

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4346**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education and certain other purposes relating to education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; 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:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this act, the amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, from the

1 funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the
 2 appropriations in this part:

3 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

4 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:

5	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	6.0	
6	Full-time equated classified positions.....	467.5	
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 97,794,900
8	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
9	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental		
10	transfers		0
11	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 97,794,900
12	Federal revenues:		
13	Total federal revenues.....		72,749,800
14	Special revenue funds:		
15	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		6,142,200
16	Local school district service fees.....		306,700
17	Total local revenues.....		6,448,900
18	Gifts, bequests, and donations.....		740,600
19	Private foundations.....		2,431,200
20	Total private revenues.....		3,171,800
21	Total local and private revenues.....		9,620,700
22	Certification fees.....		5,957,700
23	Commodity distribution fees.....		71,700
24	Student insurance revenues.....		218,600
25	Teacher college review fees.....		54,000
26	Teacher testing fees.....		523,500
27	Tenant rent.....		261,000

1	Training and orientation workshop fees	150,000
2	Total other state restricted revenues	7,236,500
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 8,187,900
4	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE	
5	SUPERINTENDENT	
6	Full-time equated unclassified positions..... 6.0	
7	Full-time equated classified positions..... 16.0	
8	State board of education, per diem payments	\$ 24,400
9	Unclassified positions--6.0 FTE positions	515,600
10	State board/superintendent operations--16.0 FTE	
11	positions	<u>3,168,600</u>
12	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 3,708,600
13	Appropriated from:	
14	Federal revenues:	
15	Federal revenues.....	1,969,400
16	Special revenue funds:	
17	Private foundations.....	26,700
18	Certification fees.....	199,100
19	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,513,400
20	Sec. 103. CENTRAL SUPPORT	
21	Full-time equated classified positions..... 26.0	
22	Central support--26.0 FTE positions	\$ 3,770,200
23	Worker's compensation.....	45,000
24	Building occupancy charges - property management	
25	services	1,692,300
26	Human resources optimization user charges	23,900
27	Tenant rent.....	261,000

1	Training and orientation workshops	150,000
2	Terminal leave payments	<u>574,700</u>
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 6,517,100
4	Appropriated from:	
5	Federal revenues:	
6	Federal revenues	3,989,900
7	Special revenue funds:	
8	Local cost sharing (schools for blind/deaf)	68,400
9	Certification fees	407,800
10	Teacher testing fees	14,700
11	Tenant rent	261,000
12	Training and orientation workshop fees	150,000
13	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,625,300
14	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	
15	Information technology operations	\$ <u>2,929,700</u>
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 2,929,700
17	Appropriated from:	
18	Federal revenues:	
19	Federal revenues	1,767,700
20	Special revenue funds:	
21	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)	142,000
22	Certification fees	245,000
23	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 775,000
24	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	
25	Full-time equated classified positions..... 49.0	
26	Special education operations--49.0 FTE positions	\$ <u>11,416,700</u>
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 11,416,700

1	Appropriated from:		
2	Federal revenues:		
3	Federal revenues.....		10,972,800
4	Special revenue funds:		
5	Private foundations.....		104,800
6	Certification fees.....		38,400
7	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	300,700
8	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND		
9	Full-time equated classified positions.....	103.0	
10	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind operations--		
11	102.0 FTE positions	\$	12,659,000
12	Summer institute.....		90,000
13	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--1.0 FTE positions.....		295,100
14	Private gifts - blind.....		90,000
15	Private gifts - deaf.....		50,000
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	13,184,100
17	Appropriated from:		
18	Federal revenues:		
19	Federal revenues.....		5,997,300
20	Special revenue funds:		
21	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		5,931,800
22	Local school district service fees.....		295,800
23	Gifts, bequests, and donations.....		740,600
24	Student insurance revenue.....		218,600
25	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0
26	Sec. 107. PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES		
27	Full-time equated classified positions.....	30.0	

1	Professional preparation operations--30.0 FTE		
2	positions	\$	7,007,400
3	National board certification.....		100,000
4	Department of attorney general.....		<u>50,000</u>
5	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	7,157,400
6	Appropriated from:		
7	Federal revenues:		
8	Federal revenues.....		2,647,800
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Certification fees.....		3,946,800
11	Teacher college review fees.....		54,000
12	Teacher testing fees.....		508,800
13	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0
14	Sec. 108. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY		
15	SERVICES		
16	Full-time equated classified positions..... 29.0		
17	Early childhood education and family services		
18	operations--29.0 FTE positions.....	\$	<u>4,865,900</u>
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	4,865,900
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Federal revenues:		
22	Federal revenues.....		3,255,100
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Private foundations.....		191,700
25	Certification fees.....		58,600
26	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	1,360,500
27	Sec. 109. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES		

1	Full-time equated classified positions.....	73.3	
2	School improvement operations--73.3 FTE positions		\$ 16,673,800
3	Subject area content expectations and guidelines		<u>100,000</u>
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 16,773,800
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Federal revenues.....		14,958,100
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	Private foundations.....		1,108,000
10	Certification fees.....		531,300
11	State general fund/general purpose.....		\$ 176,400
12	Sec. 110. SCHOOL FINANCE AND SCHOOL LAW SERVICES		
13	Full-time equated classified positions.....	23.0	
14	School finance and school law operations--23.0 FTE		
15	positions		\$ <u>3,288,000</u>
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 3,288,000
17	Appropriated from:		
18	Federal revenues:		
19	Federal revenues.....		1,432,100
20	Special revenue funds:		
21	Certification fees.....		530,700
22	State general fund/general purpose.....		\$ 1,325,200
23	Sec. 111. EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY		
24	Full-time equated classified positions.....	28.3	
25	Educational assessment operations--28.3 FTE positions		\$ <u>12,285,700</u>
26	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 12,285,700
27	Appropriated from:		

1	Federal revenues:		
2	Federal revenues.....		12,285,700
3	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0
4	Sec. 112. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT		
5	SERVICES		
6	Full-time equated classified positions.....	56.2	
7	Grants administration and school support services		
8	operations--56.2 FTE positions.....	\$	7,987,400
9	Federal and private grants.....		<u>3,000,000</u>
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	10,987,400
11	Appropriated from:		
12	Federal revenues:		
13	Federal revenues.....		9,470,800
14	Special revenue funds:		
15	Local school district service fees.....		10,900
16	Private foundations.....		1,000,000
17	Commodity distribution fees.....		71,700
18	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	434,000
19	Sec. 113. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND DATA		
20	COORDINATION		
21	Full-time equated classified positions.....	8.7	
22	Educational technology and data coordination--8.7 FTE		
23	positions	\$	<u>800,400</u>
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	800,400
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Federal revenues:		
27	Federal revenues.....		800,300

1	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	100
2	Sec. 114. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION		
3	Full-time equated classified positions.....	25.0	
4	Career and technical education operations--25.0 FTE		
5	positions	\$	<u>3,880,100</u>
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	3,880,100
7	Appropriated from:		
8	Federal revenues:		
9	Federal revenues.....		3,202,800
10	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	677,300

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year 2007-2008 is \$15,424,400.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2007-2008 is estimated at \$0.

Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this act are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this act:

(a) "Department" means the Michigan department of education.

(b) "District" means a local school district as defined in section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, or a

1 public school academy as defined in section 5 of the revised school
2 code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

3 (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.

4 Sec. 204. The department of civil service shall bill
5 departments and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for
6 the 1% charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state
7 constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount
8 of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.

9 Sec. 205. The department shall use the Internet to fulfill the
10 reporting requirements of this act. This requirement may include
11 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
12 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
13 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

14 Sec. 206. The department shall provide through the Internet
15 the state board of education agenda and all supporting documents,
16 and shall notify the state budget director and the senate and house
17 fiscal agencies that the agenda and supporting documents are
18 available on the Internet, at the time the agenda and supporting
19 documents are provided to state board of education members.

20 Sec. 207. (1) Upon receipt of the federal drug-free grant, the
21 department shall allocate \$225,000.00 of the grant to the safe
22 school program within the department. The safe school program shall
23 work with local school boards, parents of enrolled students, law
24 enforcement agencies, community leaders, and the office of drug
25 control policy for the prevention of school violence. The safe
26 school program shall develop and implement, and serve as
27 coordinator of, a statewide clearinghouse for information, program

1 development, model programs and policies, and technical assistance
2 on school violence prevention.

3 (2) To accomplish its functions under this section, the safe
4 school program shall do all of the following:

5 (a) Coordinate with the office of drug control policy in the
6 department of community health to ensure that there is a meaningful
7 linkage between the efforts under this act to provide safe schools
8 and the initiatives undertaken through that office, including, but
9 not limited to, school districts' safe and drug-free school plans,
10 and to facilitate timely applications for and distribution of
11 available grant money.

12 (b) Provide through the Internet the availability to access,
13 and provide through the Internet information regarding, the state
14 model policy on locker searches, the state model policy on firearm
15 safety and awareness, and any other state or local safety policies
16 that the office considers exemplary.

17 (c) Advance, promote, and encourage the awareness and use of
18 the state police anti-violence hotline.

19 Sec. 208. The department shall require all public school
20 districts to maintain complete records within the personnel file of
21 a teacher or school employee of any disciplinary actions taken by
22 the local school board against the teacher or employee for sexual
23 misconduct. The records shall not be destroyed or removed from the
24 teacher's or employee's personnel file except as required by a
25 court order.

26 Sec. 209. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
27 information technology, departments and agencies shall pay user

1 fees to the department of information technology for technology-
2 related services and projects. Such user fees shall be subject to
3 provisions of an interagency agreement between the departments and
4 the department of information technology.

5 Sec. 210. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information
6 technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward
7 to support technology projects under the direction of the
8 department of information technology. Funds designated in this
9 manner are not available for expenditure until approved as work
10 projects under section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984
11 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

12 Sec. 211. Before publishing a list of schools or districts
13 determined to have failed to make adequate yearly progress as
14 required by the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-
15 110, the department shall allow a school or district to appeal that
16 determination. The department shall consider and act upon the
17 appeal within 30 days after it is submitted and shall not publish
18 the list until after all appeals have been considered and decided.

19 Sec. 212. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for
20 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
21 competitively priced and comparable quality American goods or
22 services, or both, are available. Preference should be given to
23 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
24 businesses if they are competitively priced and of comparable
25 quality.

26 Sec. 213. (1) A hiring freeze is imposed on the state
27 classified civil service. State departments and agencies are

1 prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil
2 service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state
3 classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not
4 apply to internal transfers of classified employees from 1 position
5 to another within a department.

6 (2) The state budget director may grant exceptions to this
7 hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the
8 hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency
9 unable to deliver basic services, cause loss of revenue to the
10 state, result in the inability of the state to receive federal
11 funds, or necessitate additional expenditures that exceed any
12 savings from maintaining a vacancy. The state budget director shall
13 report quarterly to the chairpersons of the senate and house of
14 representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of
15 exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous
16 quarter and the reasons to justify the exception.

17 Sec. 214. (1) Due to the current budgetary problems in this
18 state, out-of-state travel shall be limited to situations in which
19 1 or more of the following conditions apply:

20 (a) The travel is required by legal mandate or court order or
21 for law enforcement purposes.

22 (b) The travel is necessary to protect the health or safety of
23 Michigan citizens or visitors or to assist other states in similar
24 circumstances.

25 (c) The travel is necessary to produce budgetary savings or to
26 increase state revenues, including protecting existing federal
27 funds or securing additional federal funds.

1 (d) The travel is necessary to comply with federal
2 requirements.

3 (e) The travel is necessary to secure specialized training for
4 staff that is not available within this state.

5 (f) The travel is financed entirely by federal or nonstate
6 funds.

7 (2) If out-of-state travel is necessary but does not meet 1 or
8 more of the conditions in subsection (1), the state budget director
9 may grant an exception to allow the travel. Any exceptions granted
10 by the state budget director shall be reported on a monthly basis
11 to the house and senate appropriations committees.

12 (3) Not later than January 1 of each year, each department
13 shall prepare a travel report listing all travel by classified and
14 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
15 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
16 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
17 submitted to the chairs and members of the house and senate
18 appropriations committees, the house and senate fiscal agencies,
19 and the state budget director. The report shall include the
20 following information:

21 (a) The name of each person receiving reimbursement for travel
22 outside this state or whose travel costs were paid by this state.

23 (b) The destination of each travel occurrence.

24 (c) The dates of each travel occurrence.

25 (d) A brief statement of the reason for each travel
26 occurrence.

27 (e) The transportation and related costs of each travel

1 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
2 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state-
3 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
4 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

5 (f) A total of all out-of-state travel funded for the
6 immediately preceding fiscal year.

7 Sec. 215. The department shall not take disciplinary action
8 against an employee who communicates truthfully and factually with
9 a member of the legislature or his or her staff.

10 Sec. 216. The director shall take all reasonable steps to
11 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for
12 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both.
13 Each director shall strongly encourage firms with which the
14 department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in
15 depressed and deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

16 Sec. 218. The department is encouraged to provide information
17 to districts and intermediate districts regarding the benefits and
18 use of automated external defibrillators. If the state school aid
19 act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772, provides for the
20 purchase of automated external defibrillators, the department
21 should work with districts receiving funds under that act to secure
22 a bulk-purchase discount from 1 or more manufacturers of automated
23 external defibrillators.

24 Sec. 221. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
25 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
26 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
27 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item

1 in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
2 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

3 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
4 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for state
5 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
6 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
7 in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
8 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

15 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
16 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for private
17 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
18 until they have been transferred to another line item in this act
19 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
20 MCL 18.1393.

21 Sec. 222. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for state
22 board/superintendent operations, there is appropriated an amount
23 not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a study of Michigan school employee
24 salaries and benefits, focusing on administrators and including,
25 but not limited to, a comparison of the salaries and benefits of
26 school employees in peer states and employees in the private
27 sector.

1 STATE BOARD/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

2 Sec. 301. (1) The appropriations in part 1 may be used for per
3 diem payments to the state board for meetings at which a quorum is
4 present or for performing official business authorized by the state
5 board. The per diem payments shall be at a rate as follows:

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

7 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
8 \$100.00 per day.

9 (2) A state board of education member shall not be paid a per
10 diem for more than 30 days per year.

11 (3) The state board executive shall report to the public, the
12 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director the
13 previous quarter's expenses by fund source for members of the state
14 board of education.

15 Sec. 302. From the amount appropriated in part 1 to the state
16 board of education, not more than \$35,000.00 shall be expended for
17 in-state travel and out-of-state travel directly related to the
18 duties of the state board of education.

19 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

20 Sec. 350. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for special
21 education operations, there is appropriated \$80,000.00 for the
22 department to make Newsline available electronically statewide.

23 MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

24 Sec. 401. The employees at the Michigan schools for the deaf

1 and blind who work on a school year basis shall be considered
2 annual employees for purposes of service credits, retirement, and
3 insurance benefits.

4 Sec. 402. For each student enrolled at the Michigan schools
5 for the deaf and blind, the department shall assess the
6 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
7 operating the student's instructional program. The amount shall
8 exclude room and board related costs and the cost of weekend
9 transportation between the school and the student's home.

10 Sec. 404. (1) The department may assess rent or lease excess
11 property located on the campus of the Michigan schools for the deaf
12 and blind in Flint to private or publicly funded 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) From the unexpended balances of appropriations for the
21 schools for the deaf and blind operations, up to \$250,000.00 of any
22 unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining on September 30, 2008
23 may be carried forward as a work project and expended for special
24 maintenance and repairs of facilities at the campus of the Michigan
25 schools for the deaf and blind in Flint. The work shall be carried
26 out by state employees, or by contract as necessary, at an
27 estimated cost of \$250,000.00. The estimated completion date of the

1 work is September 30, 2009.

2 (4) From the tenant rent appropriation for Fay hall, up to
3 \$100,000.00 of any unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining on
4 September 30, 2008 may be carried forward as a work project or as
5 restricted revenue and expended for special maintenance and repairs
6 of facilities at Fay hall. The work project may be performed by
7 state employees, or by contract when necessary, at an estimated
8 cost of \$100,000.00. The estimated completion date of the work
9 project is September 30, 2009.

10 Sec. 405. The department may assist the department of
11 community health, other departments, and local school districts to
12 secure reimbursement for eligible services provided in Michigan
13 schools from the federal Medicaid program. The department may
14 submit reports of direct expenses related to this effort to the
15 department of community health for reimbursement.

16 Sec. 406. (1) The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind may
17 promote its residential program as a possible appropriate option
18 for children who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are blind or
19 visually impaired. The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind
20 shall distribute information detailing its services to all
21 intermediate school districts in the state.

22 (2) Upon knowledge of or recognition by an intermediate school
23 district that a child in the district is deaf or hard of hearing or
24 blind or visually impaired, the intermediate school district shall
25 provide to the parents of the child the literature distributed by
26 the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind to intermediate school
27 districts under subsection (1).

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

3 **PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES**

4 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
5 professional preparation services, the department shall maintain
6 the professional personnel register and certificate
7 revocation/felony conviction files.

8 Sec. 502. The department shall authorize teacher preparation
9 institutions to provide an alternative program by which up to 1/2
10 of the required student internship or student teaching credits may
11 be earned through substitute teaching. The department shall require
12 that teacher preparation institutions collaborate with school
13 districts to ensure that the quality of instruction provided to
14 student teachers is comparable to that required in a traditional
15 student teaching program.

16 Sec. 503. Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for professional
17 preparation operations, \$100,000.00 shall be allocated to Central
18 Michigan University for the alternative route to certification
19 program. Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for professional
20 preparation operations, \$100,000.00 shall be allocated to Wayne
21 State University for the pathways to teaching program. Not later
22 than March 1, 2008, the department shall provide the senate and
23 house appropriations committees and senate and house fiscal
24 agencies with a report including all of the following:

25 (a) How many teachers were certified under the programs.

26 (b) How long participating teachers served in the classroom.

1 (c) A comparison of teacher evaluations of participating
2 teachers and teachers with traditional teacher certifications.

3 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for national
4 board certification, the department shall pay 1/2 of the
5 application fee for teachers who are considered by the department
6 to be qualified to apply to the national board for professional
7 teaching standards for professional teaching certificates or
8 licenses and to provide grants to recognize and reward teachers who
9 receive certification or licensure.

10 **OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

11 Sec. 601. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for the
12 office of school improvement, there is allocated \$350,000.00 and
13 3.5 FTE positions to operate a charter school office to administer
14 charter school legislation and associated regulations, and to
15 coordinate the activities of the department relating to charter
16 schools.

17 Sec. 603. The funds appropriated in part 1 for subject area
18 content expectations and guidelines shall be used for the
19 development, approval, and implementation of subject area content
20 expectations and guidelines that apply to the credit requirements
21 of the Michigan merit standard, as required under section 1278b of
22 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278b.

23 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

24 Sec. 701. The department shall work in collaboration with the
25 center for educational performance and information to support the

1 comprehensive educational information system and all data
2 collection efforts of the department.

3 **SCHOOL FINANCE AND SCHOOL LAW SERVICES**

4 Sec. 801. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for school
5 finance and school law operations, there is allocated \$300,000.00
6 and 2.0 FTE positions to support the department's effort to study,
7 encourage, and determine the impact of consolidation efforts by
8 school districts and intermediate school districts.

9 **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

10 Sec. 901. Within 10 days of the receipt of a grant
11 appropriated in the federal and private grants line item in part 1,
12 the department shall notify the house and senate chairpersons of
13 the appropriations subcommittees responsible for the department
14 budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget
15 director of the receipt of the grant, including the funding source,
16 purpose, and amount of the grant.