388.1626c.amended Promise zone fund.

Sec. 26c. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed $1,500,000.00 for 2017-2018 to the promise zone fund created in subsection (3). The funds allocated under this section reflect the amount of revenue from the collection of the state education tax captured under section 17(2) of the Michigan promise zone authority act, 2008 PA 549, MCL 390.1677.

(2) Funds allocated to the promise zone fund under this section shall be used solely for payments to eligible districts and intermediate districts, in accordance with section 17(3) of the Michigan promise zone authority act, 2008 PA 549, MCL 390.1677, that have a promise zone development plan approved by the department of treasury under section 7 of the Michigan promise zone authority act, 2008 PA 549, MCL 390.1667. Eligible districts and intermediate districts shall use payments made under this section for reimbursement for qualified educational expenses as defined in section 3 of the Michigan promise zone authority act, 2008 PA 549, MCL 390.1663.

(3) The promise zone fund is created as a separate account within the state school aid fund to be used solely for the purposes of the Michigan promise zone authority act, 2008 PA 549, MCL 390.1661 to 390.1679. All of the following apply to the promise zone fund:

(a) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the promise zone fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the promise zone fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(b) Money in the promise zone fund at the close of a fiscal year shall remain in the promise zone fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) Subject to subsection (2), the state treasurer may make payments from the promise zone fund to eligible districts and intermediate districts pursuant to the Michigan promise zone authority act, 2008 PA 549, MCL 390.1661 to 390.1679, to be used for the purposes of a promise zone authority created under that act.

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