

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

388.1875k University authorizer of charter schools; reporting requirements.

Sec. 275k. (1) Not later than December 1 of each year, each university that receives an appropriation in section 236 that, in the current or previous academic year, serves or has served as an authorizing body shall submit a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the state budget director, and the department of education containing, at a minimum, all of the following information, as applicable:

(a) A list of all of the schools currently authorized, and the following information for each school:

(i) The year in which the school was authorized.

(ii) The location of each school.

(iii) The owner of the property at which each school is located and the physical buildings utilized by the school, as applicable.

(b) A list identifying any schools that were closed or lost their authorization in the current or previous academic year.

(c) A description of any new contracts for the operation of a public school academy that will operate as the successor to a public school academy that is currently being operated under a contract issued by another authorizing body that is currently performing in the bottom 5% of schools.

(d) The academic performance of each school currently authorized, including whether a school is identified by the department of education as a partnership school. If a school is identified as a partnership school under this subdivision, the authorizing body must include a description of corrective actions in the school's partnership agreement, the duration of the partnership agreement, and an assessment of progress toward improvement.

(e) The total enrollment of each school at the time of submission, the grades served, and student turnover rate compared to the previous academic year, as applicable.

(f) Aggregated student enrollment data for students with an individualized education program as well as the total amount of special education cost reimbursements received by each school during the school's most recently completed fiscal year.

(g) The total number of fees, reimbursements, contributions, or charges permitted under section 502(6) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.502, that are assigned to each school currently authorized in a single academic year.

(h) The names of the members of the board of directors of each school currently authorized and the date that each member of each board was appointed, and a description of the methodology used by the authorizing body to select members for the boards of directors for each school currently authorized by the authorizing body.

(i) The name of the applicant who applied and received approval to organize each currently authorized school.

(j) The list of contracts and length of their terms, with education service providers associated with each school currently authorized pursuant to section 502 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.502, as applicable. The contracts described in this subdivision include, but are not limited to, those described in section 502(2)(d) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.502.

(k) Activities undertaken by each university to ensure that the board of directors of each school complies with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and laws prohibiting conflicts of interest.

(l) A description of the activities undertaken by the university to meet the functions of an authorizing body under section 502 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.502, as applicable.

(m) A financial report of the authorizing body's use of fees, reimbursements, contributions, or charges collected or retained under section 502(6) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.502. This report must include all of the following, at a minimum:

(i) The total amount of fees collected or retained under section 502(6) of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.502, by the authorizing body for the authorizing body's most recent fiscal year.

(ii) The amount of funds reported under subparagraph (i) that were spent on compensation for faculty and staff employed primarily to meet the functions of an authorizing body. For the purpose of this subparagraph, an employee is presumed to be primarily employed to meet the functions of an authorizing body if that employee spends more than 50% of the employee's time on those activities.

(iii) The number of positions, organized by job title, associated with expenditures reported under subparagraph (ii).

(iv) The amount of funds reported under subparagraph (i) that were spent on contractual services to meet the functions of an authorizing body.

(v) The amount of funds reported under subparagraph (i) that were spent on other overhead costs to meet the functions of an authorizing body.

(vi) The amount of funds reported under subparagraph (i) that were transferred to another operating unit within the university.

(vii) The amount of funds reported under subparagraph (i) that were spent on activities other than functioning as an authorizing body, including a list of those activities and the amount associated with each activity.

(n) An executive summary section that provides relevant summary data for reporting requirements under subdivisions (a) to (m).

(2) A report submitted under this section must be in a format that meets accessibility standards for viewing on the internet under the Americans with disabilities act of 1990, Public Law 101-336.

(3) A report submitted under this section must be published and updated through a link on the homepage of the public university's website.

(4) As used in this section, "authorizing body" means that term as defined in section 501 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.501.

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