

HOUSE BILL No. 5149

October 19, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Wittenberg, Camilleri, Clemente, Brinks, Faris, Pagan, Hoadley, Sowerby, Hammoud, Schor, Chang, Lasinski, Geiss and Zemke and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
by amending sections 11 and 32p (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1632p), as
amended by 2017 PA 108.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 11. (1) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017,
2 there is appropriated for the public schools of this state and
3 certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of
4 \$12,069,644,300.00 from the state school aid fund, the sum of
5 \$179,100,000.00 from the general fund, an amount not to exceed
6 \$72,000,000.00 from the community district education trust fund
7 created under section 12 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA
8 489, MCL 12.262, and an amount not to exceed \$100.00 from the water

1 emergency reserve fund. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
2 2018, there is appropriated for the public schools of this state
3 and certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of
4 ~~\$12,543,130,300.00~~ **\$12,546,130,300.00** from the state school aid
5 fund, the sum of \$215,000,000.00 from the general fund, an amount
6 not to exceed \$72,000,000.00 from the community district education
7 trust fund created under section 12 of the Michigan trust fund act,
8 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.262, an amount not to exceed \$23,100,000.00
9 from the MPERS retirement obligation reform reserve fund, and an
10 amount not to exceed \$100.00 from the water emergency reserve fund.
11 In addition, all available federal funds are appropriated each
12 fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2017 and
13 September 30, 2018.

14 (2) The appropriations under this section shall be allocated
15 as provided in this article. Money appropriated under this section
16 from the general fund shall be expended to fund the purposes of
17 this article before the expenditure of money appropriated under
18 this section from the state school aid fund.

19 (3) Any general fund allocations under this article that are
20 not expended by the end of the state fiscal year are transferred to
21 the school aid stabilization fund created under section 11a.

22 Sec. 32p. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is
23 allocated an amount not to exceed ~~\$13,400,000.00~~ **\$16,400,000.00** to
24 intermediate districts for 2017-2018 for the purpose of providing
25 early childhood funding to intermediate school districts to support
26 the activities under subsection (2) and subsection (4), and to
27 provide early childhood programs for children from birth through

1 age 8. The funding provided to each intermediate district under
2 this section shall be determined by the distribution formula
3 established by the department's office of great start to provide
4 equitable funding statewide. In order to receive funding under this
5 section, each intermediate district shall provide an application to
6 the office of great start not later than September 15 of the
7 immediately preceding fiscal year indicating the activities planned
8 to be provided.

9 (2) Each intermediate district or consortium of intermediate
10 districts that receives funding under this section shall convene a
11 local great start collaborative and a parent coalition. The goal of
12 each great start collaborative and parent coalition shall be to
13 ensure the coordination and expansion of local early childhood
14 infrastructure and programs that allow every child in the community
15 to achieve the following outcomes:

16 (a) Children born healthy.

17 (b) Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track
18 from birth to third grade.

19 (c) Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the
20 time of school entry.

21 (d) Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by
22 reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

23 (3) Each local great start collaborative and parent coalition
24 shall convene workgroups to make recommendations about community
25 services designed to achieve the outcomes described in subsection
26 (2) and to ensure that its local great start system includes the
27 following supports for children from birth through age 8:

1 (a) Physical health.

2 (b) Social-emotional health.

3 (c) Family supports and basic needs.

4 (d) Parent education.

5 (e) Early education, including the child's development of
6 skills linked to success in foundational literacy, and care.

7 (4) From the funds allocated in subsection (1), at least
8 ~~\$2,500,000.00~~ **\$5,500,000.00** shall be used for the purpose of
9 providing home visits to at-risk children and their families. The
10 home visits shall be conducted as part of a locally coordinated,
11 family-centered, evidence-based, data-driven home visit strategic
12 plan that is approved by the department. The goals of the home
13 visits funded under this subsection shall be to improve school
14 readiness using evidence-based methods, including a focus on
15 developmentally appropriate outcomes for early literacy, to reduce
16 the number of pupils retained in grade level, and to reduce the
17 number of pupils requiring special education services. The
18 department shall coordinate the goals of the home visit strategic
19 plans approved under this subsection with other state agency home
20 visit programs in a way that strengthens Michigan's home visiting
21 infrastructure and maximizes federal funds available for the
22 purposes of at-risk family home visits. The coordination among
23 departments and agencies is intended to avoid duplication of state
24 services and spending, and should emphasize efficient service
25 delivery of home visiting programs.

26 (5) Not later than December 1 of each year, each intermediate
27 district shall provide a report to the department detailing the

1 activities actually provided during the immediately preceding
2 school year and the families and children actually served. At a
3 minimum, the report shall include an evaluation of the services
4 provided with additional funding under subsection (4) for home
5 visits, using the goals identified in subsection (4) as the basis
6 for the evaluation, including the degree to which school readiness
7 was improved, any change in the number of pupils retained at grade
8 level, and any change in the number of pupils receiving special
9 education services. The department shall compile and summarize
10 these reports and submit its summary to the house and senate
11 appropriations subcommittees on school aid and to the house and
12 senate fiscal agencies not later than February 15 of each year.

13 (6) An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate
14 districts that receives funding under this section may carry over
15 any unexpended funds received under this section into the next
16 fiscal year and may expend those unused funds through June 30 of
17 the next fiscal year. A recipient of a grant shall return any
18 unexpended grant funds to the department in the manner prescribed
19 by the department not later than September 30 of the next fiscal
20 year after the fiscal year in which the funds are received.