

SENATE BILL NO. 556

October 08, 2019, Introduced by Senator STAMAS and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
by amending section 61c (MCL 388.1661c), as amended by 2018 PA 265.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 61c. (1) ~~From the general fund appropriation~~**In addition**
2 **to the appropriations** in section 11, there is ~~allocated~~
3 **appropriated** for ~~2018-2019~~**2019-2020 only** an amount not to exceed
4 ~~\$2,500,000.00~~**\$16,000,000.00** from the talent investment fund for
5 **the purposes of this section.**
6 (2) **From the money appropriated under subsection (1), there is**

1 **allocated an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000.00** to eligible career
 2 education planning districts for the CTE skilled trades initiative
 3 described in **this subsection and** subsections ~~(2)~~**(3)** to (5). To be
 4 eligible to receive funding under this ~~section,~~**subsection,** at
 5 least 50% of the area served by a CEPD must be located in an
 6 intermediate district that did not levy a vocational education
 7 millage in 2018. ~~(2)~~To receive funding under **this** subsection, ~~(1)~~,
 8 each eligible CEPD shall apply in a form and manner determined by
 9 the department. Funding to each eligible CEPD ~~shall be~~**is an amount**
 10 equal to the quotient of the allocation under **this** subsection ~~(1)~~
 11 ~~and divided by~~ the sum of the number of ~~career education planning~~
 12 ~~districts~~**CEPDs** applying for funding under **this** subsection ~~(1)~~ that
 13 are located in an intermediate district that did not levy a
 14 vocational education millage in 2018.

15 (3) ~~At least 50% of the funding allocated to each~~**Each**
 16 eligible CEPD **receiving funding under subsection (2) and each**
 17 **intermediate district receiving funding under subsection (6)** shall
 18 ~~be used~~**use at least 50% of the funding** to update equipment in
 19 current CTE programs that have been identified in the highest 5
 20 career cluster rankings in any of the 10 regional strategic plans
 21 jointly approved by the Michigan talent investment agency in the
 22 department of ~~talent and economic development~~**labor and economic**
 23 **opportunity** and the department, for training on new equipment, for
 24 professional development relating to computer science or coding, or
 25 for new and emerging certified CTE programs to allow CEPD
 26 administrators to provide programming in communities that will
 27 enhance economic development. The funding for equipment should be
 28 used to support and enhance community areas that have sustained job
 29 growth, and act as a commitment to build a more qualified and

1 skilled workforce. In addition, each CEPD **or intermediate district**
 2 is encouraged to explore the option of leasing equipment from local
 3 private industry to encourage the use of the most advanced
 4 equipment.

5 (4) The **CEPD administrators shall determine the** allocation of
 6 funds **received under subsection (2)** at the local level ~~shall be~~
 7 ~~determined by CEPD administrators~~ using data from the state,
 8 region, and local sources to make well-informed decisions on
 9 program equipment improvements. Grants awarded by CEPD
 10 administrators for capital infrastructure ~~shall must~~ be used to
 11 ensure that CTE programs can deliver educational programs in high-
 12 wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations. Each CEPD shall
 13 continue to ensure that program advisory boards make
 14 recommendations on needed improvements for equipment that support
 15 job growth and job skill development and retention for both the
 16 present and the future.

17 (5) Not later than September 15 of each fiscal year, each CEPD
 18 receiving funding **under subsection (2) and each intermediate**
 19 **district receiving funding under subsection (6)** shall annually
 20 report to the department, the senate and house appropriations
 21 subcommittees on state school aid, and the senate and house fiscal
 22 agencies and legislature on equipment purchased under ~~subsection~~
 23 ~~(1). this section~~. In addition, the report ~~shall must~~ **include**
 24 **information regarding any partnerships as described under**
 25 **subsection (8) and the purposes of those partnerships and must**
 26 identify growth data on program involvement, retention, and
 27 development of student skills.

28 (6) **From the money appropriated under subsection (1), there is**
 29 **allocated an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 for competitive**

1 grants to intermediate districts that operate a career and
2 technical education program to use for the career and technical
3 education program. An intermediate district shall apply for funding
4 under this subsection in a form and manner prescribed by the
5 department. The department shall select intermediate districts for
6 funding under this subsection by December 1, 2019 and shall make
7 payments under this subsection on a schedule determined by the
8 department. An intermediate district receiving funding under this
9 subsection shall comply with subsections (3) and (5).

10 (7) From the money appropriated under subsection (1), there is
11 allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for competitive
12 grants to districts and intermediate districts for STEM equipment
13 for grades K to 8 to provide pupils in grades K to 8 with expanded
14 opportunities to improve mathematics, science, and technology
15 skills with STEM equipment. The department shall determine the
16 process for application and criteria for awarding the grants. The
17 amount of a grant under this subsection must not exceed \$10,000.00.
18 Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make grant
19 payments under this subsection on a schedule determined by the
20 department.

21 (8) In awarding funding to eligible CEPDS under subsection (2)
22 or to intermediate districts under subsection (6), the department
23 shall give priority to eligible CEPDS or intermediate districts
24 that partner with a private industry or CTE-related organization
25 through direct or in-kind donations for at least 1 of the following
26 purposes:

27 (a) To lease equipment purchased under this section.

28 (b) To receive a discounted rate for equipment purchased under
29 this section.

1 (c) To receive a grant match for equipment purchased under
2 this section.

3 (d) To facilitate internships, apprenticeships, or similar
4 opportunities for pupils enrolled in CTE programs.

5 (e) To receive guidance on the purchase of equipment that
6 assists in delivering educational programs in high-wage, high-
7 skill, and high-demand occupations.

8 (9) The department shall base the level of priority it gives
9 to an eligible CEPD or intermediate district that partners with a
10 private industry or CTE-related organization as described under
11 subsection (8) on the number of purposes under subsection (8) (a) to
12 (e) that the eligible CEPD or intermediate district partners with
13 the private industry or CTE-related organization for, with the
14 highest level of priority given to an eligible CEPD or intermediate
15 district that partners with a private industry or CTE-related
16 organization as described under subsection (8) for all of the
17 purposes listed under subsection (8) (a) to (e) and the lowest level
18 of priority given to an eligible CEPD or intermediate district that
19 partners with a private industry or CTE-related organization as
20 described under subsection (8) for only 1 of the purposes listed
21 under subsection (8) (a) to (e).

22 (10) ~~(6)~~As used in this section:

23 (a) "Career and technical education program" means a state-
24 approved career and technical education program, as determined by
25 the department.

26 (b) ~~(a)~~"CEPD" means a career education planning district
27 described in this section.

28 (c) ~~(b)~~"CTE" means career and technical education.

29 Enacting section 1. In accordance with section 30 of article

1 IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending on
2 school aid under article I of the state school aid act of 1979,
3 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772, as amended by 2019 PA 58 and
4 this amendatory act, from state sources for fiscal year 2019-2020
5 is estimated at \$13,408,185,100.00 and state appropriations for
6 school aid to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year
7 2019-2020 are estimated at \$13,191,465,300.00.