

SCHOOL AID SUPPLEMENTAL: FY 2013-14
Summary: As Passed by the House
HB 4229 (H-1)



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	FY 2013-14 YTD	FY 2013-14 Executive	FY 2013-14 House	FY 2013-14 Senate	FY 2013-14 Enacted	Difference: House From FY 2013-14 YTD	
						Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	--
Federal	1,764,421,300	0	0	0	0	0	--
Local	0	0	0	0	0	0	--
Private	0	0	0	0	0	0	--
Restricted	11,367,382,300	0	0	0	0	0	--
GF/GP	234,900,000	0	0	0	0	0	--
Gross	\$13,366,703,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	--

Overview

HB 4229 contains no appropriation changes to the FY 2013-14 School Aid budget, but includes a number of boilerplate changes, which for the most part fix technical errors in the budget as it was originally adopted. A detailed description of each of the changes follows below.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2013-14

Sec. 6(4)(L)(iii). Kindergarten Entry Waiver

Recent amendments to the Revised School Code would phase in a change to the date by which a child must be 5 to enter kindergarten and be counted in pupil membership. The cutoff date will move from December 1 to September 1 over three years, but the Code includes a waiver provision for children who will be 5 by December 1 and whose parents want to send them to kindergarten. The waiver must be filed with the district by June 1. Section 6(4)(L)(iii) was added to the School Aid Act for FY 2013-14 to allow a district to count in membership a resident child who will be 5 by December 1, but moves into the district after the June 1 deadline. The bill would eliminate the phrase "becomes a resident of the district" so that nonresident (school choice) students and existing residents who miss the waiver deadline for other reasons could also be counted in membership, to correct for the intentions of the sponsor of the amendment.

Sec. 6(4)(aa). Early Childhood Special Education Pupil Membership

Recent changes to the special education rules require a reference to a new rule in order to continue to count all children ages 0-4.

Sec. 20. Foundation Allowance Calculations

The FY 2013-14 School Aid budget appropriates funds for foundation allowance increases for all school districts. While the calculations in Section 20 would increase them as intended, a sentence freezing foundation allowances at the prior year level, from a previous version of the bill, was left in the bill errantly and would negate those foundation allowance increases. The bill would delete all three occurrences of that sentence.

Sec. 21f. Online Courses

This section requires districts to provide course syllabi for online classes to the Michigan Virtual University (MVU) for inclusion in the statewide catalog of online courses. Previous versions of the bill would have had the Michigan Department of Education responsible for maintaining the statewide catalog, so the bill would correct one remaining reference to the department to replace it with MVU.

Sec. 24c. Youth ChalleNGe Program

The Youth ChalleNGe program, a boot-camp style program for youths in Battle Creek operated by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, previously had a contract with Battle Creek Public Schools to provide the educational component of the program. Beginning with FY 2013-14, Marshall Public Schools will now be providing the education services for the program. The School Aid budget appropriates \$1.5 million for the program to the school district in which the program is located. However, with the transfer to the Marshall school district, the language requiring the program to be located in the district receiving funds must be deleted. The bill deletes this phrase, allowing MDE to direct the funds to the Marshall school district.

Sec. 25e. Pupil Transfer Process

The bill would correct an error in the formula for allocating pupil memberships and clarify the language in the new pupil transfer process that will begin this fall. The process will allow a portion of the foundation allowance to follow a student who transfers from one district to another mid-year, between the two pupil membership count dates. It would also clarify the timing so that a district's 30-day window to submit transfers would not begin until after the current pupil membership count certification date, because CEPI cannot adjust data that has not yet been submitted and certified.

Sec. 26a. Renaissance Zone Reimbursements

The bill would correct one taxable value year reference from 2012 to 2013.

Sec. 74. School Bus Driver Safety Instruction

The bill would strike the cap, which currently caps reimbursements to districts for school bus driver safety instruction costs at 75% of the total costs of instruction, as had been recommended by the Executive and errantly left out of the conference report. This would allow the MDE to better align reimbursements with the two-year instruction cycle, which creates a situation where every other year costs are significantly higher than the other year, while maintaining the overall level of statewide funding, currently at \$1.6 million.

Sec. 95. Principal Educator Evaluation Training

For FY 2013-14, there is \$500,000 appropriated to continue the training for building principals who have to do educator evaluations. The bill would expand this to provide training to school board members, other administrators, and certified staff for evaluations of both administrators and educators.

Sec. 107. Adult Education

The bill would correct one school year reference from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014.

Sec. 147a. MPSERS cost offset

The bill would delete the word "school" in reference to a fiscal year, because MPSERS payroll is collected on a state fiscal year basis rather than the school fiscal year.