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FY 2010-11 Conference Report Gross Appropriation	Total Changes	\$675,782,200
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Changes from FY 2009-10 Year to Date:

Items Included by the House and Senate

- 1. **Private Child Placing Agency Overdue Foster Care Payments.** New boilerplate required the Dept. to pay private child placing agencies or child caring institutions all verified overdue payments for foster care services provided to youth under contract with the Dept. (Sec. 289)
- 2. Fee Language Child Care and Adult Foster Care Facilities. The Senate and House bills removed current law boilerplate section 309. This language required the Dept. to impose fees upon adult foster care & child care facilities. Revenue from the fees was required to be allocated exclusively for purpose of licensing and regulating child care organization & adult foster care facilities. (Sec. 309)
- 3. Adoption Rate Increase. The Senate and House included language providing a 36% rate increase for private providers to meet the 36% increase in caseworkers needed to meet the ratio required in the Children's Rights Settlement. This language was vetoed in FY 2009-10. Language added by the House on salaries at the private agencies was not included. (Sec. 581)
- 4. **Food Assistance Authorization Adjustment.** The Senate and House bills did not include requested language included in the Executive recommendation that would permit the Department to adjust Federal authorization in the food assistance payments line to account for increases in program caseload. (Sec. 620)

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- 5. Hiring Freeze. Conference concurred with the House to eliminate hiring freeze language. (Sec. 205)
- 6. **Funding Prohibition Michigan Home Based Child Care Council.** New Senate boilerplate forbade the Dept. from making any payment from appropriated funds to the Michigan Home Based Child Care Council. Conference did not include this language, but instead included a reporting requirement on MHBCCC union dues collected. (Sec. 291)
- 7. **Prohibition for Collection of Dues On Behalf of Michigan Home Based Child Care Council.** New Senate language forbade the Dept. from utilizing any appropriated funds for the processing or dispersal of union dues on behalf of Child Care Providers Together Michigan. Conference did not include this language, but instead included language requiring a report detailing child care providers receiving DHS payments. (Sec. 292)
- 8. **Permissive Use of Part 1 Funds for Various Purposes.** Conference included language in several sections allowing the Department to use part 1 funds for: marriage and family therapy, marriage initiative, fatherhood initiative, teen parent counseling, and Boys and Girls Club. (Sections 293, 415, 416, 523, 679)
- 9. **Bridges/LEIN Integration.** Modified current law boilerplate provided \$300,000 in GF/GP for the integration of the Bridges system into the Law Enforcement Information Network computer system operated by the State Police. Language mandated completion of the project by July 1, 2011 & provided new reporting requirements. (Sec. 295)
- 10. **Privatizing/Cost-Benefit Analysis.** Conference did not include new House language prohibiting the Department from privatizing services without first conducting a cost-benefit analysis, and determining savings of at least 10%.
- 11. Foster Care Administrative Rates/Public Per Diem. Conference did not include Senate language proposing a public per diem and adjusting the cost share for admin rates between State & Local gov'ts. (Sections 546 and 547)
- 12. **Wayne County Home-Based Programs.** Conference concurred with House to reduce the earmark to Wayne County from \$2.0 million to \$1.6 million, which provides home-based programs as part of the county expansion of community-based services to serve the county's adjudicated delinquent and abused and neglected youth. (Sec. 565)
- 13. **Indigent Burial.** Conference concurred with the Senate proposal to permit the Dept. to implement a pilot project to provide reimbursement to designated funeral directors for the cremation of indigent persons. (Sec. 613 (2))
- 14. Child Development and Care Sanction Policy/EBT Fraud. Conference required implementation of a sanctions policy that applies to criminal & fraudulent behavior in CDC program and report on EBT fraud. (Sec. 671, 672)
- 15. **Customer Service Resource Center.** Conference included language requiring the Dept. to allocate \$850,000 for a customer service resource center. However, unless the call center bidding is complete by Jan 1, 2011 and operational by April 1, 2011, 100.0 eligibility FTEs can't be hired. (Sec. 754)

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