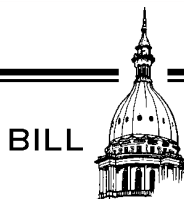




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Senate Bill 956 (S-1 as reported)
Committee: Appropriations

Throughout this document Senate means Appropriations Committee.

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| FY 2011-12 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation | \$6,686,846,900 |
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Changes from FY 2011-12 Year-to-Date:

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| <p>1. Child Welfare Programs. The Senate concurred with the Governor's parent partners and supported visitation programs, the proposed increases for serious emotional disturbance programs, and the single contract for drug testing foster care and adoptive parents. The Senate added a \$100 difference to the Psychotropic Oversight Contracts line, and partially concurred with the \$3 per diem increase for foster care parents. The Senate rejected the program to establish paternity at birth, the Summer Youth Employment program, a one-time appropriation for child welfare services, and additional funding for Families First.</p> | 9,800,100 |
| <p>2. Public Assistance and Adult Services. The Senate concurred with the Governor's recognition of increased LIHEAP funding, the Stratified Case Management Program, and the elimination of placeholders for Disability Determination staff and funding. The Senate reduced by half the Governor's proposed increase for Adult Services staff, and reduced mileage reimbursements for volunteers to \$0.45. The Senate rejected increased security at local offices and 1.0 FTEs for an SSI advocate.</p> | 10,527,800 |
| <p>3. Administration and Operations. The Senate concurred with the Governor's caseload projections, the transfer of the Background Check Program, updates for Information Technology, the statewide contingency plan, and other financial adjustments.</p> | (211,057,400) |
| <p>4. Per Diem Rates. The Senate funded a study to determine actuarially sound contract rates, a \$3 per diem increase for private foster care agencies, a 5% per diem increase for residential care, a \$2 increase for general independent living services, and the restoration of specialized independent living services to FY 2010-11 rates.</p> | 8,569,200 |
| <p>5. Juvenile Justice Costs. The Senate changed the county share of the per diem costs of placing juveniles in a state-run detention facility to 40%. The Senate also shifted the responsibility of exceptional medical expenses to the State, and reduced the funding for the three state-run facilities by a total of \$1.0 million.</p> | 2,258,400 |
| <p>6. Reduction of Excess Authorization. The Senate reduced excess authorization in 21 line items, as determined by lapses and transfers in prior year budgets.</p> | (39,411,700) |
| <p>7. Special Adoption Subsidies. The Senate provided funding for adoptive parents to claim subsidies for special needs children up to one year after an adoption is finalized.</p> | 2,000,000 |
| <p>8. SSI State Supplementation. The Senate reduced the State supplemental match to the minimum requirement for people living independently or in the household of another.</p> | (4,050,000) |
| <p>9. Economic Adjustments. Included \$147,625,400 for OPEB and a negative \$75,452,800 for other economic adjustments.</p> | 82,714,500 |
| <p>10. Amendments and Other Changes. The Senate concurred with the Governor's proposed fund shifts and rejected line item roll-ups. The Senate swapped GF/GP with Federal funds in Multicultural Integration line item and offset \$6,510,100 in GF/GP with Federal TANF dollars. Committee amendments included a \$100 placeholder each for the Seita Scholarship Program and for State Emergency Relief Energy Services. A technical amendment adjusted the fund sourcing for the proposed juvenile justice changes.</p> | (3,258,200) |
| <p>11. Comparison to Governor's Recommendation. The Senate bill is \$47,947,200 Gross and \$37,389,300 GF/GP below the Governor.</p> | |

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| Total Changes | (\$141,907,300) |
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| FY 2012-13 Senate Appropriations Committee Gross Appropriation | \$6,544,939,600 |
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Changes from FY 2011-12 Year to Date:

1. **Boilerplate Language.** The Governor's proposed budget removed 73 sections of boilerplate language. The Senate concurred with the deletion of some sections and reinstated 65 sections.
2. **Governor's New Boilerplate Language.** The Senate concurred with language requiring the State to reimburse tribal governments for foster care, and rejected language for one-time appropriations. (Secs. 502 and 1201)
3. **Updated Boilerplate Sections.** Revised language requires a report on local and private revenue carryforward, and quarterly reports on the CRI settlement. The FIP employment language also was updated. (Secs. 221, 588, 677)
4. **Adoption Subsidies.** Language allowed adoptive parents to claim subsidies for adopted children with special needs up to one year after an adoption is finalized. (Sec. 556)
5. **Juvenile Justice Study.** Required DHS to contract for a mental health study if funding is available. (Sec. 717)
6. **Psychotropic Medication.** Required DHS to make a determination on medication changes in 30 days. (Sec. 540)
7. **Actuarially Sound Contract Rates.** Required a third party to determine appropriate per diem rates. (Sec. 503)
8. **Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Assessments.** Required a work group to determine statewide child welfare and juvenile justice assessment tools and required DHS to track assessments. (Secs. 511 and 578)
9. **Foster Parent Retention.** Required a report on retention of foster parents and a report on the implementation of retention goals. (Secs. 516, 583)
10. **Per Diem Rates.** The per diem rates increased to \$40 for private foster care agencies, increased by \$2 for general independent living services, changed to FY 2010-11 rates for specialized independent living services, increased by 5% for residential facilities, and the county chargeback for juvenile justice changed to 40%. (Secs. 546, 705, 518)
11. **Performance Based Programs.** Required a work group on implementing community based programs. (Sec. 510)
12. **Other Child Welfare Work Groups.** Required work groups on dual-track CPS intake, foster care group homes, and the privatization of Maxey Training School. (Secs. 517, 521, 724)
13. **Public Assistance Work Groups.** Required works groups on making direct payments to landlords for rent for FIP clients, and requiring clients to make an annual in-office visit in order to receive benefits. (Secs. 602 and 611)
14. **Child Welfare Tracking.** Required DHS to set up a statewide child registry and to conduct an analysis of the Child Care Fund. (Secs. 504, 512)
15. **Private Agency Services.** Private agencies with contracts may provide treatment foster care programs, and private agencies may maintain oversight of cases transferred to residential facilities. (Secs. 519, 520)
16. **Foster Care Privatization Pilot Program.** Required all child welfare services except CPS workers to be privatized in Kent County. (Sec. 515)
17. **Continuous Medicaid Coverage for Foster Care Children.** Required continuous Medicaid coverage for children under state or court supervision who move to another county. (Sec. 506)
18. **Other Medicaid Changes.** Implemented new performance measures for eligibility determination, allowed for the hire of MRT physicians when there is a backlog of 1,500, and required a work group on the privatization of Medicaid eligibility services. (Secs. 223, 224, 225, 620)
19. **Public Assistance.** Implemented an asset test for Refugee Medical Assistance, placed a \$2.50 cap on the fees that retailers in the BRIDGE card program may charge for cash back on purchases, required a report on the number of cases removed from assistance due to the LEIN interface, removed language on assistance for felons, required an EBT fraud report, and removed GF/GP from Multicultural Integration line item. (Secs. 612, 616, 617, 619, 672, 618)
20. **Contract Processing Work Groups.** Required a work group on the Licensing and Contract Compliance units, and a work group on electronic invoicing and payments for child placing agencies. (Secs. 230, 533)
21. **Food and Beverage Costs.** Required a plan to reduce food and beverage costs by \$200,000. (Sec. 232)

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