## **HOUSE BILL No. 4652**

May 1, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Tlaib and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled

"The state school aid act of 1979,"

by amending section 22b (MCL 388.1622b), as amended by 2012 PA 201.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 22b. (1) From the state funds appropriated in section 11,
- 2 there is allocated for 2011-2012 an amount not to exceed
- 3 \$3,052,000,000.00 and there is allocated for 2012-2013 an amount
- 4 not to exceed \$3,152,300,000.00 for discretionary nonmandated
- 5 payments to districts under this section. Funds allocated under
- 6 this section that are not expended in the state fiscal year for
- 7 which they were allocated, as determined by the department, may be
- 8 used to supplement the allocations under sections 22a and 51c in
- 9 order to fully fund those calculated allocations for the same
- 10 fiscal year.
  - (2) Subject to subsection (3) and section 296, the allocation

- 1 to a district under this section shall be an amount equal to the
- 2 sum of the amounts calculated under sections 20, 51a(2), 51a(3),
- 3 and 51a(11), minus the sum of the allocations to the district under
- 4 sections 22a and 51c.
- 5 (3) In order to receive an allocation under subsection (1),
- 6 each district shall do all of the following:
- 7 (a) Administer in each grade level that it operates in grades
- 8 1 to 5 a standardized assessment approved by the department of
- 9 grade-appropriate basic educational skills. A district may use the
- 10 Michigan literacy progress profile to satisfy this requirement for
- 11 grades 1 to 3. Also, if the revised school code is amended to
- 12 require annual assessments at additional grade levels, in order to
- 13 receive an allocation under this section each district shall comply
- 14 with that requirement.
- 15 (b) Comply with sections 1278a and 1278b of the revised school
- 16 code, MCL 380.1278a and 380.1278b.
- 17 (c) Furnish data and other information required by state and
- 18 federal law to the center and the department in the form and manner
- 19 specified by the center or the department, as applicable.
- 20 (d) Comply with section 1230g of the revised school code, MCL
- **21** 380.1230q.
- 22 (E) COMPLY WITH SECTION 1502 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL
- 23 380.1502.
- 24 (4) Districts are encouraged to use funds allocated under this
- 25 section for the purchase and support of payroll, human resources,
- 26 and other business function software that is compatible with that
- 27 of the intermediate district in which the district is located and

- 1 with other districts located within that intermediate district.
- 2 (5) From the allocation in subsection (1), the department
- 3 shall pay up to \$1,000,000.00 in litigation costs incurred by this
- 4 state related to commercial or industrial property tax appeals,
- 5 including, but not limited to, appeals of classification, that
- 6 impact revenues dedicated to the state school aid fund.
- 7 (6) From the allocation in subsection (1), the department
- 8 shall pay up to \$1,000,000.00 in litigation costs incurred by this
- 9 state associated with lawsuits filed by 1 or more districts or
- 10 intermediate districts against this state. If the allocation under
- 11 this section is insufficient to fully fund all payments required
- 12 under this section, the payments under this subsection shall be
- 13 made in full before any proration of remaining payments under this
- 14 section.
- 15 (7) It is the intent of the legislature that all
- 16 constitutional obligations of this state have been fully funded
- 17 under sections 22a, 31d, 51a, 51c, and 152a. If a claim is made by
- 18 an entity receiving funds under this article that challenges the
- 19 legislative determination of the adequacy of this funding or
- 20 alleges that there exists an unfunded constitutional requirement,
- 21 the state budget director may escrow or allocate from the
- 22 discretionary funds for nonmandated payments under this section the
- 23 amount as may be necessary to satisfy the claim before making any
- 24 payments to districts under subsection (2). If funds are escrowed,
- 25 the escrowed funds are a work project appropriation and the funds
- 26 are carried forward into the following fiscal year. The purpose of
- 27 the work project is to provide for any payments that may be awarded

- 1 to districts as a result of litigation. The work project shall be
- 2 completed upon resolution of the litigation.
- 3 (8) If the local claims review board or a court of competent
- 4 jurisdiction makes a final determination that this state is in
- 5 violation of section 29 of article IX of the state constitution of
- 6 1963 regarding state payments to districts, the state budget
- 7 director shall use work project funds under subsection (7) or
- 8 allocate from the discretionary funds for nonmandated payments
- 9 under this section the amount as may be necessary to satisfy the
- 10 amount owed to districts before making any payments to districts
- 11 under subsection (2).
- 12 (9) If a claim is made in court that challenges the
- 13 legislative determination of the adequacy of funding for this
- 14 state's constitutional obligations or alleges that there exists an
- 15 unfunded constitutional requirement, any interested party may seek
- 16 an expedited review of the claim by the local claims review board.
- 17 If the claim exceeds \$10,000,000.00, this state may remove the
- 18 action to the court of appeals, and the court of appeals shall have
- 19 and shall exercise jurisdiction over the claim.
- 20 (10) If payments resulting from a final determination by the
- 21 local claims review board or a court of competent jurisdiction that
- 22 there has been a violation of section 29 of article IX of the state
- 23 constitution of 1963 exceed the amount allocated for discretionary
- 24 nonmandated payments under this section, the legislature shall
- 25 provide for adequate funding for this state's constitutional
- 26 obligations at its next legislative session.
- 27 (11) If a lawsuit challenging payments made to districts

- 1 related to costs reimbursed by federal title XIX medicaid funds is
- 2 filed against this state, then, for the purpose of addressing
- 3 potential liability under such a lawsuit, the state budget director
- 4 may place funds allocated under this section in escrow or allocate
- 5 money from the funds otherwise allocated under this section, up to
- 6 a maximum of 50% of the amount allocated in subsection (1). If
- 7 funds are placed in escrow under this subsection, those funds are a
- 8 work project appropriation and the funds are carried forward into
- 9 the following fiscal year. The purpose of the work project is to
- 10 provide for any payments that may be awarded to districts as a
- 11 result of the litigation. The work project shall be completed upon
- 12 resolution of the litigation. In addition, this state reserves the
- 13 right to terminate future federal title XIX medicaid reimbursement
- 14 payments to districts if the amount or allocation of reimbursed
- 15 funds is challenged in the lawsuit. As used in this subsection,
- 16 "title XIX" means title XIX of the social security act, 42 USC 1396
- **17** to 1396v.
- 18 (12) Not later than January 1, 2013, the department shall
- 19 submit a report to the legislature identifying the amount of the
- 20 savings that the department has calculated as having been achieved
- 21 due to the revised number of instructional hours used to calculate
- 22 full-time equated memberships for kindergarten pupils under section
- 23 6(4)(r) as amended by 2011 PA 62.
- 24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 25 unless Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 4653 (request no.
- 26 02655'13) of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.