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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1096 (S-1, Draft 1 as reported)

Committee: Appropriations

<b>FY 2007-08 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation .....</b>	<b>\$96,482,400</b>
<b>Changes from FY 2007-08 Year-to-Date:</b>	
1. <b>State Testing Item Bank System.</b> The Governor added Federal funding and personnel related to the establishment of a State testing item bank system including: test creation (\$644,700 and 6.0 FTE); psychometric analysis (\$582,800 and 6.0 FTE); and system administration (\$200,000 and 1.0 FTE).	1,427,500
2. <b>Program Oversight Positions.</b> The Governor added funding and personnel for oversight of various State programs to address Auditor General citations: Special Education program (\$100,000 GF and 1.0 FTE); MSRP (\$100,000 GF and 1.0 FTE); High Priority Schools program (\$300,000 GF and 3.0 FTE); and At-risk program (\$100,000 GF and 1.0 FTE).	600,000
3. <b>Other Program Oversight Positions.</b> The Governor added Federal funding and 1.0 FTE position for oversight of the English Language Proficiency Assessment program.	117,200
4. <b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Fund Administration.</b> The Governor added GF funding and 3.0 FTE positions to administer the new program. The Senate eliminated the program in the School Aid budget and, as a result, eliminated the administration expenditures in this budget.	0
5. <b>Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind.</b> The Governor added 4.0 special education teachers (\$320,000) and 2.0 interpreters (\$160,000) for the MSDB. Partially offsetting this increase is a reduction in funding due to the elimination of the Summer Institute (\$90,000).	390,000
6. <b>Best Practices Study.</b> The Governor added Federal funding to conduct a best practices study for assessing students with disabilities.	300,000
7. <b>Data Systems.</b> The Governor eliminated Federal funding for the Data Articulation System (\$3,950,000) and the Longitudinal Data System (\$455,000).	(4,405,000)
8. <b>Economic Adjustments.</b> The Governor funded standard economics adjustments.	127,800
9. <b>Other Changes.</b> The Governor recommended other adjustments including: administrative reductions in EA&A (\$292,100); transfer of the HR function to the Civil Service Commission (\$603,500 and 5.0 FTE); additional funding related to the consolidation of the internal auditor function (\$100,000); administrative reductions for DIT (\$10,300); and DIT economics (\$9,200).	(796,700)
10. <b>Comparison to Governor's Recommendation.</b> The Senate is \$500,000 Gross and \$500,000 GF/GP under the Governor.	
Total Changes.....	(\$2,239,200)
<b>FY 2008-09 Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Gross Appropriation .....</b>	<b>\$94,243,200</b>

**Changes from FY 2007-08 Year to Date:**

1. **Disciplinary Action.** The Governor removed and the Senate restored language prohibiting disciplinary action against a department employee who speaks to the Legislature (Sec 216).
2. **Prompt Payment of Auditor General Bills.** The Governor and Senate removed language requiring the Department to pay bills submitted by the Auditor General in full within 60 days of receipt (Sec 217).
3. **Requested Data.** The Governor removed and the Senate restored language requiring the Department to provide information requested by the Legislature in a timely manner (Sec 220).
4. **Impact of Enacted Legislation.** The Governor removed and the Senate restored language requiring the Department to report on policy changes made to implement legislation. The section also prohibited the adoption of rules having a disproportionate impact on small business (Sec 222).
5. **Alternative Teaching Programs.** The Governor and Senate added language directing the Department to work with Central Michigan University and Wayne State University to determine funding strategies for alternative teaching programs (Sec 503(2)).
6. **Out-of-State Travel Restrictions.** The Senate added language prohibiting more than one departmental employee from attending out-of-state conferences or seminars unless the travel was paid through Federal or private funds which require attendance by more than one individual (Sec. 215).
7. **Cyberschools.** The Senate added language requiring the Department to report on barriers to the operation of cyberschools focusing on special student populations such as dropouts or expelled students (Sec. 604).

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