



HOUSE BILL No. 5253

February 1, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Shackleton, Bishop, Jelinek, LaSata, Kowall, Pumford, Hart, Gilbert, Tesanovich, Howell, Patterson, Julian, Rick Johnson, Richner, Vear, Allen, Shulman, Birkholz and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
by amending section 36 (MCL 388.1636), as amended by 1999 PA
119.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 36. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropri-
2 ated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed
3 \$55,000,000.00 ~~each fiscal year~~ for 1998-99 ~~,~~ AND AN AMOUNT
4 NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000,000.00 EACH FISCAL YEAR FOR 1999-2000 ~~,~~
5 and 2000-2001 for school readiness grants to enable eligible dis-
6 tricts, as determined under section 37, to develop or expand, in
7 conjunction with whatever federal funds may be available, includ-
8 ing, but not limited to, federal funds under title I of the
9 elementary and secondary education act of 1965, Public Law 89-10,
10 108 Stat. 3519, chapter 1 of title I of the Hawkins-Stafford

1 elementary and secondary school improvement amendments of 1988,
2 Public Law 89-10, 102 Stat. 140, and the head start act, subchap-
3 ter B of chapter 8 of subtitle A of title VI of the omnibus
4 budget reconciliation act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, comprehen-
5 sive compensatory programs designed to improve the readiness and
6 subsequent achievement of educationally disadvantaged children as
7 defined by the department who will be at least 4, but less than 5
8 years of age, as of December 1 of the school year in which the
9 programs are offered, and who show evidence of 2 or more risk
10 factors as defined in the state board report entitled "children
11 at risk" that was adopted by the state board on April 5, 1988. A
12 comprehensive compensatory program funded under this section
13 shall include an age-appropriate educational curriculum, nutri-
14 tional services, health screening for participating children, a
15 plan for parent and legal guardian involvement, and provision of
16 referral services for families eligible for community social
17 services. In addition, from the general fund money appropriated
18 in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed
19 \$200,000.00 for 1998-99 for the purposes of subsection (2) and an
20 amount not to exceed \$5,200,000.00 each fiscal year for 1999-2000
21 and 2000-2001 for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3).

22 (2) From the general fund allocation in subsection (1),
23 there is allocated each fiscal year for 1998-99, 1999-2000, and
24 2000-2001 an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for a competitive
25 grant to continue a longitudinal evaluation of children who have
26 participated in the Michigan school readiness program.

1 (3) From the general fund allocation in subsection (1),
2 there is allocated each fiscal year for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001
3 an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 under this subsection to
4 expand current school readiness programs and head start programs
5 to operate a full day. The funds shall be allocated through a
6 competitive grant process to eligible districts that receive
7 funding under subsection (1), to eligible public or nonprofit
8 entities or agencies that receive funding for school readiness
9 programs under the department appropriations act, or to eligible
10 head start funded programs. The department shall determine the
11 competitive grant criteria. The department may accept available
12 federal funds from the family independence agency to support the
13 program under this subsection. These federal funds include, but
14 are not limited to, federal temporary assistance to needy fami-
15 lies funds.

16 (4) A district, entity, or agency receiving funding under
17 subsection (3) that offers head start or school readiness pro-
18 grams may use the funds to expand the program to operate a full
19 day.

20 (5) A district, entity, or agency receiving funding under
21 subsection (3) shall contribute a local match, which may consist
22 of local, private, or federal funds or in-kind services, totaling
23 at least 50% of the allocation under subsection (3).

24 (6) An application for a grant under subsection (3) shall be
25 in the form and manner prescribed by the department. The depart-
26 ment shall make the application form available to districts by
27 December 15 of the school year. The application shall include a

1 program budget that states all sources of funding to be used for
2 the program. Applications shall be submitted to the department
3 not later than February 1 of the school year. The department
4 shall approve or disapprove the application and notify the apply-
5 ing district, entity, or agency of that decision by April 1 of
6 the school year. Funds allocated under subsection (3) for the
7 current fiscal year may be expended through the end of the fol-
8 lowing fiscal year.

9 (7) A district receiving a grant under this section may con-
10 tract for the provision of the comprehensive compensatory program
11 or full day school readiness program and retain for administra-
12 tive services an amount equal to not more than 5% of the grant
13 amount.

14 (8) As used in this section, "full day" means a program that
15 offers supplementary day care and therefore offers full-day pro-
16 gramming of at least 10 hours per day as part of its school read-
17 iness program.