teacher certification reimbursement shall be used
4 for grants to eligible applicants who have taken a subject area
5 test or subject area tests required under the Michigan test for
6 teacher certification during the 2023-2024 academic year. Grant
7 awards must be equal to 100% of the fees associated with any test
8 or tests under the Michigan test for teacher certification
9 necessary for the eligible applicant to be certified to teach in
10 Michigan. As used in this subsection, "eligible applicant" means
11 any of the following:

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

15 (b) The applicant was a certified teacher in another state and
16 took a required test or tests under the Michigan test for teacher
17 certification for the first time.

18 (c) The applicant was a Michigan certified teacher and took a
19 required subject area test or subject area tests under the Michigan
20 test for teacher certification for an additional endorsement for
21 the first time.

22 (2) The department shall develop, and publish on the
23 department website, program guidelines, an application process, and
24 the associated application materials.

25 Sec. 1105. The funds appropriated in part 1 for PRIME schools
26 must be allocated to the SME Education Foundation's partnership
27 response initiative. The SME Education Foundation's partnership
28 response initiative must use the funding to provide high schools in
29 this state with cost-effective and tailored engineering and

1 manufacturing programs that provide equipment, curricula,
2 professional development, scholarships, and STEM-focused curricular
3 activities to students enrolled in and teachers teaching in high
4 schools of this state.

5 Sec. 1106. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
6 Wonderschool, \$5,475,000 shall be used for a program that provides
7 quality support to Michigan providers who seek to adopt business
8 practices that best serve Michigan families.

9 (2) An eligible recipient of funds under this section must
10 partner with the department of licensing and regulatory affairs and
11 stakeholders to increase the supply of child care family homes,
12 group homes, and centers by recruiting and coaching prospective
13 providers through the initial business planning and implementation
14 process and develop and execute a 2 year mentorship program for new
15 child care family homes, group homes, and centers.

16 (3) In order to be eligible for funding under this section,
17 the recipient must agree to do all of the following:

18 (a) Partner with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory
19 Affairs to plan, staff, and execute in-person and virtual
20 recruitment events for new child care providers in areas of need.
21 Develop informational materials that assist family, group, and
22 center child care providers with marketing, advertising, and
23 parental outreach.

24 (b) Provide a software platform, including customizable
25 dashboards, to assist family, group, and center child care
26 providers with marketing, enrollment, family communication,
27 billing, and expense reporting.

28 (c) Offer child care provider coaching and training including
29 in-person group training sessions, on-site coaching visits,

1 community forums and events.

2 (4) As a condition of receiving funds appropriated in part 1,
3 recipients must report to the department all necessary information
4 to meet state and federal reporting requirements in law and
5 regulations. This information must be reported in a form and manner
6 determined by the department.

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