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# BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 1096 (S-1 as passed by the Senate)
Committee: Appropriations

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| **FY 2007-08 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation** | **$96,482,400** |
| **Changes from FY 2007-08 Year-to-Date:** | |
| 1. **State Testing Item Bank System.** The Governor added Federal funding and personnel related to the establishment of a State testing item bank system including: test creation ($644,700 and 6.0 FTE); psychometric analysis ($582,800 and 6.0 FTE); and system administration ($200,000 and 1.0 FTE). | 1,427,500 |
| 2. **Program Oversight Positions.** The Governor added funding and personnel for oversight of various State programs to address Auditor General citations: Special Education program ($100,000 GF and 1.0 FTE); MSRP ($100,000 GF and 1.0 FTE); High Priority Schools program ($300,000 GF and 3.0 FTE); and At-risk program ($100,000 GF and 1.0 FTE). | 600,000 |
| 3. **Other Program Oversight Positions.** The Governor added Federal funding and 1.0 FTE position for oversight of the English Language Proficiency Assessment program. | 117,200 |
| 4. **21st Century Schools Fund Administration.** The Governor added GF funding and 3.0 FTE positions to administer the new program. The Senate eliminated the program in the School Aid budget and, as a result, eliminated the administration expenditures in this budget. | 0 |
| 5. **Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind.** The Governor added 4.0 special education teachers ($320,000) and 2.0 interpreters ($160,000) for the MSDB. Partially offsetting this increase is a reduction in funding due to the elimination of the Summer Institute ($90,000). | 390,000 |
| 6. **Best Practices Study.** The Governor added Federal funding to conduct a best practices study for assessing students with disabilities. | 300,000 |
| 7. **Data Systems.** The Governor eliminated Federal funding for the Data Articulation System ($3,950,000) and the Longitudinal Data System ($455,000). | (4,405,000) |
| 8. **DPS Performance Audit.** The Senate added General Fund monies for a performance audit of the Detroit Public Schools. | 300,000 |
| 9. **Economic Adjustments.** The Governor funded standard economics adjustments. | 127,800 |
| 10. **Other Changes.** The Governor recommended other adjustments including: administrative reductions in EA&A ($292,100); transfer of the HR function to the Civil Service Commission ($603,500 and 5.0 FTE); additional funding related to the consolidation of the internal auditor function ($100,000); administrative reductions for DIT ($10,300); and DIT economics ($9,200). | (796,700) |
| 11. **Comparison to Governor's Recommendation.** The Senate is $200,000 Gross and $200,000 GF/GP under the Governor. | |
| Total Changes | ($1,939,200) |
| **FY 2008-09 Senate Gross Appropriation** | **$94,543,200** |

**Changes from FY 2007-08 Year to Date:**

1. **Disciplinary Action.** The Governor removed and the Senate restored language prohibiting disciplinary action against a department employee who speaks to the Legislature (Sec 216).
2. **Prompt Payment of Auditor General Bills.** The Governor and Senate removed language requiring the Department to pay bills submitted by the Auditor General in full within 60 days of receipt (Sec 217).
3. **Requested Data.** The Governor removed and the Senate restored language requiring the Department to provide information requested by the Legislature in a timely manner (Sec 220).
4. **Impact of Enacted Legislation.** The Governor removed and the Senate restored language requiring the Department to report on policy changes made to implement legislation. The section also prohibited the adoption of rules having a disproportionate impact on small business (Sec 222).
5. **Alternative Teaching Programs.** The Governor and Senate added language directing the Department to work with Central Michigan University and Wayne State University to determine funding strategies for alternative teaching programs (Sec 503(2)).
6. **Out-of-State Travel Restrictions.** The Senate added language prohibiting more than one departmental employee from attending out-of-state conferences or seminars unless the travel was paid through Federal or private funds which require attendance by more than one individual (Sec. 215).
7. **Cyberschools.** The Senate added language requiring the Department to report on barriers to the operation of cyberschools focusing on special student populations such as dropouts or expelled students (Sec. 604).
8. **DPS Performance Audit.** The Senate added language requiring a performance audit of the Detroit Public Schools and a report on the results of that audit (Sec 605).
9. **Alternative Teacher Program Accreditation.** The Senate added language requiring that alternative teacher programs be accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or be a candidate for accreditation (Sec 506).

Date Completed: 3-25-08 Fiscal Analyst: Debra Hollon