



FY 2010-11 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$126,959,900
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Changes from FY 2010-11 Year-to-Date:

Items Included by the Senate and House

1. **Eliminate Certain State Education Reform Activities.** Governor proposed to eliminate certain activities that are part of the Race to the Top education reforms, enacted in early 2010. Specifically, the Governor eliminated the \$1.4 million GF/GP State Reform/Redesign Office; proposed to rent an online testing platform rather than developing one (savings of \$500,000 GF/GP), and eliminated the basic instructional supplies hotline and appeals process (savings of \$76,000 GF/GP). Senate and House concurred only with the elimination of the \$500,000 for development of an online testing platform and basic instructional supplies hotlines (savings of \$576,000 GF/GP), and restored \$1.3 million of the proposed \$1.4 million reduction. (691,000)
2. **Early Retirement GF/GP Savings.** Governor and Senate reduced \$370,900 GF/GP in the budget attributable to employees who retired under the retirement incentive of 2010. (370,900)
3. **Removal of Excess Authorization.** Governor and Senate eliminated excess funding authorization of more than \$6.0 million, most of which was excess Federal authorization. (6,012,500)
4. **Removal of One-Time Cost for Database Rewrite.** Governor and Senate eliminated \$5.0 million in Federal funding used to establish a database that can link teachers with student achievement data. This database was one of the required education reforms. (5,000,000)
5. **Scholarships for the Blind.** Private donations were increased \$110,000. 110,000
6. **Economic Adjustments.** Economics totaling \$1,556,800 Gross, \$401,000 GF/GP were included in the recommendation. 1,556,800

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7. **State Aid to Library Payments.** Conference decreased State Aid to Library payments \$304,300 GF/GP to \$5,445,700. The School Aid budget will include \$1,304,300 for this purpose, meaning a total of \$6,750,000 will be appropriated for State Aid to Library payments. The total payment to libraries (when compared to FY 2010-11) will be \$6,750,000, or \$500,000 less than in FY 2010-11. Governor had proposed a reduction of \$3.8 million total for these payments. (304,300)
8. **Michigan eLibrary (MeL).** Conference concurred with House and Governor to include a new \$950,000 GF/GP appropriation for MeL to hold libraries harmless from declines in anticipated Federal support of the Michigan eLibrary. 950,000
9. **Book Distribution Centers.** Senate funded Book Distribution Centers at \$50,000 GF/GP, but Conference did not include this funding. 0
10. **Operational Cuts throughout Budget.** Conference did not include Senate's \$816,700 in operational cuts throughout various lines in the budget. 0
11. **Revised Executive Recommendation.** Conference included \$115,000 GF/GP transfer from LARA for Career and Technical Operations (Youth Employment Act), due to Executive Order 2011-4. 115,000

Total Changes.....	(\$9,646,900)
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FY 2011-12 Conference Report Gross Appropriation	\$117,313,000
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Amount Over/(Under) GF/GP Target: \$0

Changes from FY 2010-11 Year to Date:Items Included by the Senate and House

1. **"Standard Boilerplate".** Governor proposed to eliminate several sections of "standard" boilerplate that were consistent among departmental budgets. These include: 204 (civil service commission billing); 209 (DIT user charges); 212 (Buy American/Buy Michigan); 213 (hiring freeze); 214 (out-of-state travel); 215 (out-of-state travel limitations); 216 (employees who communicate with Legislature); 217 (depressed and deprived communities); 220 (providing data in a timely manner); 221 (hiring of legal services); and, 226 (reporting on GF/GP lapse). Senate and House retained all sections. Conference did not include Section 213 (hiring freeze).
2. **Other Sections.** Governor proposed to eliminate the following sections specific to the Department of Education budget: 206 (providing State Board of Education agendas and supporting documents to budget office and fiscal agencies); 208 (requiring districts to maintain complete personnel records); 211 (appeal of AYP status); 225 (investigation and report of pupil membership fraud); 301(3) (report on State Board of Education board member expenses); 405 (Department of Education may work with Department of Community Health to secure Medicaid reimbursement); 501 (maintain professional personnel register and certificate revocation/felony conviction files); 803 (intent for Library of Michigan to keep its component programs together); 804 (requiring Library of Michigan to maintain its non-Michigan genealogy and Michigan-specific collections); 901 (notification of Federal and private grants received); 903 (report on cyber schools), and, 904 (\$1.9 million appropriation for Federal Education Jobs Fund grant). Senate and House retained all sections with the exception of Section 904, which was only necessary for FY 2010-11.

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3. **Compliance with Race to the Top.** Conference concurred with Senate language to require the Department to use Part 1 funds to comply with all State reforms that were part of the RTTT legislation, in the timelines required under statute. (Sec. 229)
4. **New Reports.** Conference did not include three new reports added by the Senate: two that required the Department to study and report on consolidation of non-instructional services (at the local and State level), and one that required the Department to study the fiscal implications of a State-run health savings account for school employees. (Sections 230, 231, and 232)
5. **Posting Expenditures to Web.** Conference concurred with House to include a section requiring the posting of departmental expenditures to the web, in a user-friendly format, with slight modifications. (Sec. 207)
6. **CEPI and Charter School Office.** Conference included two sections of current-year language that were retained by the Senate but deleted by the House. The first section allocates at least 3.5 FTEs and \$350,000 to operate a Charter Schools Office and the second requires the Department to work with CEPI on data collection efforts. (Sections 601 and 701)
7. **Waiver for Library Operation Hours.** Conference did not include House language allowing local libraries to seek a waiver from mandatory hours of operation. (House Sec. 805)
8. **FY 2012-13 Appropriations.** Conference concurred with Senate to include boilerplate with intent to appropriate the same funding levels of FY 2011-12 into FY 2012-13. (Sec. 1201)

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