June 16, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Cavanagh, Coleman, Aiyash, Sabo, Sowerby, Scott, Puri, Weiss, Morse, Anthony, Brabec, Brixie, Young, Hood and Whitsett and referred to the Committee on Communications and Technology.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," (MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896) by adding section 68.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 68. (1) In addition to the appropriations in section 11, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed $25,000,000.00 from the general fund for 2021-2022 for the purposes of this section. By not later than 45 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the department shall establish a grant
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program to distribute this funding to districts and intermediate
districts to be used in the manner described in subsection (4).

(2) To receive funding under this section, a district or
intermediate district must apply for the funding in a form and
manner prescribed by the department.

(3) The department shall distribute funding under this section
in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00 for each district or
intermediate district.

(4) A district or intermediate district that receives funding
under this section shall use the funding only for the following
purposes:

(a) To provide mobile hotspot devices to pupils who are
enrolled in the district or intermediate district.

(b) Toward the payment of costs associated with participation
in the E-rate Program offered by the Federal Communications
Commission.

(5) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make
payments under this section on a schedule determined by the
department.

(6) As used in this section, "mobile hotspot device" means a
portable device that creates Wi-Fi coverage allowing nearby devices
to connect to the internet.