

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4576**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0
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Full-time equated classified positions	450.5
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1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	133,232,700
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
3	Total interdepartmental grants and			
4	intradepartmental transfers			0
5	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	133,232,700
6	Federal revenues:			
7	Total federal revenues			76,162,200
8	Special revenue funds:			
9	Total local revenues			5,868,500
10	Total private revenues			2,542,200
11	Total other state restricted revenues			2,090,000
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$	46,569,800
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	8.0		
17	Unclassified salaries--FTE positions	6.0	\$	1,010,700
18	Education commission of the states			120,800
19	State board of education, per diem payments			24,400
20	State board/superintendent operations--FTEs	8.0		1,836,800
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	2,992,700
22	Appropriated from:			
23	Federal revenues:			
24	Federal revenues			306,600
25	Special revenue funds:			
26	Private foundations			80,000
27	State general fund/general purpose		\$	2,606,100



**Sec. 103. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND
SUPPORT**

Full-time equated classified positions	42.6		
Central support operations--FTEs	39.6	\$	6,452,600
Federal and private grants			3,000,000
Grant and contract operations--FTEs	3.0		1,936,200
Property management			3,778,600
Terminal leave payments			326,600
Training and orientation workshops			150,000
Worker's compensation			6,200
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	15,650,200
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Federal indirect revenues			2,296,800
Federal revenues			5,539,100
Special revenue funds:			
Private foundations			1,000,000
Teacher testing fees			80,600
Training and orientation workshop fees			150,000
State general fund/general purpose		\$	6,583,700
Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
Information technology services and projects		\$	3,088,500
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	3,088,500
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Federal indirect revenues			2,421,500
Federal revenues			70,600
State general fund/general purpose		\$	596,400



1	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES		
2	Full-time equated classified positions	47.0	
3	Special education operations--FTEs	47.0	\$ 9,506,400
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 9,506,400
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Federal revenues		8,955,700
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	Private foundations		111,800
10	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 438,900
11	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND		
12	BLIND		
13	Full-time equated classified positions	82.0	
14	ASL literacy resources		\$ 1,000,000
15	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--FTE	1.0	1,000,400
16	Low incidence outreach program		1,000,000
17	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind		
18	operations--FTEs	81.0	16,714,000
19	Private gifts - blind		200,000
20	Private gifts - deaf		150,000
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 20,064,400
22	Appropriated from:		
23	Federal revenues:		
24	Federal revenues		7,639,400
25	Special revenue funds:		
26	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		5,868,500
27	Gifts, bequests, and donations		1,350,400
28	Low incidence outreach fund		1,000,000



1	Student insurance revenue		206,100
2	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,000,000
3	Sec. 107. EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE		
4	Full-time equated classified positions	17.0	
5	Educator excellence operations--FTEs	16.0	\$ 3,376,300
6	Educator recruitment and preparation programs--		
7	FTE	1.0	1,675,600
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	5,051,900
9	Appropriated from:		
10	Federal revenues:		
11	Federal revenues		3,173,000
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Teacher testing fees		203,300
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,675,600
15	Sec. 108. SYSTEMS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	18.0	
17	Office of systems, evaluation, and technology		
18	operations--FTEs	18.0	\$ 3,121,900
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	3,121,900
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Federal revenues:		
22	Federal indirect revenues		145,500
23	Federal revenues		1,656,800
24	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,319,600
25	Sec. 110. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SERVICES		
26	Full-time equated classified positions	1.0	
27	Administrative law operations--FTE	1.0	\$ 678,700
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	678,700



1	Appropriated from:			
2	Federal revenues:			
3	Federal revenues			573,300
4	State general fund/general purpose		\$	105,400
5	Sec. 111. ACCOUNTABILITY SERVICES			
6	Full-time equated classified positions	43.6		
7	Accountability services operations--FTEs	43.6	\$	12,981,800
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	12,981,800
9	Appropriated from:			
10	Federal revenues:			
11	Federal revenues			12,981,800
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$	0
13	Sec. 112. SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES			
14	Full-time equated classified positions	62.6		
15	Adolescent and school health		\$	334,100
16	School support services operations--FTEs	62.6		13,277,300
17	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	13,611,400
18	Appropriated from:			
19	Federal revenues:			
20	Federal revenues			13,127,300
21	Special revenue funds:			
22	Commodity distribution fees			150,000
23	State general fund/general purpose		\$	334,100
24	Sec. 113. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS			
25	Full-time equated classified positions	71.7		
26	Educational supports operations--FTEs	71.7	\$	15,134,600
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	15,134,600
28	Appropriated from:			

1	Federal revenues:		
2	Federal revenues		13,175,600
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,959,000
4	Sec. 114. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION		
5	Full-time equated classified positions	25.0	
6	Career and technical education operations--FTEs	25.0	\$ 5,668,700
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	5,668,700
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Federal revenues:		
10	Federal revenues		4,099,200
11	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,569,500
12	Sec. 115. LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN		
13	Full-time equated classified positions	32.0	
14	Library of Michigan operations--FTEs	31.0	\$ 5,173,000
15	Michigan eLibrary--FTE	1.0	1,740,800
16	Renaissance zone reimbursements		2,200,000
17	State aid to libraries		16,567,700
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	25,681,500
19	Appropriated from:		
20	Special revenue funds:		
21	Library fees		300,000
22	State general fund/general purpose	\$	25,381,500

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

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, 2026, total state spending under part 1 from state sources is \$48,659,800.00 and state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is \$18,917,700.00. 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	16,567,700
TOTAL	\$ 18,917,700

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.

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

(d) "FTE" means full-time equated position in the classified service of this state.

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

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

Sec. 204. The department shall use the internet to fulfill the



1 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement includes
2 transmitting reports to the standard report recipients and any
3 other required recipients by email and posting the reports on an
4 internet site.

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

8 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign
9 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of
10 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are
11 available.

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

15 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
16 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and
17 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of
18 comparable quality.

19 Sec. 206. The department shall not take disciplinary action
20 against an employee of the department because the employee
21 communicates with a member of the legislature or legislative staff,
22 unless the communication is prohibited by law and the department is
23 exercising its authority as provided by law.

24 Sec. 207. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
25 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare
26 a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1.
27 The report must list all travel outside this state by classified
28 and unclassified employees in the immediately previous fiscal year
29 that was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the



1 department's budget. The department shall submit the report to the
2 standard report recipients and to the senate and house
3 appropriations committees. The report must include the following
4 information:

5 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

6 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel
7 occurrence and the proportions funded with state general
8 fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal
9 revenues, local revenues, and private revenues, including specific
10 sources of state restricted, federal, local, and private revenues.

11 Sec. 208. The department shall not use funds appropriated in
12 part 1 to hire a person to provide legal services that are the
13 responsibility of the attorney general. This section does not apply
14 to legal services for bonding activities or to outside legal
15 services that the attorney general authorizes.

16 Sec. 209. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
17 shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the
18 total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
19 close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the
20 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
21 lapses by major departmental program or program area. The state
22 budget office shall submit the report to the standard report
23 recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house
24 appropriations committees.

25 Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
26 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
27 federal 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 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
3 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for state
4 restricted contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under
5 this subsection are not available for expenditure until they have
6 been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section
7 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

14 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
15 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for private
16 contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this
17 subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been
18 transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of
19 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

20 Sec. 211. (1) The department shall cooperate with the
21 department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a
22 searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that
23 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for the
24 department:

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

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

27 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
28 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
29 payment description.



1 (2) The department shall cooperate with the department of
2 technology, management, and budget to update the searchable website
3 on a quarterly basis.

4 Sec. 212. Not later than 14 days after the release of the
5 executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate
6 with the state budget office to provide an annual report on
7 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund
8 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the
9 previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the
10 standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate
11 and house appropriations committees.

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

20 Sec. 217. If the state administrative board, acting under
21 section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount
22 appropriated under part 1, the legislature may, by a concurrent
23 resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and
24 serving in each house, inter-transfer funds within part 1 for the
25 particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.

26 Sec. 218. The department shall receive and retain copies of
27 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department
28 shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-
29 term retention of records. The department may electronically retain



1 copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state
2 guidelines.

3 Sec. 219. Not later than April 1, the department shall report
4 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act
5 affecting the department that took effect during the previous
6 calendar year. The report must include reference to the public act
7 number that necessitates the policy change. The department shall
8 submit the report to the standard report recipients, to the senate
9 and house appropriations committees, and to the joint committee on
10 administrative rules.

11 Sec. 220. (1) The department shall maintain, on a publicly
12 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,
13 and updates on a quarterly basis key metrics that are used to
14 monitor and improve the department's performance.

15 (2) The department shall notify the standard report recipients
16 when the quarterly updates to the department scorecard are
17 available on a publicly accessible website.

18 Sec. 221. (1) Unless specifically authorized elsewhere in this
19 part or part 1, funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to
20 pay for a state obligation that exceeds \$200,000.00 for a court
21 approved judgement, settlement, award, or claim without prior
22 legislative approval.

23 (2) If a state obligation for a court-approved judgement,
24 settlement, award, or claim results in a change from current
25 statute, the department shall notify the legislature.

26 (3) This section does not apply to compensation and other
27 relief to individuals wrongfully imprisoned as required under the
28 wrongful imprisonment compensation act, 2016 PA 343, MCL 691.1751
29 to 691.1757.



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

4 Sec. 223. The department shall submit a quarterly report that
5 summarizes all work project accounts. The report must include all
6 of the following:

7 (a) A list of all work project accounts.

8 (b) The status of all work project accounts including amounts
9 expended, amounts encumbered, and available balances for each
10 account.

11 (c) The amount of funds that lapsed from any previously
12 designated work project accounts, the name and description of the
13 work project account, and the funds that received the lapsed
14 amounts.

15 Sec. 224. Total authorized appropriations from all sources
16 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September
17 30, 2026 are estimated at \$7,741,200.00. From this amount, total
18 department appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are
19 estimated at \$6,982,100.00. Total department appropriations for
20 retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$759,100.00.

21 Sec. 225. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
22 department shall do the following:

23 (a) Report to the standard report recipients and to the senate
24 and house appropriations committees any amounts of severance pay
25 for a department director, deputy director, or other high-ranking
26 department official not later than 14 days after a severance
27 agreement with the director or official is signed. The name of the
28 director, deputy director, or official and the amount of severance
29 pay must be included in the report required by this subdivision.



1 (b) Not later than February 1, report on the total amount of
2 severance pay remitted to former department employees during the
3 prior fiscal year and the total number of former department
4 employees that were remitted severance pay during the prior fiscal
5 year.

6 (2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means
7 compensation to which both of the following apply:

8 (a) The compensation is payable or paid upon the termination
9 of employment.

10 (b) The compensation is paid in addition to wages or benefits
11 earned during the course of employment or generally applicable
12 retirement benefits.

13 Sec. 226. (1) The department shall maximize the efficiency of
14 the state workforce. The department shall prioritize employees
15 working in-person 5 days per week for each division within the
16 department. Employees with job responsibilities that require the
17 employees to serve in their capacities outside of the office must
18 report to the office before beginning field work. Field service
19 employees include, but are not limited to, protective services
20 workers, parole and probation officers, conservation officers,
21 state troopers assigned to road patrol, inspectors, and
22 construction and trade workers.

23 (2) The department shall establish a policy and process for
24 verifying that all employees are working their jobs during normal
25 business hours.

26 Sec. 227. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 that are utilized
27 for grants or grant programs shall be subject to the following
28 conditions:

29 (a) Grant funds must be provided only to an entity that has



1 been established or is operating in this state or another state for
2 at least 36 months before approval or disbursement of grant funds.

3 (b) Grant funds must be provided only to an entity that has
4 had an office within this state or in the service area covered
5 under the grant for at least 12 months prior to approval or
6 disbursement of grant funds.

7 (c) Before awarding or disbursing grant funds, all grant
8 recipients must provide a spending plan specifying scope of
9 service, the program goals, the measurement for meeting program
10 goals, and how all grant funds will be used and must indicate if
11 any grant funds will be provided to a third party or subrecipient.

12 (d) Up to 20% of grant funds may be spent on administrative
13 costs and salaries. Up to 10% is authorized for contingencies.

14 (e) Each department or agency responsible for awarding or
15 disbursing grant funds must annually audit the entity's use of the
16 grant funds for each fiscal year in which the grant is active. Each
17 entity must submit information requested by the department to
18 confirm compliance.

19 (f) Each department and agency shall work with the office of
20 the auditor general to conduct an audit of the grant according to
21 generally accepted accounting practices and audit standards. The
22 office of the auditor general must be given access to all internal
23 and external records. All contracts or agreements between a
24 department or agency and a grant recipient or between a grant
25 recipient and a third party must include a clause granting the
26 office of the auditor general access to all internal and external
27 records.

28 (g) Grant recipients and their immediate family members are
29 prohibited from being employed by the executive branch or



1 legislative branch of this state. In addition, grant recipients are
2 prohibited from serving on any state board that has direct or
3 indirect responsibility for approving of or auditing grant funds
4 awarded or disbursed by any department or agency.

5 (h) Full and complete audits of grant funds issued by the
6 department or an agency of this state, without redaction unless
7 required by law, must be posted to the department's website in a
8 conspicuous place for public review.

9 (2) On a quarterly basis, the department shall submit a report
10 to the standard report recipients on legislatively sponsored grant
11 funds that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

12 (a) The name of each grant recipient and the status of each
13 grant.

14 (b) The amount distributed to each grant recipient.

15 (c) The remaining amount to be distributed to each grant
16 recipient.

17 (d) Any changes to scope or costs of program.

18 (3) The report under subsection (2) must include the following
19 statements made by the department:

20 (a) A statement that confirms the department reviewed and
21 affirmed compliance by each grant recipient to program scope and
22 expenditure of grant funding.

23 (b) A statement that confirms the department reviewed
24 applicable program reports and requests for reimbursement.

25 Sec. 228. (1) The department shall require as a condition of
26 each contract or subcontract that the prequalified contractor or
27 prequalified subcontractor agree to use the E-Verify system to
28 verify that all persons hired during the contract term by the
29 contractor or subcontractor are legally present and authorized to



1 work in the United States.

2 (2) The department may verify this information directly or may
3 require contractors and subcontractors to verify the information
4 and submit a certification to the department. The department shall
5 submit a report to the standard report recipients by not later than
6 March 1 that describes the processes it has developed and
7 implemented under this section.

8 (3) The department shall not contract with any foreign
9 entities that are known or suspected to be enemies of the United
10 States or known foreign adversaries.

11 (4) As used in this section, "E-Verify" means an internet-
12 based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S.
13 Citizenship and Immigration Services in partnership with the Social
14 Security Administration.

15 Sec. 229. Funds appropriated in part 1 from state or federal
16 sources are prohibited from being used to provide services, grants,
17 or programming to an individual who is not a citizen of the United
18 States, unless the individual is a qualified alien as that term is
19 defined in 8 USC 1641. This section does not prohibit the
20 department, political subdivision, state university, or other state
21 agency from expending funds for the purpose of detaining
22 individuals who are not citizens of the United States, including
23 any costs associated with housing such individuals in county jails
24 or state correctional facilities.

25 Sec. 230. Not later than November 15, the department shall
26 disclose on a publicly accessible website private and other third-
27 party funds received by the department in the previous fiscal year.
28 The report must include the amount and source of funding received,
29 the purpose for which funding was expended, and the amount of any



1 remaining funds. The report must be submitted to the standard
2 report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house
3 appropriations committees.

4 Sec. 231. State funds must not be used for diversity, equity,
5 and inclusion, or DEI, initiatives or programs or as outlined in
6 Exec. Order No. 14151, 90 Fed. Reg. 8339 (Jan. 29, 2025) "Ending
7 Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing",
8 Exec Order No. 14168, 90 Fed. Reg. 8615 (Jan. 30, 2025) "Defending
9 Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth
10 to the Federal Government", or Exec. Order No. 14173, 90 Fed. Reg.
11 8633 (Jan. 31, 2025) "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring
12 Merit-Based Opportunity".
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14 **DEPARTMENT-SPECIFIC GENERAL SECTIONS**

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

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

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



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

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

6 Sec. 304. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
7 department shall coordinate with the other departments to
8 streamline state services and resources, reduce duplication, and
9 increase efficiency, including, but not limited to, all of the
10 following:

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

13 (b) Working with DHHS and the department of lifelong
14 education, advancement, and potential to coordinate with early
15 childhood programs and overseeing child care providers.

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

22 (a) Using trauma-informed practices.

23 (b) Age-appropriate education and information on human
24 trafficking.

25 (c) Age-appropriate education and information on sexual abuse
26 prevention.

27 (2) If requested by the department, the department of state
28 police and the department of attorney general shall consult with
29 the department in the promotion and support of initiatives in



schools and other educational organizations under subsection (1).

Sec. 306. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall ensure that the most recently issued report of regional in-demand occupations issued by the department of technology, management, and budget is distributed in electronic or paper form to all high schools in each school district, intermediate school district, and public school academy.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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

(a) Federal and state mandates regarding the rights and protections of students with disabilities, including, but not limited to, individualized education programs to ensure that



1 parents and legal guardians are fully informed about laws, rules,
2 procedural safeguards, and problem-solving options.

3 (b) Any other information the department determines is
4 necessary to allow parents and legal guardians to provide
5 meaningful input in collaboration with districts to develop and
6 implement an individualized education program.

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

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

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

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

26 (2) If an intermediate school district knows that a child in
27 the district is deaf or hard of hearing or blind or visually
28 impaired, the intermediate school district shall provide to the
29 parents of the child the literature distributed by the Michigan



1 Schools for the Deaf and Blind to intermediate school districts
2 under subsection (1).

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

5 Sec. 457. Revenue received by the Michigan Schools for the
6 Deaf and Blind from gifts, bequests, and donations that is
7 unexpended at the end of the state fiscal year may be carried over
8 to the succeeding fiscal year and does not lapse to the general
9 fund.

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

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

20 (a) Document reproduction and services.

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

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

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



1 Sec. 460. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for ASL
2 literacy resources, the department shall expend the funds to comply
3 with all requirements in section 1705 of the revised school code,
4 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1705.

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6 **EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE**

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

10 Sec. 502. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for teacher
11 license renewals, the department shall implement a program to waive
12 fees or associated costs for the recruitment and retention of
13 educators.

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

23 Sec. 504. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
24 educator recruitment and preparation programs, the department shall
25 award \$1,000,000.00 to districts and nonpublic schools for both of
26 the following:

27 (a) Educator preparation program tuition, program fees,
28 testing fees, and substitute permit costs for any individual
29 employed in grades pre-k to 12 working toward certification or an



1 additional endorsement.

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

6 (2) The department shall prepare and submit a report to the
7 standard report recipients that includes the districts and
8 nonpublic schools that received funds awarded under this section
9 and how much each district or nonpublic school received.

10 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
11 recruitment and preparation programs, not less than \$190,000.00 and
12 not fewer than 1.0 FTE position is allocated for educator
13 recruitment and preparation programs. The department shall prepare
14 and submit a report to the standard report recipients that includes
15 how funds allocated under this section are spent.

16 Sec. 506. Revenue received from teacher testing fees that is
17 unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year may be carried
18 over to the succeeding fiscal year and does not lapse to the
19 general fund.

20 Sec. 507. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
21 department shall adopt a teacher certification test that ensures
22 that all newly certified elementary teachers have the skills to
23 deliver evidence-based literacy instruction grounded in the science
24 of reading. The department may use teacher certification or teacher
25 testing fee revenue to the extent allowable under law to implement
26 this section, or may pass along increased testing fees to teachers
27 as allowable and appropriate.

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29 **SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**



1 Sec. 601. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for adolescent
2 and school health, the department shall use the funds to replace
3 federal funding reductions from the HHS - Centers for Disease
4 Control and Prevention to the department and section 39a(2) (a) of
5 the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1639a.

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

12 (a) Conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to, the
13 application of section 1203 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
14 451, MCL 380.1203.

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

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

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

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

27 (f) Rater reliability training.

28 (2) On completion of an eligible training program, a school
29 board member may apply for reimbursement for the cost of the



1 eligible training program through the board member's local
 2 district, up to \$100.00 per course. The department may determine
 3 the form and manner of the application to reimburse the district
 4 for the cost.

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

10 (4) As used in this section:

11 (a) "Eligible training program" means a training program that
 12 is approved under subsection (1).

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

16 Sec. 604. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for school
 17 support services, not less than \$159,500.00 and not fewer than 1.0
 18 FTE position shall provide technical assistance to all eligible
 19 districts to make them effective at using Medicaid dollars for
 20 mental health.

21 (2) As used in this section, "eligible district" means a
 22 school district or intermediate school district that receives
 23 funding under section 31n of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979
 24 PA 94, MCL 388.1631n.

25 26 **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS**

27 Sec. 701. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
 28 educational supports, the department shall produce a report
 29 detailing the progress made by districts with grades K to 12



1 receiving at-risk funding under section 31a of the state school aid
2 act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631a, in doing both of the
3 following:

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

6 (b) Providing reading intervention services described in
7 section 1280f of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
8 380.1280f, for pupils in grades K to 12.

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

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

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

18 (c) A list of districts determined by the department that have
19 the need to implement multi-tiered systems of supports and reading
20 intervention programs.

21 (d) A list of best practices that the department has
22 identified that may be used by districts to implement multitiered
23 systems of supports and reading intervention programs.

24 (e) Other information the department determines would be
25 useful to understanding the status of districts' implementation of
26 effective multitiered systems of supports and reading intervention
27 programs.

28 (3) The department shall provide the report described in
29 subsection (1) to the state budget director, the house and senate



subcommittees that oversee the department and school aid budgets, and the house and senate fiscal agencies by September 30.

Sec. 702. From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for implementation costs associated with programs for early childhood literacy funded under the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Sec. 750. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for career and technical education operations, the department shall develop and implement a reporting mechanism for school districts to report on career and technical education participation and workforce development participation. The department shall prepare and submit a report to the standard report recipients detailing all of the following:

(a) The number of students participating in career and technical education programs.

(b) The number of students in the graduating class of the current school year that took at least 1 career and technical education course while in high school.

(c) The number of students in the graduating class of the previous school year that enrolled in a postsecondary workforce development program in the current school year.

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

Sec. 801. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for library fees are appropriated from money collected by the Library of Michigan for providing qualified services and may be used for any



1 expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any money
2 that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year does not
3 lapse to the general fund and may be carried forward into the
4 succeeding fiscal year.

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

7 (a) Document reproduction and services.

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

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

10 Sec. 804. (1) The department shall use the funds appropriated
11 in part 1 for renaissance zone reimbursements to reimburse public
12 libraries under section 12 of the Michigan renaissance zone act,
13 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2692, for taxes levied in 2024. The department
14 shall allocate the funds not later than 60 days after the
15 department of treasury certifies to the department and to the state
16 budget director that the department of treasury has received all
17 necessary information to properly determine the amounts due to each
18 eligible recipient.

19 (2) If the amount appropriated under this section is not
20 sufficient to fully pay obligations under this section, the
21 department shall prorate payments on an equal basis among all
22 eligible recipients.

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

