

FIRST CONFERENCE REPORT

The Committee of Conference on the matters of difference between the two Houses concerning

House Bill No. 4097, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Recommends:

First: That the Senate recede from the Substitute of the Senate as passed by the Senate.

Second: That the House and Senate agree to the Substitute of the House as passed by the House, amended to read as follows:

(attached)

Third: That the House and Senate agree to the title of the bill to read as follows:

A bill to make and supplement appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4097**

A bill to make and supplement appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions..... 6.0

1	Full-time equated classified positions.....	588.5	
2	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 305,876,200
3	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
4	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental		
5	transfers		0
6	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 305,876,200
7	Federal revenues:		
8	Total federal revenues.....		215,640,900
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Total local revenues.....		5,633,700
11	Total private revenues.....		2,033,300
12	Total other state restricted revenues.....		7,669,600
13	State general fund/general purpose.....		\$ 74,898,700
14	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE		
15	SUPERINTENDENT		
16	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	6.0	
17	Full-time equated classified positions.....	11.0	
18	State board of education, per diem payments.....		\$ 24,400
19	Unclassified positions--6.0 FTE positions.....		807,000
20	State board/superintendent operations--11.0 FTE		
21	positions		<u>2,092,100</u>
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 2,923,500
23	Appropriated from:		
24	Federal revenues:		
25	Federal revenues.....		222,100
26	Special revenue funds:		
27	Private foundations.....		28,100

1	Certification fees.....		856,500
2	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	1,816,800
3	Sec. 103. CENTRAL SUPPORT		
4	Full-time equated classified positions.....	23.6	
5	Central support operations--23.6 FTE positions.....	\$	3,614,900
6	Worker's compensation.....		28,700
7	Building occupancy charges - property management		
8	services		3,110,100
9	Training and orientation workshops.....		150,000
10	Terminal leave payments.....		<u>554,700</u>
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	7,458,400
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal revenues.....		1,659,900
15	Federal indirect funds.....		2,545,500
16	Special revenue funds:		
17	Certification fees.....		405,500
18	Teacher testing fees.....		3,900
19	Training and orientation workshop fees.....		150,000
20	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	2,693,600
21	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES		
22	Information technology operations.....	\$	<u>4,179,800</u>
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	4,179,800
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Federal revenues:		
26	Federal revenues.....		604,000
27	Federal indirect funds.....		1,784,500

1	Special revenue funds:	
2	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)	76,500
3	Certification fees.....	389,200
4	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 1,325,600
5	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	
6	Full-time equated classified positions.....	47.0
7	Special education operations--47.0 FTE positions	\$ <u>8,920,000</u>
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 8,920,000
9	Appropriated from:	
10	Federal revenues:	
11	Federal revenues.....	8,440,900
12	Special revenue funds:	
13	Private foundations.....	110,100
14	Certification fees.....	44,000
15	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 325,000
16	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND	
17	Full-time equated classified positions.....	77.0
18	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind operations--	
19	76.0 FTE positions	\$ 12,651,600
20	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--1.0 FTE position.....	295,100
21	Private gifts - blind.....	200,000
22	Private gifts - deaf.....	<u>150,000</u>
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 13,296,700
24	Appropriated from:	
25	Federal revenues:	
26	Federal revenues.....	6,887,500
27	Special revenue funds:	

1	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)	5,233,000
2	Local school district service fees	312,500
3	Gifts, bequests, and donations	645,100
4	Student insurance revenue	218,600
5	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 0
6	Sec. 107. PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES	
7	Full-time equated classified positions.....	34.0
8	Professional preparation operations--34.0 FTE	
9	positions	\$ <u>5,662,600</u>
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 5,662,600
11	Appropriated from:	
12	Federal revenues:	
13	Federal revenues	1,442,100
14	Special revenue funds:	
15	Certification fees	3,586,300
16	Teacher college review fees	55,300
17	Teacher testing fees	358,600
18	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 220,300
19	Sec. 108. MICHIGAN OFFICE OF GREAT START	
20	Full-time equated classified positions.....	65.0
21	Office of great start operations--64.0 FTE positions .	\$ 22,808,600
22	Child development and care external support	26,896,500
23	Head start collaboration office--1.0 FTE position	307,400
24	Child development and care public assistance	<u>124,200,000</u>
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 174,212,500
26	Appropriated from:	
27	Federal revenues:	

1	Federal revenues.....	136,543,300
2	Special revenue funds:	
3	Private foundations.....	250,000
4	Certification fees.....	64,100
5	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 37,355,100
6	Sec. 109. STATE AID AND SCHOOL FINANCE SERVICES	
7	Full-time equated classified positions.....	11.5
8	State aid and school finance operations--9.5 FTE	
9	positions	\$ 1,358,500
10	Financial independence team operations--2.0 FTE	
11	positions	<u>499,500</u>
12	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 1,858,000
13	Appropriated from:	
14	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 1,858,000
15	Sec. 110. AUDIT SERVICES	
16	Full-time equated classified positions.....	4.5
17	Audit operations--4.5 FTE positions.....	\$ <u>601,800</u>
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 601,800
19	Appropriated from:	
20	Federal revenues:	
21	Federal indirect funds.....	478,300
22	Special revenue funds:	
23	Certification fees.....	61,200
24	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 62,300
25	Sec. 111. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SERVICES	
26	Full-time equated classified positions.....	2.0
27	Administrative law operations--2.0 FTE positions	\$ <u>1,332,000</u>

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	1,332,000
2	Appropriated from:		
3	Federal revenues:		
4	Federal revenues.....		550,300
5	Special revenue funds:		
6	Certification fees.....		685,200
7	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	96,500
8	Sec. 112. ACCOUNTABILITY SERVICES		
9	Full-time equated classified positions.....		65.6
10	Accountability services operations--65.6 FTE positions	\$	<u>14,616,400</u>
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	14,616,400
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal revenues.....		13,441,100
15	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	1,175,300
16	Sec. 113. SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES		
17	Full-time equated classified positions.....		82.6
18	School support services operations--82.6 FTE positions	\$	15,087,200
19	Federal and private grants.....		<u>3,000,000</u>
20	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	18,087,200
21	Appropriated from:		
22	Federal revenues:		
23	Federal revenues.....		16,240,500
24	Special revenue funds:		
25	Local school district service fees.....		11,700
26	Private foundations.....		1,000,000
27	Certification fees.....		85,600

1	Commodity distribution fees.....		71,700
2	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	677,700
3	Sec. 114. FIELD SERVICES		
4	Full-time equated classified positions.....	45.0	
5	Field services operations--45.0 FTE positions.....	\$	<u>9,174,400</u>
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	9,174,400
7	Appropriated from:		
8	Federal revenues:		
9	Federal revenues.....		8,874,900
10	Special revenue funds:		
11	Certification fees.....		77,000
12	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	222,500
13	Sec. 115. EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION		
14	SERVICES		
15	Full-time equated classified positions.....	59.7	
16	Educational improvement and innovation operations--		
17	59.7 FTE positions	\$	9,362,500
18	Educator evaluations and assessments.....		<u>2,500,000</u>
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	11,862,500
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Federal revenues:		
22	Federal revenues.....		6,500,600
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Certification fees.....		556,900
25	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	4,805,000
26	Sec. 116. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION		
27	Full-time equated classified positions.....	27.0	

1	Career and technical education operations--27.0 FTE		
2	positions	\$	<u>4,748,800</u>
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	4,748,800
4	Appropriated from:		
5	Federal revenues:		
6	Federal revenues.....		3,818,600
7	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	930,200
8	Sec. 117. LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN		
9	Full-time equated classified positions.....		33.0
10	Library of Michigan operations--32.0 FTE positions ...	\$	4,408,800
11	Library services and technology program--1.0 FTE		
12	position		5,606,800
13	State aid to libraries.....		9,876,000
14	Michigan eLibrary.....		1,750,000
15	Renaissance zone reimbursements.....		<u>5,300,000</u>
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	26,941,600
17	Appropriated from:		
18	Federal revenues:		
19	IMLS, library services and technology act.....		5,606,800
20	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	21,334,800

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PART 1B

SUPPLEMENTAL LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 151. There is appropriated for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, from the following funds:

1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

3 GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ (2,703,500)

4 Interdepartmental grant revenues:

5 Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental
6 transfers 0

7 ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ (2,703,500)

8 Federal revenues:

9 Total federal revenues..... 0

10 Special revenue funds:

11 Total local revenues..... 0

12 Total private revenues..... 0

13 Total other state restricted revenues..... 0

14 State general fund/general purpose..... \$ (2,703,500)

15 Sec. 152. MICHIGAN OFFICE OF GREAT START

16 Child development and care public assistance..... \$ (2,703,500)

17 GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ (2,703,500)

18 Appropriated from:

19 State general fund/general purpose..... \$ (2,703,500)

20 PART 2

21 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

22 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

23 GENERAL SECTIONS

24 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
25 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources

1 under part 1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 is
2 \$82,568,300.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid
3 to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September
4 30, 2016 is \$15,176,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies
5 appropriations from which spending to local units of government
6 will occur:

7 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

8	State aid to libraries.....	\$	9,876,000
9	Renaissance zone reimbursements.....		<u>5,300,000</u>
10	Total department of education.....	\$	15,176,000

11 Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this part and
12 part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
13 MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

14 Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

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

16 (b) "District" means a local school district as defined in
17 section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, or a
18 public school academy as defined in section 5 of the revised school
19 code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

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

21 (d) "IMLS" means Institute of Museum and Library Services.

22 (e) "Fund-raising activity" means an ongoing fund-raising
23 activity that is scheduled to take place at more than 1 time during
24 a school day or throughout the school day.

25 Sec. 204. The state superintendent of public instruction shall
26 take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and
27 depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide

1 services or supplies, or both. The state superintendent of public
2 instruction shall strongly encourage firms with which the
3 department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in
4 depressed and deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

5 Sec. 205. The departments and agencies receiving
6 appropriations under part 1 shall use the Internet to fulfill the
7 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement may include
8 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
9 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
10 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

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

17 Sec. 207. The department shall cooperate with the department
18 of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable
19 website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is
20 not limited to, all of the following for each department or agency:

21 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

22 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

23 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
24 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
25 payment description.

26 (d) The number of active department employees by job
27 classification.

1 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

2 Sec. 208. The department shall require all districts and
3 intermediate school districts to maintain complete records within
4 the personnel file of a teacher or school employee of any
5 disciplinary actions taken by the governing board against the
6 teacher or employee for sexual misconduct. The records shall not be
7 destroyed or removed from the teacher's or employee's personnel
8 file except as required by a court order.

9 Sec. 211. To the extent the state continues to identify
10 schools as meeting proficiency targets, before publishing a list of
11 schools or districts determined to have failed to make adequate
12 yearly progress as required by the no child left behind act of
13 2001, Public Law 107-110, the department shall allow a school or
14 district to appeal that determination. Those appeals shall be
15 addressed before designation may be published.

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

26 Sec. 214. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
27 in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-of-state travel expenses

1 not later than January 1 of each year. The travel report shall be a
2 listing of all travel by classified and unclassified employees
3 outside this state in the immediately preceding fiscal year that
4 was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the
5 department's budget. The report shall be submitted to the senate
6 and house appropriations committees, the house and senate fiscal
7 agencies, and the state budget director. The report must include
8 the following information:

9 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

10 (b) The transportation and related costs of each travel
11 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
12 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
13 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
14 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

15 Sec. 216. The department shall not take disciplinary action
16 against an employee who communicates truthfully and factually with
17 a member of the legislature or his or her staff.

18 Sec. 218. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
19 in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded
20 from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state guidelines for
21 short-term and long-term retention of records shall be followed.
22 The department may electronically retain copies of reports unless
23 otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

24 Sec. 219. (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 part 1 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 part 1 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 part 1
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 part 1
19 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
20 MCL 18.1393.

21 Sec. 220. (1) The department shall provide data requested by a
22 member of the legislature, his or her staff, or the house and
23 senate fiscal agencies in a timely manner. If the department fails
24 to provide reasonably requested data within 30 days after the
25 request, the state money appropriated in part 1 for state
26 board/superintendent operations shall be reduced by 1%.

27 (2) If the department fails to provide to the legislature

1 reports and other data required by boilerplate or statute within 30
2 days after the date the information is due, the state money
3 appropriated in part 1 for state board/superintendent operations
4 shall be reduced by 1%.

5 Sec. 221. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a
6 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire
7 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of
8 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal
9 services for bonding activities and for those activities that the
10 attorney general authorizes.

11 Sec. 222. The department shall maintain, on a publicly
12 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,
13 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and
14 improve the agency's performance.

15 Sec. 226. Not later than November 30, the state budget office
16 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of
17 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
18 close of the fiscal year. This report shall summarize the projected
19 year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major
20 departmental program or program areas. The report shall be
21 transmitted to the office of the state budget, the chairpersons of
22 the senate and house appropriations committees, and the senate and
23 house fiscal agencies.

24 Sec. 227. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
25 budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the
26 state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations
27 chairs, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees

1 responsible for the department budget, respectively, and the senate
2 and house fiscal agencies with an annual report on estimated state
3 restricted fund balances, state restricted fund projected revenues,
4 and state restricted fund expenditures for the fiscal years ending
5 September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016.

6 Sec. 230. The department may assist the department of
7 community health, other departments, and local school districts to
8 secure reimbursement for eligible services provided in Michigan
9 schools from the federal Medicaid program. The department may
10 submit reports of direct expenses related to this effort to the
11 department of community health for reimbursement.

12 Sec. 231. Total authorized appropriations from all sources
13 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September
14 30, 2016 is estimated at \$15,492,600.00. Total agency
15 appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at
16 \$8,793,500.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care
17 legacy costs are estimated at \$6,699,100.00.

18 Sec. 233. No state department or agency shall issue a request
19 for proposal (RFP) for a contract in excess of \$1,000,000.00,
20 unless the department or agency has first considered issuing a
21 request for information (RFI) or a request for qualification (RFQ)
22 relative to that contract to better enable the department or agency
23 to learn more about the market for the products or services that
24 are the subject of the future RFP. The department or agency shall
25 notify the department of technology, management, and budget of the
26 evaluation process used to determine if an RFI or RFQ was not
27 necessary prior to issuing the RFP.

1 Sec. 234. In addition to the metrics required under section
2 447 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1447, for
3 each new program or program enhancement for which funds in excess
4 of \$500,000.00 are appropriated in part 1, the department shall
5 provide not later than November 1, 2015 a list of program-specific
6 metrics intended to measure its performance based on a return on
7 taxpayer investment. The department shall deliver the program-
8 specific metrics to members of the senate and house subcommittees
9 that have subject matter jurisdiction for this budget, fiscal
10 agencies, and the state budget director. The department shall
11 provide an update on its progress in tracking program-specific
12 metrics and the status of program success at an appropriations
13 subcommittee meeting called for by the subcommittee chair.

14 Sec. 235. The department shall not enter into a contract
15 funded under part 1 that exceeds \$1,000,000.00 or seek a federal
16 waiver from the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-
17 110, or an amendment to the federal waiver, until after
18 notification of the content to both the house and senate
19 appropriations committees.

20 Sec. 236. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
21 department shall compile a report that identifies the mandates
22 required of nonpublic schools. In compiling the report, the
23 department may consult with relevant statewide education
24 associations in Michigan. The report compiled by the department
25 shall indicate the type of mandate, including, but not limited to,
26 student health, student or building safety, accountability, and
27 educational requirements, and shall indicate whether a school has

1 to report on the specified mandates. The report required under this
2 section shall be completed by April 1, 2016 and transmitted to the
3 state budget director, the house and senate appropriations
4 subcommittees responsible for the department of education, and the
5 senate and house fiscal agencies not later than April 15, 2016.

6 Sec. 237. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
7 department shall take all necessary steps to ensure maximum state
8 and local control over the implementation of school meal programs
9 established under section 1272a of the revised school code, 1976 PA
10 451, MCL 380.1272a. This shall include, but is not limited to,
11 establishing an upper limit on the number and frequency of fund-
12 raising activities that may take place in a public school during
13 school hours that allow the sale of food and beverage items that do
14 not meet the nutritional standards. The department shall ensure
15 that this upper limit is not less than 2 fund-raising activities
16 per week.

17 **STATE BOARD/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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

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

23 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
24 \$100.00 per day.

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

1 Sec. 302. From the amount appropriated in part 1 to the state
2 board of education, not more than \$35,000.00 for the fiscal year
3 ending September 30, 2016 shall be expended for in-state travel and
4 out-of-state travel directly related to the duties of the state
5 board of education.

6 **MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

7 Sec. 401. The employees at the Michigan schools for the deaf
8 and blind who work on a school year basis are considered annual
9 employees for purposes of service credits, retirement, and
10 insurance benefits.

11 Sec. 402. For each student enrolled at the Michigan schools
12 for the deaf and blind, the department shall assess the
13 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
14 operating the student's instructional program. The amount shall
15 exclude room and board related costs and the cost of weekend
16 transportation between the school and the student's home.

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

23 (2) Upon knowledge of or recognition by an intermediate school
24 district that a child in the district is deaf or hard of hearing or
25 blind or visually impaired, the intermediate school district shall
26 provide to the parents of the child the literature distributed by

1 the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind to intermediate school
2 districts under subsection (1).

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

5 Sec. 407. Revenue received by the Michigan schools for the
6 deaf and blind from gifts, bequests, donations, and local district
7 service fees that is unexpended at the end of the state fiscal year
8 may be carried over to the succeeding fiscal year and shall not
9 revert to the general fund.

10 Sec. 408. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, the
11 funds collected by the Michigan schools for the deaf and the low
12 incidence outreach program for document reproduction and services;
13 conferences, workshops, and training classes; and the use of
14 specialized equipment, facilities, and software are appropriated
15 for all expenses necessary to provide the required services. These
16 funds are available for expenditure when they are received and may
17 be carried forward into the next succeeding fiscal year.

18 **PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES**

19 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
20 professional preparation services, the department shall maintain
21 certificate revocation/felony conviction files for educational
22 personnel.

23 Sec. 502. The department shall authorize teacher preparation
24 institutions to provide an alternative program by which up to 1/2
25 of the required student internship or student teaching credits may
26 be earned through substitute teaching. The department shall require

1 that teacher preparation institutions collaborate with school
2 districts to ensure that the quality of instruction provided to
3 student teachers is comparable to that required in a traditional
4 student teaching program.

5 Sec. 506. Revenue received from teacher testing fees that is
6 unexpended at the end of the state fiscal year may be carried over
7 to the succeeding fiscal year and shall not revert to the general
8 fund.

9 **STATE AID AND SCHOOL FINANCE SERVICES**

10 Sec. 601. Funds appropriated in part 1 for the financial
11 independence team shall be expended for the purpose of implementing
12 an early warning system to identify districts and intermediate
13 school districts that are in need of financial attention. The
14 financial independence team shall provide expertise, technical
15 assistance, and the resources necessary to address the financial
16 needs for those identified distressed districts and intermediate
17 school districts.

18 **LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN**

19 Sec. 801. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, the
20 funds collected by the department for document reproduction and
21 services; conferences, workshops, and training classes; and the use
22 of specialized equipment, facilities, and software are appropriated
23 for all expenses necessary to provide the required services. These
24 funds are available for expenditure when they are received and may
25 be carried forward into the next succeeding fiscal year.

1 Sec. 803. It is the intent of the legislature that the library
2 of Michigan and the component programs currently within the library
3 of Michigan with the exception of the genealogical collections
4 shall be kept together in a state department.

5 Sec. 804. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for renaissance
6 zone reimbursements shall be used to reimburse public libraries
7 under section 12 of the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376,
8 MCL 125.2692, for taxes levied in 2015. The allocations shall be
9 made not later than 60 days after the department of treasury
10 certifies to the department and to the state budget director that
11 the department of treasury has received all necessary information
12 to properly determine the amounts due to each eligible recipient.

13 (2) If the amount appropriated under this section is not
14 sufficient to fully pay obligations under this section, payments
15 shall be prorated on an equal basis among all eligible public
16 libraries.

17 Sec. 806. From the increased funds appropriated in part 1 for
18 state aid to public libraries, it is the intent of the legislature
19 that the department shall increase the state aid grants to
20 libraries to support local library operations and programs
21 including those that develop and improve early literacy skills by
22 highlighting early literacy resources for emerging readers. The
23 intent of the increase is to increase the number of children who
24 are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

25 **SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

26 Sec. 901. Within 10 days of the receipt of a grant

1 appropriated in the federal and private grants line item in part 1,
2 the department shall notify the house and senate chairpersons of
3 the appropriations subcommittees responsible for the department
4 budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget
5 director of the receipt of the grant, including the funding source,
6 purpose, and amount of the grant.

7 **MICHIGAN OFFICE OF GREAT START**

8 Sec. 1001. By November 1, 2015, the department shall submit a
9 report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the
10 department of education budget and the house and senate fiscal
11 agencies on the number of eligible child care providers by type
12 receiving payment for child care services from the department on
13 October 1, 2015.

14 Sec. 1003. (1) The department shall provide the house and
15 senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget with
16 an annual report on all funding appropriated to the Early Childhood
17 Investment Corporation (ECIC) by the state for fiscal year 2014-
18 2015. The report is due by February 15 and shall contain at least
19 the following information:

20 (a) Total funding appropriated to the Early Childhood
21 Investment Corporation by the state for fiscal year 2014-2015.

22 (b) The amount of funding for each grant awarded.

23 (c) The grant recipients.

24 (d) The activities funded by each grant.

25 (e) An analysis of each grant recipient's success in
26 addressing the development of a comprehensive system of early

1 childhood services and supports.

2 (2) All department contracts for early childhood comprehensive
3 systems planning shall be bid out through a statewide request-for-
4 proposal process.

5 Sec. 1004. From the increased funds appropriated in part 1 for
6 child development and care public assistance, the department shall
7 expand the child development and care program in the current fiscal
8 year. The purpose of this program expansion is to increase the
9 number of low-income children in high-quality early learning
10 programs, to increase the number of children ready for school at
11 kindergarten entry, and to increase the number of children who are
12 reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

13 Sec. 1005. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
14 department shall ensure that the kindergarten entry assessment
15 includes a method for information to be provided regarding a
16 child's participation in the great start readiness program.

17 Sec. 1006. The department shall post on its website a link to
18 the federal Institute of Education Sciences' What Works
19 Clearinghouse. The department also shall work to disseminate
20 knowledge about the What Works Clearinghouse to districts and
21 intermediate districts so that it may be used to improve reading
22 proficiency for pupils in grades K to 3.

23 Sec. 1007. (1) From the increased funds appropriated in part 1
24 for child development and care - external support, the department
25 shall create progress reports that shall include, but are not
26 limited to, the following:

27 (a) Both the on-site and off-site activities that are intended

1 to improve child care provider quality and the number of times
2 those activities are performed by the licensing consultants.

3 (b) How many on-site visits a single licensing consultant has
4 made since the start of the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

5 (c) The types of on-site visits and the number of visits for
6 each type that a single consultant has made since the start of
7 fiscal year 2015-2016.

8 (d) The number of providers that have improved their quality
9 rating since the start of fiscal year 2015-2016 compared to the
10 same time period in fiscal year 2014-2015.

11 (e) The types of activities that are intended to improve
12 licensing consultant performance and child care provider quality
13 and the number of times those activities are performed by the
14 managers and administrators.

15 (2) The progress reports shall be sent to the state budget
16 director, the house and senate subcommittees that oversee the
17 department of education, and the house and senate fiscal agencies
18 by April 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016.

19 PART 2A

20 PROVISIONS CONCERNING ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS

21 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

22 GENERAL SECTIONS

23 Sec. 1201. It is the intent of the legislature to provide
24 appropriations for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2017 for
25 the line items listed in part 1. The fiscal year 2016-2017

1 appropriations are anticipated to be the same as those for fiscal
2 year 2015-2016, except that the line items will be adjusted for
3 changes in caseload and related costs, federal fund match rates,
4 economic factors, and available revenue. These adjustments will be
5 determined after the January 2016 consensus revenue estimating
6 conference.

7 PART 2B

8 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

9 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

10 GENERAL SECTIONS

11 Sec. 2201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
12 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources
13 under part 1B for fiscal year 2014-2015 is (\$2,703,500.00) and
14 state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of
15 government for fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$0.00.

16 Sec. 2202. The appropriations authorized under this part and
17 part 1B are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
18 MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.