

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

***** 388.1667f.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 *****

388.1667f.added Free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) form completion challenge.

Sec. 67f. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2023-2024 only an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for the FAFSA completion challenge. Funds allocated under this section must be distributed to districts to improve FAFSA completion rates.

(2) To be eligible to receive funding under this section, each district must apply in a form and manner determined by the department. As part of the application, the district must demonstrate to the department that each high school from the applying district receiving funds under this section has a data use agreement on file with the department of treasury naming at least 1 data receiver designee to access student-level data regarding FAFSA completion.

(3) No later than November 30, 2023, the department must pay each eligible district an amount not to exceed \$50.00 multiplied by the number of students enrolled and attending grade 12 in the district. The receiving district must use funds received under this subsection for participation in and implementation of activities that are known to drive FAFSA completion, as determined by the department, in collaboration with the Michigan college access network.

(4) No later than September 30, 2024, the department must pay each eligible district an amount not to exceed \$50.00 multiplied by the number of students enrolled and attending grade 12 in the district who submitted a FAFSA prior to June 30, 2024. Funds received under this subsection may be used for discretionary purposes, as determined by the districts, though districts are encouraged to use funds received under this subsection to continue work to improve FAFSA completion rates.

(5) The department must collaborate with the department of treasury to verify eligible FAFSA completion counts for the purposes of calculating payments under subsection (4). By not later than July 15, 2024, the department of treasury must provide the department FAFSA completion information necessary for calculating payments under this section.

(6) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department.

(7) As used in the section, "FAFSA" means the free application for federal student aid form.

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