SENATE BILL No. 1103

February 13, 2002, Introduced by Senators Stille and Bennett and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE BUDGET BILL

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education and certain other purposes relating to education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, school districts, and other governmental bodies; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by certain legal entities and state agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 PART 1

2 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

1	Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this bill,
2	the amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the
3	department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30,
4	2003, from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a
5	summary of the appropriations in this part:
6	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
7	APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:
8	Full-time equated unclassified positions 6.0
9	Full-time equated classified positions 407.4
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION
11	Interdepartmental grant revenues:
12	Interdepartmental grants from corrections
13	academy lease
14	Total interdepartmental grants and intrade-
15	partmental transfers
16	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION \$ 89,378,000
17	Federal revenues:
18	Total federal revenues
19	Special revenue funds:
20	Local cost sharing (schools for the blind/deaf) 4,641,600
21	Local school district service fees 102,600
22	Total local revenues 4,744,200
23	Private gifts, bequests, and donations 504,200
24	Private foundations
25	Total private revenues
26	Total local and private revenues 5,445,600
27	Teacher certification revenues 2,732,600
28	Commodity distribution fees

1	Driver fees	ı
2	Lansing, Michigan school for the blind rent 739,000	1
3	Motorcycle license fees	١
4	Safety education fund	١
5	Student insurance revenues	١
6	School loan exception fees 67,300	١
7	Teacher testing fees	١
8	Training and orientation workshop fees 100,000	١
9	Total other state restricted revenues	١
10	State general fund/general purpose \$ 30,109,700	١
11	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE	
12	SUPERINTENDENT	
13	Full-time equated unclassified positions 6.0	
14	Full-time equated classified positions 14.0	
15	State board of education, per diem \$ 19,400	١
16	Unclassified positions6.0 FTE positions 515,600	١
17	State board/superintendent operations14.0 FTE1,989,400	<u> </u>
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION \$ 2,524,400	١
19	Appropriated from:	
20	Federal revenues:	
21	Total federal funds	١
22	Special revenue funds:	
23	Private foundations	١
24	State general fund/general purpose \$ 1,924,200	١
25	Sec. 103. CENTRAL SUPPORT	
26	Full-time equated classified positions . 39.3	
27	Central support39.3 FTE positions \$ 5,264,600	ı
28	Worker's compensation	ı

1	Education commission of the states	99,300
2	Building occupancy charges-property management	
3	services	1,439,600
4	Training and orientation workshops	100,000
5	Terminal leave payments	 260,500
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 7,265,000
7	Appropriated from:	
8	Federal revenues:	
9	Total federal revenues	3,916,400
10	Special revenue funds:	
11	Certification fees	172,000
12	Commodity distribution fees	6,100
13	Driver fees	24,700
14	Local cost sharing	48,900
15	Motorcycle license fees	4,600
16	Safety education fund	2,600
17	School loan exception fees	67,300
18	Teacher testing fees	11,000
19	Training and orientation workshop fees	100,000
20	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 2,911,400
21	Sec. 104. SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES	
22	Full-time equated classified positions . 41.4	
23	School support operations41.4 FTE positions .	\$ 5,040,800
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 5,040,800
25	Appropriated from:	
26	Federal revenues:	
27	Total federal revenues	4,010,500
28	Special revenue funds:	

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1	Commodity distribution fees		45,300
2	Driver fees		499,900
3	Motorcycle license fees		139,200
4	Safety education fund		117,800
5	State general fund/general purpose	\$	228,100
6	Sec. 105. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
7	Information technology services and projects .	\$	3,288,100
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	3,288,100
9	Appropriated from:		
10	Federal revenues:		
11	Total federal revenues		1,063,800
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Certification fees		168,200
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	2,056,100
15	Sec. 106. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES		
16	Full-time equated classified positions . 69.6		
17	Special education operations69.6 FTE positions	\$	11,477,300
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	11,477,300
19	Appropriated from:		
20	Federal revenues:		
21	Total federal revenues		11,139,700
22	Special revenue funds:		
23	Certification fees		35,200
24	State general fund/general purpose	\$	302,400
25	Sec. 107. LANSING, MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE		
26	BLIND FORMER SITE		
27	General services	\$	1,267,000
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,267,000

1	Appropriated from:	
2	Interdepartmetnal grant revenues:	
3	Interdepartmental grant from corrections academy	
4	lease	518,000
5	Special revenue funds:	
6	Lansing, Michigan school for the blind rent	739,000
7	Gifts, bequests, and donations	10,000
8	State general fund/general purpose \$	0
9	Sec. 108. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND	
10	Full-time equated classified positions . 96.0	
11	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind	
12	operations96.0 FTE positions \$	9,812,100
13	Summer institute	90,000
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION	9,902,100
15	Appropriated from:	
16	Federal revenues:	
17	Total federal revenues	4,507,500
18	Special revenue funds:	
19	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf and blind)	4,592,700
20	Local school district service fees	102,600
21	Gifts, bequests and donations	494,200
22	Student insurance revenue	205,100
23	State general fund/general purpose \$	0
24	Sec. 109. PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES	
25	Full-time equated classified positions . 26.5	
26	Professional preparation operations26.5 FTE	
27	positions	3,135,000
28	Department of attorney general	50,000

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Sec. 112. GOVERNMENT SERVICES

1	Full-time equated classified positions . 10.8		
2	Government services operations10.8 FTE		
3	positions	\$	1,284,800
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,284,800
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Total federal revenues		828,900
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	State general fund/general purpose	\$	455,900
10	Sec. 113. SAFE SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW		
11	Full-time equated classified positions . 11.0		
12	Safe schools operations2.0 FTE positions	\$	473,200
13	Administrative law operations9.0 FTE positions		852,700
14	State tenure commission per diem		11,100
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,337,000
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	Total federal revenues		536,700
19	Special revenue funds:		
20	State general fund/general purpose	\$	800,300
21	Sec. 114. EDUCATION OPTIONS, CHARTERS, AND CHOI	CE	
22	Full-time equated classified positions . 7.8		
23	Education option operations7.8 FTE positions	\$	1,312,700
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,312,700
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Federal revenues:		
27	Total federal revenues		886,600
28	Special revenue funds:		

1	State general fund/general purpose \$ 426,100
2	Sec. 115. GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS
3	Christa McAuliffe grants
4	Driver education
5	Motorcycle safety education
6	National board certification 50,000
7	Off-road vehicle safety training grant 194,300
8	School breakfast programs 6,274,900
9	School readiness grants
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION
11	Appropriated from:
12	Special revenue funds:
13	Certification fees
14	Driver fees
15	Motorcycle license fees
16	Private foundations
17	Safety education fund
18	State general fund/general purpose \$ 18,524,900
19	PART 2
20	PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS
21	GENERAL SECTIONS
22	Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
23	constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources
24	under part 1 for fiscal year 2002-2003 is \$44,069,000.00 and state
25	spending from state resources to be paid to local units of
26	government for fiscal year 2002-2003 is \$16,436,800.00. The
27	itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which
28	spending to units of local government will occur:

1 GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

2 STATE PROGRAMS:

3	Driver education
4	School readiness grants
5	Motorcycle safety education 890,000
6	Off-road vehicle safety training grant 45,000
7	School lunch and breakfast 6,274,900
8	TOTAL
9	Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this bill are
10	subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101
11	to 18.1594.

- 12 Sec. 203. As used in this bill:
- (a) "Department" means the Michigan department of education.
- (b) "District" means a local school district as defined in
- 15 section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, or a
- 16 public school academy as defined in section 5 of the revised
- 17 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.
- 18 (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.
- 19 Sec. 204. The department of civil service shall bill
- 20 departments and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter
- 21 for the 1% charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the
- 22 state constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total
- 23 amount of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.
- 24 Sec. 205. (1) A hiring freeze is imposed on the state
- 25 classified civil service. State departments and agencies are
- 26 prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil
- 27 service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state
- 28 classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not

- 1 apply to internal transfers of classified employees from one
- 2 position to another within a department.
- 3 (2) The state budget director shall grant exceptions to this
- 4 hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the
- 5 hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or
- 6 agency unable to deliver basic services, cause loss of revenue to
- 7 the state, result in the inability of the state to receive federal
- 8 funds, or would necessitate additional expenditures that exceed
- 9 any savings from maintaining a vacancy. The state budget director
- 10 shall report quarterly to the chairpersons of the senate and house
- 11 subcommittees on appropriations the number of exceptions to the
- 12 hiring freeze approved during the previous quarter and the reasons
- 13 to justify the exception.
- 14 Sec. 206. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
- 15 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00 for
- 16 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
- 17 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
- 18 in this bill under section 393(2) of the management and budget
- 19 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393. The funds appropriated under this
- 20 subsection shall not be transferred to the unspecified federal
- 21 grants line item.
- 22 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
- 23 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for state
- 24 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
- 25 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
- 26 in this bill under section 393(2) of the management and budget
- 27 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.
- 28 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is

- 1 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for local
- 2 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
- 3 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
- 4 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA
- **5** 431, MCL 18.1393.
- 6 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
- 7 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for private
- 8 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
- 9 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
- 10 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA
- **11** 431, MCL 18.1393.
- 12 Sec. 208. Unless otherwise specified, the department shall use
- 13 the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this bill.
- 14 This may include transmission of reports via electronic mail to
- 15 the recipients identified for each reporting requirement or it may
- 16 include placement of reports on the Internet or Intranet site.
- 17 Sec. 212. The department may carry into the succeeding fiscal
- 18 year unexpended federal pass-through funds to local institutions
- 19 and governments that do not require additional state matching
- 20 funds. Federal pass-through funds to local institutions and
- 21 governments that are received in amounts in addition to those
- 22 included in part 1 and that do not require additional state
- 23 matching funds are appropriated for the purposes intended.
- 24 Sec. 213. The department shall provide the state budget
- 25 director and the senate and house fiscal agencies with copies of
- 26 the state board of education agenda and all supporting documents
- 27 at the time the agenda and supporting documents are provided to
- 28 state board of education members.

- 1 Sec. 214. Money in the school loan exception fee fund that is
- 2 unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the
- 3 general fund but shall be carried over to the succeeding fiscal
- 4 year.
- 5 Sec. 215. (1) Upon receipt of the federal drug free grant, the
- 6 department shall allocate \$225,000.00 of the grant to the office
- 7 of safe schools within the department. The office for safe
- 8 schools shall work with local school boards, law enforcement
- 9 agencies, community leaders, and the office of drug control policy
- 10 for the prevention of school violence. The office for safe
- 11 schools shall develop and implement, and serve as coordinator of,
- 12 a statewide clearinghouse for information, program development,
- 13 model programs and policies, and technical assistance on school
- 14 violence prevention.
- 15 (2) To accomplish its functions under this section, the office
- 16 for safe schools shall do all of the following:
- 17 (a) Evaluate the effectiveness of, and make recommendations to
- 18 local school boards concerning, public school violence prevention
- 19 programs, including, but not limited to, programs aimed at
- 20 reducing the possession of weapons and the incidence of other
- 21 violent behaviors on school campuses, violence prevention
- 22 curricula, conflict resolution and peer mediation training,
- 23 interagency cooperative referral and treatment programs, parental
- 24 involvement programs, and school safety planning.
- 25 (b) In consultation with appropriate organizations, develop
- 26 and distribute to school districts and public school academies a
- 27 model code of conduct for pupils.
- (c) Coordinate with the office of drug control policy in the

- 1 department of community health to ensure that there is a
- 2 meaningful linkage between the efforts under this bill to provide
- 3 safe schools and the initiatives undertaken through that office,
- 4 including, but not limited to, school districts' safe and drug-
- 5 free school plans, and to facilitate timely applications for and
- 6 distribution of available grant money.
- 7 (d) Provide through the Internet the availability to and
- 8 information regarding the state model policy on locker searches,
- 9 the state model policy on firearm safety and awareness, and any
- 10 other state or local safety policies that the office considers
- 11 exemplary.
- 12 Sec. 216. The department shall require all public school
- 13 districts to maintain complete records within the personnel file
- 14 of a teacher or school employee of any disciplinary actions taken
- 15 by the local school board against the teacher or employee for
- 16 sexual misconduct. The records shall not be destroyed or removed
- 17 from the teacher's or employee's personnel file except as required
- 18 by a court order.
- 19 Sec. 218. From the general funds appropriated in part 1 for
- 20 special education services, the department shall provide funding
- 21 for 2.0 special education auditors to audit school districts.
- Sec. 259. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
- 23 information technology, the department shall pay user fees to the
- 24 department of information technology for technology related
- 25 services and projects. Such user fees shall be subject to
- 26 provisions of an interagency agreement between the department and
- 27 the department of information technology.
- Sec. 260. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information

- 1 technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward
- 2 to support technology projects under the direction of the
- 3 department of information technology. Funds designated in this
- 4 manner are not available for expenditure until approved as work
- 5 projects under section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984
- 6 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

7 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- 8 Sec. 301. (1) The appropriations in part 1 may be used for per
- 9 diem payments to members of boards, committees, and commissions
- 10 for each day's board, committee, or commission work at which a
- 11 quorum is present; for attending a hearing as authorized by the
- 12 respective board, committee, or commission; or for performing
- 13 official business as authorized by the respective board,
- 14 committee, or commission. The per diem payments shall be at a
- 15 rate as follows:
- 16 (a) State board of education president . . \$110.00 per day
- 17 (b) State board of education member other
- 18 than president \$100.00 per day
- 19 (c) State tenure commission member \$ 50.00 per day
- 20 (2) A state board of education member shall not be paid a per
- 21 diem for more than 24 days per year.
- 22 (3) The administrative secretary of the state board of
- 23 education shall report to the public, the senate and house fiscal
- 24 agencies, and the state budget director the previous quarter's
- 25 expenses by fund source for members of the state board of
- 26 education related to the performance of their responsibilities.
- 27 Sec. 302. From the amount appropriated in part 1 to the state
- 28 board of education, not more than \$35,000.00 shall be expended for

1 travel.

2 MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

- 3 Sec. 401. The employees at the Michigan schools for the deaf
- 4 and blind who work on a school year basis shall be considered
- 5 annual employees for purposes of service credits, retirement, and
- 6 insurance benefits.
- 7 Sec. 402. For each student enrolled at the Michigan schools
- 8 for the deaf and blind, the department shall assess the
- 9 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
- 10 operating the student's instructional program. The amount shall
- 11 exclude room and board related costs and the cost of weekend
- 12 transportation between the school and the student's home.
- Sec. 403. (1) The department may assess rent to any state
- 14 agency for the use of any facility at the Michigan school for the
- 15 blind's former site in Lansing. The rental rates and all leasing
- 16 arrangements shall be subject to the approval of the department of
- 17 management and budget.
- 18 (2) In addition to those funds appropriated in part 1, the
- 19 department may receive and expend additional funds from lease
- 20 agreements at the Michigan school for the blind's former site in
- 21 Lansing that have been negotiated with the approval of the
- 22 department of management and budget. These funds are appropriated
- 23 to the department for operation, maintenance, and renovation
- 24 expenses associated with the leased space.
- 25 (3) Security guards or other patrols at the Michigan school
- 26 for the blind's former site shall not be funded through section
- 27 108 funds appropriated for the Michigan schools for the deaf and
- 28 blind.

- 1 (4) If the department leases real property to a person or
- 2 organization that is not a department of state government, the
- 3 department shall not expend funds in excess of the lease revenue
- 4 received to replace, renovate, or repair that real property. This
- 5 section shall not apply to emergency repairs or costs associated
- 6 with technological renovations.
- 7 (5) The department shall not lease real property for less than
- 8 fair market value.
- 9 Sec. 404. (1) The department may assess rent or lease excess
- 10 property located on the campus of the Michigan schools for the
- 11 deaf and blind in Flint to private or publicly funded
- 12 organizations.
- 13 (2) In addition to those funds appropriated in part 1, the
- 14 department may receive and expend additional funds from lease
- 15 agreements at the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind Flint
- 16 campus that have been negotiated with the approval of the
- 17 department of management and budget. These funds are appropriated
- 18 to the department for the operation, maintenance, and renovation
- 19 expenses associated with the leased space.
- 20 (3) Proceeds from the sale of surplus property and facilities
- 21 at the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind are appropriated
- 22 for the purposes of repairs, renovations, and maintenance of the
- 23 Flint campus.
- 24 (4) The unexpended balances of appropriations for school for
- 25 deaf and blind operations, and from proceeds of the sale of
- 26 surplus property and facilities at the Michigan schools for the
- 27 deaf and blind shall not lapse to the state general fund at the
- 28 end of the fiscal year. Any unexpended and unencumbered funds

- 1 remaining on September 30, 2003, shall be carried forward as a
- 2 work project or as restricted revenue and expended for special
- 3 maintenance and repairs of facilities at the campus of the
- 4 Michigan schools for the deaf and blind in Flint. The work shall
- 5 be carried out by state employees, or by contract as necessary, at
- 6 an estimated cost of \$250,000.00. The estimated completion date
- 7 of the work is September 30, 2004.
- 8 Sec. 405. The department may assist the department of
- 9 community health, other departments, and local school districts to
- 10 secure reimbursement for eligible services provided in Michigan
- 11 schools from the federal Medicaid program. The department may
- 12 submit reports of direct expenses related to this effort to the
- 13 department of community health for reimbursement.
- 14 Sec. 406. (1) The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind may
- 15 promote its residential program as a possible appropriate option
- 16 for children who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are blind or
- 17 visually impaired. The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind
- 18 shall distribute information detailing its services to all
- 19 intermediate school districts in the state.
- 20 (2) Upon knowledge of or recognition by an intermediate school
- 21 district that a child in the district is deaf or hard of hearing
- 22 or blind or visually impaired, the intermediate school district
- 23 shall provide to the parents of the child the literature
- 24 distributed by the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind to
- 25 intermediate school districts under subsection (1).
- 26 Sec. 408. In addition to those funds appropriated in part 1,
- 27 the department may receive and expend funds from the mid-Michigan
- 28 academy for capital improvements. These additional funds are

- 1 appropriated specifically for capital improvements authorized by
- 2 the department of management and budget and shall be negotiated as
- 3 part of the lease agreement.

4 PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES

- 5 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
- 6 professional preparation services, the department shall maintain
- 7 the professional personnel register and certification
- 8 revocation/felony conviction files.
- 9 Sec. 502. The department shall authorize teacher preparation
- 10 institutions to provide an alternative program by which up to 1/2
- 11 of the required student internship or student teaching credits may
- 12 be earned through substitute teaching. The department shall
- 13 require that teacher preparation institutions collaborate with
- 14 school districts to ensure that the quality of instruction
- 15 provided to student teachers is comparable to that required in a
- 16 traditional student teaching program.

17 EDUCATION OPTIONS, CHARTERS, AND CHOICE

- 18 Sec. 601. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for education
- 19 options, charters, and choice, there is allocated \$350,000.00 and
- 20 3.5 FTE positions to operate a charter school office to administer
- 21 charter school legislation and associated regulations, and to
- 22 coordinate the activities of the department relating to charter
- 23 schools.

24 GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

- 25 Sec. 701. The department shall disburse the funds to a general
- 26 fund grantee in accordance with the same standards of timing and
- 27 amount that apply to disbursements made by the department to a
- 28 federal fund grantee. The disbursement shall be restricted to the

- 1 minimum amount needed for immediate disbursement by the grantee.
- 2 The department may waive this section if extenuating circumstances
- 3 warrant and are substantiated in the grantee's application or
- 4 other appropriate documentation. A waiver granted pursuant to
- 5 this section shall not be effective until 15 days after written
- 6 notice of the proposed waiver is given to the state budget
- 7 director and the chairpersons of the senate and house
- 8 appropriations subcommittees having jurisdiction over the
- 9 department budget.
- 10 Sec. 702. The funds appropriated in part 1 for school
- 11 breakfast programs shall be made available to all eligible
- 12 applicant public school districts and public school academies as
- 13 follows:
- 14 (a) The public school district or public school academy
- 15 participates in the federal school breakfast program and meets all
- 16 standards as prescribed by 7 C.F.R. parts 220 and 245.
- (b) Payment is made for each breakfast served meeting
- 18 standards prescribed in subdivision (a).
- (c) The payment for a public school district or public school
- 20 academy is at a per meal rate equal to the lesser of the
- 21 district's actual cost, or 100% of the cost of a breakfast served
- 22 by an efficiently operated breakfast program as determined by the
- 23 department, less federal reimbursement, participant payments, and
- 24 other state reimbursement. Determination of efficient cost by the
- 25 department shall be determined by using a statistical sampling of
- 26 statewide and regional cost as reported in a manner approved by
- 27 the department for the preceding school year.
- 28 (d) The payment determined under subdivision (c) is prorated

- 1 if the appropriation in part 1 is not sufficient to fund all
- 2 payments determined under this section.
- 3 Sec. 703. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for school
- 4 readiness programs shall be made available through a competitive
- 5 application process as follows:
- 6 (a) An applicant may be any public or private nonprofit legal
- 7 entity or agency other than a local or intermediate school
- 8 district except a local or intermediate school district acting as
- 9 a fiscal agent for a child caring organization regulated under
- 10 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128.
- 11 (b) Applications shall be submitted in a form and manner as
- 12 required by the department.
- 13 (c) Applications shall be reviewed by a diverse interagency
- 14 committee composed of representatives of the department,
- 15 appropriate community, volunteer, and social service agencies and
- 16 organizations, and parents.
- 17 (d) Priority in the recommendation for awarding of grants by
- 18 the state board of education to applicants shall be based upon the
- 19 following criteria:
- 20 (i) Compliance with standards for early childhood development
- 21 consistent with programs for 4-year-olds, as approved by the state
- 22 board of education.
- (ii) Active and continuous involvement of the parents or
- 24 guardians of the children participating in the program.
- 25 (iii) Employment of teachers possessing proper training in
- 26 early childhood development, including an early childhood (ZA)
- 27 endorsement or child development associate, and trained support
- 28 staff.

- 1 (iv) Evidence of collaboration with the community of providers
- 2 in early childhood development programs including documentation of
- 3 the total number of children in the community who would meet the
- 4 criteria established in subparagraph (vi), and who are being
- 5 served by other providers, and the number of children who will
- 6 remain unserved by other community early childhood programs if
- 7 this program is funded.
- 8 (v) The extent to which these funds will supplement other
- 9 federal, state, local, or private funds.
- 10 (vi) The extent to which these funds will be targeted to
- 11 children who will be at least 4, but less than 5, years of age as
- 12 of December 1 of the year in which the programs are offered and
- 13 who show evidence of 2 or more "at-risk" factors as defined in the
- 14 state board of education report entitled, "children at risk" that
- 15 was adopted by the state board on April 5, 1988.
- 16 (e) Whether the application contains a comprehensive
- 17 evaluation plan that includes implementation of all program
- 18 components required and an assessment of the gains of children
- 19 participating in an early childhood development program.
- (f) Applications shall provide for the establishment of a
- 21 school readiness advisory committee that shall be involved in the
- 22 planning and evaluation of the program and provides for the
- 23 involvement of parents and appropriate community, volunteer, and
- 24 social service agencies and organizations. There shall be on the
- 25 committee at least 1 parent or guardian of a program participant
- 26 for every 18 children enrolled in the program, with a minimum of 2
- 27 parent or guardian representatives. The committee shall do all of
- 28 the following:

- 1 (i) Review the mechanisms and criteria used to determine
- 2 referrals for participation in the school readiness program.
- 3 (ii) Review the health screening program for all participants.
- 4 (iii) Review the nutritional services provided to all
- 5 participants.
- 6 (iv) Review the mechanisms in place for the referral of
- 7 families to community social service agencies, as appropriate.
- 8 (v) Review the collaboration with and the involvement of
- 9 appropriate community, volunteer, and social service agencies and
- 10 organizations in addressing all aspects of education disadvantage.
- 11 (vi) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations for changes in
- 12 the school readiness program.
- 13 (g) More than 50% of the children participating in the program
- 14 shall meet the income eligibility criteria for free or reduced
- 15 price lunch, as determined under the national school lunch act,
- 16 chapter 281, 60 Stat. 230, 42 U.S.C. 1751 to 1753, 1755 to 1761,
- 17 1762a, 1765 to 1766b, and 1769 to 1769h, or meet income and all
- 18 other eligibility criteria for participation in the Michigan
- 19 family independence agency unified child day care program.
- 20 (2) Grant awards by the superintendent of public instruction
- 21 may be at whatever level the superintendent determines
- 22 appropriate. A grant, when combined with other sources of state
- 23 revenue for this program, shall not exceed \$3,300.00 per child or
- 24 the cost of the program, whichever is less.
- 25 (3) Except as otherwise provided, an applicant that receives a
- 26 2002-2003 grant under this section shall also receive priority for
- 27 fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 funding. However, after 3
- 28 fiscal years of continuous funding, an applicant will be required

- 1 to compete openly with new programs and other programs completing
- 2 their third year. All grant awards are contingent on the
- 3 availability of funds and documented evidence of grantee
- 4 compliance with standards for early childhood development
- 5 consistent with programs for 4-year-olds, as approved by the state
- 6 board of education, and with all operational, fiscal,
- 7 administrative, and other program requirements. A program which
- 8 offers supplementary day care and thereby offers full-day programs
- 9 as part of its early childhood development program shall receive
- 10 priority in the allocation of competitive funds.
- 11 Sec. 705. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for national
- 12 board certification, the department may pay 1/2 of the application
- 13 fee for teachers who are deemed by the department by March 1,
- 14 2002, to be qualified to apply to the national board for
- 15 professional teaching standards for professional teaching
- 16 certificates or licenses and to provide grants to recognize and
- 17 reward teachers who receive certification or licensure.

18 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- 19 Sec. 902. The department shall work in collaboration with the
- 20 department of information technology to support the comprehensive
- 21 educational information system and all data collection efforts of
- 22 the department.