

# SENATE BILL No. 802

(As amended December 1, 1999)

October 13, 1999, Introduced by Senator STILLE and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 32 (MCL 388.1632), as added by 1999 PA 119.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 32. (1) From the state school aid fund appropriation  
2 in section 11, there is allocated each fiscal year for 1999-2000  
3 and for 2000-2001 an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for com-  
4 petitive grants under this section to eligible districts AND TO  
5 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES LOCATED WITHIN ELIGIBLE DISTRICTS for  
6 pilot reading improvement programs for pupils in grades K to 3.  
7       (2) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a dis-  
8 trict must have HAD at least 1,500 pupils in membership IN  
9 1998-99, and ~~at least 8% of~~ the NUMBER OF pupils ~~enrolled~~  
10 in the district IN 1998-99 ~~must~~ THAT have been determined to have a  
11 specific learning disability according to R 340.1713 of the

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1 Michigan administrative code, AS DETERMINED IN THE DECEMBER 1,  
2 1998 HEAD COUNT REQUIRED UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES  
3 EDUCATION ACT, TITLE VI OF PUBLIC LAW 91-230, MUST EQUAL OR EXCEED  
4 8% OF THE DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIP. FOR A PUBLIC  
5 SCHOOL ACADEMY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE  
6 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY MUST BE LOCATED IN A DISTRICT THAT IS ELI-  
7 GIBLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

8 (3) To qualify for funding under this section, the proposed  
9 reading improvement program must meet all of the following:

10 (a) The program shall include assessment of reading skills  
11 of pupils in grades K to 3 to identify those pupils who are read-  
12 ing below grade level and must provide special reading assistance  
13 for these pupils.

14 (b) The program shall be a research-based structured reading  
15 program.

16 (c) The program shall include continuous assessment of  
17 pupils and individualized education plans for pupils.

18 (d) The program shall align learning resources to state  
19 standards.

20 (4) A reading improvement program receiving funding under  
21 this section may be conducted outside of regular school hours or  
22 outside the regular school calendar.

23 (5) To compete for a grant under this section, a district OR  
24 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY shall apply to the superintendent of public  
25 instruction ~~not later than December 1, 1999~~ in the form and  
26 manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction.  
27 The department shall make applications available for this purpose  
~~not later than October 15, 1999~~. A district OR PUBLIC SCHOOL

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1 ACADEMY shall include in its application a projected budget for  
2 the reading assistance programs. The superintendent of public  
3 instruction shall approve or disapprove applications and notify  
4 the applying district OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY of that decision  
5 ~~not later than February 1, 2000~~. Priority in awarding grants  
6 shall be given to programs that focus on accelerating student  
7 achievement on a cost-effective basis and reducing the percentage  
8 of pupils identified as learning disabled.

9 (6) Not more than 25% of the total allocation under this  
10 section may be paid to any 1 particular district OR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
11 ACADEMY. The department shall ensure that the districts AND  
12 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES receiving grants are geographically  
13 diverse.

14 (7) A district OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY receiving funds  
15 under this section shall use the funds for reading improvement  
16 programs described in subsection (3). A district OR PUBLIC  
17 SCHOOL ACADEMY receiving funds under this section shall provide  
18 at least a 25% local match from local resources. This matching  
19 requirement may be satisfied through in-kind services.

20 (8) From the funding allocated under this section, at least  
21 \$250,000.00 shall be used for grants to districts OR PUBLIC  
22 SCHOOL ACADEMIES for reading recovery programs. A district OR  
23 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY receiving a grant under this subsection  
24 shall use the funds to implement the reading recovery curriculum  
25 for the first time in 1 or more of grades K to 3 in 1 or more  
26 school buildings.

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1           (9) A DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY RECEIVING FUNDS  
2 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CARRY SOME OR ALL OF THOSE FUNDS OVER TO  
3 THE NEXT SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR AND MAY EXPEND SOME OR ALL OF THOSE  
4 FUNDS IN THE NEXT SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR.

5           (10) ~~(9)~~ Funding to districts AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES  
6 under this section for 1999-2000 is intended to be for the first  
7 of 4 years of funding and funding to districts AND PUBLIC SCHOOL  
8 ACADEMIES under this section for 2000-2001 is intended to be for  
9 the second of 4 years of funding.

10           (11) ~~(10)~~ A district OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY receiving  
11 ~~funding~~ FUNDS under this section shall report to the depart-  
12 ment, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, on the  
13 results achieved by the reading improvement program. This report  
14 shall include a description of how pupils' reading skills are  
15 assessed and evaluated. Not later than September 1, 2000, and  
16 annually thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the  
17 legislature and the senate and house fiscal agencies detailing  
18 the results of the pilot reading improvement programs. It is the  
19 intent of the legislature that further funding for special read-  
20 ing programs will reflect the results achieved in these pilot  
21 programs.

22           (12) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "DISTRICT" DOES NOT INCLUDE A  
23 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY.