

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

388.1611i Borrowing money and issuing bonds.

Sec. 11i. (1) In addition to any other authority granted under law, an eligible district or intermediate district may borrow from the Michigan municipal bond authority created under the shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1051 to 141.1077, an amount equal to 1/2 of the amount listed for the district or intermediate district in section 11h, in anticipation of the receipt of the payments appropriated under section 11g, and may authorize by resolution of its governing body and issue its bonds to evidence its obligations to the Michigan municipal bond authority on the terms and with those provisions as are provided by resolution of the board of the district or intermediate district and as are acceptable to the Michigan municipal bond authority if the bonds are accompanied by an opinion of bond counsel acceptable to the Michigan municipal bond authority to the effect that the interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. For the purposes of this section, an eligible district or intermediate district is a district or intermediate district, other than a district or intermediate district that receives a lump sum payment under section 11f(2), that qualifies to receive funds under sections 11f and 11g and that notifies the department of treasury not later than 5 p.m. eastern daylight time on June 30, 1998, in the form and manner prescribed by the department of treasury, that the district or intermediate district will borrow money and issue bonds under this section or is a district, other than a district that receives a lump sum payment under section 11f(2), that qualifies to receive funds under sections 11f and 11g, that has a membership of less than 2,000 full-time equated pupils, that has not submitted to the department of treasury a letter stating its intent not to borrow from the Michigan municipal bond authority, and that notified the department of treasury not later than 5 p.m. eastern daylight time on July 14, 1998, in the form and manner prescribed by the department of treasury, that the district will borrow money and issue bonds under this section. A district or intermediate district may pledge and assign to the Michigan municipal bond authority, as security for the bonds, all of the payments appropriated to it under section 11g but may not otherwise pledge or assign those payments. Bonds issued under this section are not subject to the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3.

(2) Proceeds of bonds issued under this section shall be made available to districts and intermediate districts on or after November 15, 1998. Each district and intermediate district shall use proceeds of bonds issued by it under this section only for a purpose for which bonds may be issued under section 1351a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1351a.

(3) Bonds issued under this section do not constitute a general obligation or debt of a district or intermediate district within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation.

(4) This section shall be construed as cumulative authority for the exercise of the powers granted in this section and shall not be construed to repeal any existing law. The purpose of this section is to create full and complete additional and alternate methods for the exercise of existing powers, and the powers conferred by this section are not affected or limited by any other statute or by any charter or incorporating document.

(5) A pledge made by a district or intermediate district under this section is valid and binding from the time the pledge is made. The revenue or other money pledged under this section and thereafter received by a district or intermediate district is immediately subject to the lien of the pledge without physical delivery of the revenue or money or any further act. The lien of such a pledge is valid and binding against a party having a claim of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the district or intermediate district, irrespective of whether that party has notice of the pledge. The resolution or any other instrument by which a pledge is created is not required to be filed or recorded in order to establish and perfect a lien or security interest in the property pledged.

(6) Bonds issued under this section are not in any way a debt or liability of this state; do not create or constitute any indebtedness, liability, or obligation of this state; are not and do not constitute a pledge of the faith and credit of this state; and shall contain on their face a statement to that effect.

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