

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1096

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education and certain other purposes relating to education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agency.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of education and certain state purposes related to education as set forth in this act for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009,

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1 from the following funds:

2 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

3 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:

4	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	6.0	
5	Full-time equated classified positions.....	477.0	
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ <<94,543,200>>
7	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
8	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental		
9	transfers		0
10	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ <<94,543,200>>
11	Federal revenues:		
12	Federal revenues.....		69,675,500
13	Total federal revenues.....		69,675,500
14	Special revenue funds:		
15	Local cost sharing (schools for blind/deaf)		6,618,100
16	Local school district service fees.....		306,500
17	Total local revenues.....		6,924,600
18	Gifts, bequests, and donations.....		650,600
19	Private foundations.....		2,437,200
20	Total private revenues.....		3,087,800
21	Total local and private revenues.....		10,012,400
22	Certification fees.....		5,702,300
23	Commodity distribution fees.....		71,700
24	Student insurance revenue.....		218,600
25	Teacher college review fees.....		54,000
26	Teacher testing fees.....		523,200
27	Tenant rent.....		261,000

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1	Training and orientation workshop fees	150,000
2	Total other state restricted revenues	6,980,800
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$ <<7,874,500>>
4	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE	
5	SUPERINTENDENT	
6	Full-time equated unclassified positions..... 6.0	
7	Full-time equated classified positions..... 16.0	
8	State board of education, per diem payments	\$ 24,400
9	Unclassified positions--6.0 FTE positions	515,600
10	State board/superintendent operations--16.0 FTE	
11	positions	<u>3,066,500</u>
12	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 3,606,500
13	Appropriated from:	
14	Federal revenues:	
15	Federal revenues	1,999,100
16	Special revenue funds:	
17	Certification fees	202,100
18	Private foundations	27,100
19	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,378,200
20	Sec. 103. CENTRAL SUPPORT	
21	Full-time equated classified positions..... 16.6	
22	Central support--16.6 FTE positions	\$ 3,216,300
23	Worker's compensation	48,000
24	Building occupancy charges - property management	
25	services	1,574,900
26	Internal audit services operations	100,000
27	Tenant rent	261,000

1	Training and orientation workshops	150,000
2	Terminal leave payments	<u>574,700</u>
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 5,924,900
4	Appropriated from:	
5	Federal revenues:	
6	Federal revenues	3,598,500
7	Special revenue funds:	
8	Certification fees	340,000
9	Local cost sharing (schools for blind/deaf)	68,400
10	Teacher testing fees	13,500
11	Tenant rent	261,000
12	Training and orientation workshop fees	150,000
13	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,493,500
14	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	
15	Information technology operations	\$ <u>2,820,900</u>
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 2,820,900
17	Appropriated from:	
18	Federal revenues:	
19	Federal revenues	1,762,400
20	Special revenue funds:	
21	Certification fees	245,000
22	Local cost sharing (schools for blind/deaf)	141,900
23	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 671,600
24	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	
25	Full-time equated classified positions	47.0
26	Special education operations--47.0 FTE positions	\$ <u>11,458,000</u>
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 11,458,000

1	Appropriated from:		
2	Federal revenues:		
3	Federal revenues.....		10,993,400
4	Special revenue funds:		
5	Certification fees.....		38,500
6	Private foundations.....		105,000
7	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	321,100
8	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND		
9	Full-time equated classified positions.....	109.0	
10	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind		
11	operations--108.0 FTE positions.....	\$	12,931,000
12	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--1.0 FTE position.....		295,100
13	Private gifts - blind.....		90,000
14	Private gifts - deaf.....		<u>250,000</u>
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	13,566,100
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	Federal revenues.....		5,993,500
19	Special revenue funds:		
20	Local cost sharing (schools for blind/deaf)		6,407,800
21	Local school district service fees.....		295,600
22	Gifts, bequests, and donations.....		650,600
23	Student insurance revenue.....		218,600
24	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0
25	Sec. 107. PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES		
26	Full-time equated classified positions.....	30.5	
27	Professional preparation operations--30.5 FTE		

1	positions	\$	6,819,900
2	National board certification.....		100,000
3	Department of attorney general.....		<u>50,000</u>
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	6,969,900
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Federal revenues.....		2,652,700
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	Certification fees.....		3,753,500
10	Teacher testing fees.....		509,700
11	Teacher college review fees.....		54,000
12	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0
13	Sec. 108. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY		
14	SERVICES		
15	Full-time equated classified positions.....	26.0	
16	Early childhood education and family services		
17	operations--26.0 FTE positions.....	\$	<u>4,492,300</u>
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	4,492,300
19	Appropriated from:		
20	Federal revenues:		
21	Federal revenues.....		3,259,200
22	Special revenue funds:		
23	Certification fees.....		58,700
24	Private foundations.....		191,900
25	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	982,500
26	Sec. 109. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES		
27	Full-time equated classified positions.....	78.0	

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1	School improvement operations--78.0 FTE positions	\$	17,152,300
2	Subject area content expectations and guidelines		100,000
	<<Performance audit - Detroit public schools		<u>\$300,000>></u>
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	<<17,552,300>>
4	Appropriated from:		
5	Federal revenues:		
6	Federal revenues.....		15,028,600
7	Special revenue funds:		
8	Certification fees.....		533,800
9	Private foundations.....		1,113,200
10	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	<<876,700>>
11	Sec. 110. SCHOOL FINANCE AND SCHOOL LAW SERVICES		
12	Full-time equated classified positions.....		20.0
13	School finance and school law operations--20.0 FTE		
14	positions	\$	<u>2,988,000</u>
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	2,988,000
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	Federal revenues.....		1,432,100
19	Special revenue funds:		
20	Certification fees.....		530,700
21	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	1,025,200
22	Sec. 111. EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY		
23	Full-time equated classified positions.....		45.6
24	Educational assessment operations--45.6 FTE positions	\$	<u>9,409,700</u>
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	9,409,700
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		

1	Federal revenues.....		9,409,700
2	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0
3	Sec. 112. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT		
4	SERVICES		
5	Full-time equated classified positions.....	56.6	
6	Grants administration and school support services		
7	operations--56.6 FTE positions.....	\$	7,988,900
8	Federal and private grants.....		<u>3,000,000</u>
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	10,988,900
10	Appropriated from:		
11	Federal revenues:		
12	Federal revenues.....		9,472,200
13	Special revenue funds:		
14	Commodity distribution fees.....		71,700
15	Local school district service fees.....		10,900
16	Private foundations.....		1,000,000
17	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	434,100
18	Sec. 113. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND DATA		
19	COORDINATION		
20	Full-time equated classified positions.....	6.7	
21	Educational technology and data coordination--6.7		
22	FTE positions	\$	<u>803,600</u>
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	803,600
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Federal revenues:		
26	Federal revenues.....		803,600
27	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0

Sec. 114. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Full-time equated classified positions..... 25.0

Career and technical education operations--25.0 FTE

positions \$ 3,962,100

GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ 3,962,100

Appropriated from:

Federal revenues:

Federal revenues..... 3,270,500

State general fund/general purpose..... \$ 691,600

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. In accordance with the provisions of section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources in this appropriation act for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 is \$14,555,300.00 and state appropriations paid to local units of government are \$0.

Sec. 202. The appropriations made and expenditures authorized under this act and the departments, commissions, boards, offices, and programs for which appropriations are made under this act are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this act:

(a) "Department" means the Michigan department of education.

(b) "District" means a local school district as defined in

1 section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, or a
2 public school academy as defined in section 5 of the revised school
3 code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

4 (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.

5 Sec. 204. The department of civil service shall bill
6 departments and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for
7 the 1% charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state
8 constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount
9 of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.

10 Sec. 205. The department shall use the Internet to fulfill the
11 reporting requirements of this act. This requirement may include
12 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
13 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
14 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

15 Sec. 206. The department shall provide through the Internet
16 the state board of education agenda and all supporting documents,
17 and shall notify the state budget director and the senate and house
18 fiscal agencies that the agenda and supporting documents are
19 available on the Internet, at the time the agenda and supporting
20 documents are provided to state board of education members.

21 Sec. 207. (1) Upon receipt of the federal drug-free grant, the
22 department shall allocate \$225,000.00 of the grant to the safe
23 school program within the department. The safe school program shall
24 work with local school boards, parents of enrolled students, law
25 enforcement agencies, community leaders, and the office of drug
26 control policy for the prevention of school violence. The safe
27 school program shall develop and implement, and serve as

1 coordinator of, a statewide clearinghouse for information, program
2 development, model programs and policies, and technical assistance
3 on school violence prevention.

4 (2) To accomplish its functions under this section, the safe
5 school program shall do all of the following:

6 (a) Coordinate with the office of drug control policy in the
7 department of community health to ensure that there is a meaningful
8 linkage between the efforts under this act to provide safe schools
9 and the initiatives undertaken through that office, including, but
10 not limited to, school districts' safe and drug-free school plans,
11 and to facilitate timely applications for and distribution of
12 available grant money.

13 (b) Provide through the Internet the availability to access,
14 and provide through the Internet information regarding, the state
15 model policy on locker searches, the state model policy on firearm
16 safety and awareness, and any other state or local safety policies
17 that the office considers exemplary.

18 (c) Advance, promote, and encourage the awareness and use of
19 the state police anti-violence hotline.

20 Sec. 208. The department shall require all public school
21 districts to maintain complete records within the personnel file of
22 a teacher or school employee of any disciplinary actions taken by
23 the local school board against the teacher or employee for sexual
24 misconduct. The records shall not be destroyed or removed from the
25 teacher's or employee's personnel file except as required by a
26 court order.

27 Sec. 209. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for

1 information technology, departments and agencies shall pay user
2 fees to the department of information technology for technology-
3 related services and projects. Such user fees shall be subject to
4 provisions of an interagency agreement between the departments and
5 the department of information technology.

6 Sec. 210. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information
7 technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward
8 to support technology projects under the direction of the
9 department of information technology. Funds designated in this
10 manner are not available for expenditure until approved as work
11 projects under section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984
12 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

13 Sec. 211. Before publishing a list of schools or districts
14 determined to have failed to make adequate yearly progress as
15 required by the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-
16 110, the department shall allow a school or district to appeal that
17 determination. The department shall consider and act upon the
18 appeal within 30 days after it is submitted and shall not publish
19 the list until after all appeals have been considered and decided.

20 Sec. 212. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for
21 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
22 competitively priced and comparable quality American goods or
23 services, or both, are available. Preference should be given to
24 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
25 businesses if they are competitively priced and of comparable
26 quality. In addition, preference should be given to goods or
27 services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses

1 owned and operated by veterans if they are competitively priced and
2 of comparable quality.

3 Sec. 213. (1) A hiring freeze is imposed on the state
4 classified civil service. State departments and agencies are
5 prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil
6 service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state
7 classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not
8 apply to internal transfers of classified employees from 1 position
9 to another within a department.

10 (2) The state budget director may grant exceptions to this
11 hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the
12 hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency
13 unable to deliver basic services, cause loss of revenue to the
14 state, result in the inability of the state to receive federal
15 funds, or necessitate additional expenditures that exceed any
16 savings from maintaining a vacancy. The state budget director shall
17 report quarterly to the chairpersons of the senate and house of
18 representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of
19 exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous
20 quarter and the reasons to justify the exception.

21 Sec. 214. (1) Due to the current budgetary problems in this
22 state, out-of-state travel shall be limited to situations in which
23 1 or more of the following conditions apply:

24 (a) The travel is required by legal mandate or court order or
25 for law enforcement purposes.

26 (b) The travel is necessary to protect the health or safety of
27 Michigan citizens or visitors or to assist other states in similar

1 circumstances.

2 (c) The travel is necessary to produce budgetary savings or to
3 increase state revenues, including protecting existing federal
4 funds or securing additional federal funds.

5 (d) The travel is necessary to comply with federal
6 requirements.

7 (e) The travel is necessary to secure specialized training for
8 staff that is not available within this state.

9 (f) The travel is financed entirely by federal or nonstate
10 funds.

11 (2) If out-of-state travel is necessary but does not meet 1 or
12 more of the conditions in subsection (1), the state budget director
13 may grant an exception to allow the travel. Any exceptions granted
14 by the state budget director shall be reported on a monthly basis
15 to the house and senate appropriations committees.

16 (3) Not later than January 1 of each year, each department
17 shall prepare a travel report listing all travel by classified and
18 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
19 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
20 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
21 submitted to the chairs and members of the house and senate
22 appropriations committees, the house and senate fiscal agencies,
23 and the state budget director. The report shall include the
24 following information:

25 (a) The name of each person receiving reimbursement for travel
26 outside this state or whose travel costs were paid by this state.

27 (b) The destination of each travel occurrence.

1 (c) The dates of each travel occurrence.

2 (d) A brief statement of the reason for each travel
3 occurrence.

4 (e) The transportation and related costs of each travel
5 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
6 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state-
7 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
8 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

9 (f) A total of all out-of-state travel funded for the
10 immediately preceding fiscal year.

11 Sec. 215. The department shall not approve the travel of more
12 than 1 departmental employee to a specific professional development
13 conference or training seminar that is located outside of this
14 state. The only exception to this travel restriction involves a
15 professional development conference or training seminar that is
16 funded by a federal or private funding source and requires more
17 than 1 person from a department to attend.

18 Sec. 216. The department shall not take disciplinary action
19 against an employee who communicates truthfully and factually with
20 a member of the legislature or his or her staff.

21 Sec. 217. The director shall take all reasonable steps to
22 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for
23 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both.
24 Each director shall strongly encourage firms with which the
25 department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in
26 depressed and deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

27 Sec. 219. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,

1 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
2 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
3 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
4 in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
5 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

6 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
7 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for state
8 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
9 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
10 in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
11 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

12 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
13 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for local
14 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
15 until they have been transferred to another line item in this act
16 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
17 MCL 18.1393.

18 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
19 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for private
20 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
21 until they have been transferred to another line item in this act
22 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
23 MCL 18.1393.

24 Sec. 220. The department shall provide data requested by a
25 member of the legislature, his or her staff, or the house and
26 senate fiscal agencies in a timely manner.

27 Sec. 221. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a

1 principal executive department, state agency, or authority, to hire
2 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of
3 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal
4 services for bonding activities and for those activities that the
5 attorney general authorizes.

6 Sec. 222. (1) The department shall report no later than April
7 1, 2009 on each specific policy change made to implement a public
8 act affecting the department that took effect during the prior
9 calendar year to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees
10 on the budget for the department, the joint committee on
11 administrative rules, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

12 (2) Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by the
13 department to adopt a rule that will apply to a small business and
14 that will have a disproportionate economic impact on small
15 businesses because of the size of those businesses if the
16 department fails to reduce the disproportionate economic impact of
17 the rule on small businesses as provided under section 40 of the
18 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.240.

19 (3) As used in this section:

20 (a) "Rule" means that term as defined under section 7 of the
21 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.207.

22 (b) "Small business" means that term as defined under section
23 7a of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL
24 24.207a.

25 **STATE BOARD/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

26 Sec. 301. (1) The appropriations in part 1 may be used for per

1 diem payments to the state board for meetings at which a quorum is
2 present or for performing official business authorized by the state
3 board. The per diem payments shall be at a rate as follows:

4 (a) State board of education - president - \$110.00 per day.

5 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
6 \$100.00 per day.

7 (2) A state board of education member shall not be paid a per
8 diem for more than 30 days per year.

9 (3) The state board executive shall report to the public, the
10 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director the
11 previous quarter's expenses by fund source for members of the state
12 board of education.

13 Sec. 302. From the amount appropriated in part 1 to the state
14 board of education, not more than \$35,000.00 shall be expended for
15 in-state travel and out-of-state travel directly related to the
16 duties of the state board of education.

17 MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

18 Sec. 401. The employees at the Michigan schools for the deaf
19 and blind who work on a school year basis shall be considered
20 annual employees for purposes of service credits, retirement, and
21 insurance benefits.

22 Sec. 402. For each student enrolled at the Michigan schools
23 for the deaf and blind, the department shall assess the
24 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
25 operating the student's instructional program. The amount shall
26 exclude room and board related costs and the cost of weekend

1 transportation between the school and the student's home.

2 Sec. 404. (1) The department may assess rent or lease excess
3 property located on the campus of the Michigan schools for the deaf
4 and blind in Flint to private or publicly funded organizations.

5 (2) In addition to those funds appropriated in part 1, the
6 department may receive and expend additional funds from lease
7 agreements at the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind Flint
8 campus that have been negotiated with the approval of the
9 department of management and budget. These funds are appropriated
10 to the department for the operation, maintenance, and renovation
11 expenses associated with the leased space.

12 (3) From the unexpended balances of appropriations for the
13 schools for the deaf and blind operations, up to \$250,000.00 of any
14 unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining on September 30, 2009
15 may be carried forward as a work project and expended for special
16 maintenance and repairs of facilities at the campus of the Michigan
17 schools for the deaf and blind in Flint. The work shall be carried
18 out by state employees, or by contract as necessary, at an
19 estimated cost of \$250,000.00. The estimated completion date of the
20 work is September 30, 2010.

21 (4) From the tenant rent appropriation for Fay hall, up to
22 \$100,000.00 of any unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining on
23 September 30, 2009 may be carried forward as a work project or as
24 restricted revenue and expended for special maintenance and repairs
25 of facilities at Fay hall. The work project may be performed by
26 state employees, or by contract when necessary, at an estimated
27 cost of \$100,000.00. The estimated completion date of the work

1 project is September 30, 2010.

2 Sec. 405. The department may assist the department of
3 community health, other departments, and local school districts to
4 secure reimbursement for eligible services provided in Michigan
5 schools from the federal Medicaid program. The department may
6 submit reports of direct expenses related to this effort to the
7 department of community health for reimbursement.

8 Sec. 406. (1) The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind may
9 promote its residential program as a possible appropriate option
10 for children who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are blind or
11 visually impaired. The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind
12 shall distribute information detailing its services to all
13 intermediate school districts in the state.

14 (2) Upon knowledge of or recognition by an intermediate school
15 district that a child in the district is deaf or hard of hearing or
16 blind or visually impaired, the intermediate school district shall
17 provide to the parents of the child the literature distributed by
18 the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind to intermediate school
19 districts under subsection (1).

20 (3) Parents will continue to have a choice regarding the
21 educational placement of their deaf or hard of hearing children.

22 **PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES**

23 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
24 professional preparation services, the department shall maintain
25 the professional personnel register and certificate
26 revocation/felony conviction files.

1 Sec. 502. The department shall authorize teacher preparation
2 institutions to provide an alternative program by which up to 1/2
3 of the required student internship or student teaching credits may
4 be earned through substitute teaching. The department shall require
5 that teacher preparation institutions collaborate with school
6 districts to ensure that the quality of instruction provided to
7 student teachers is comparable to that required in a traditional
8 student teaching program.

9 Sec. 503. (1) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for
10 professional preparation operations, \$100,000.00 shall be allocated
11 to Central Michigan University for the alternative route to
12 certification program. Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for
13 professional preparation operations, \$100,000.00 shall be allocated
14 to Wayne State University for the pathways to teaching program. Not
15 later than March 1, 2009, the department shall provide the senate
16 and house appropriations committees, the state budget director, and
17 senate and house fiscal agencies with a report including all of the
18 following:

19 (a) How many teachers were certified under the programs.

20 (b) How long participating teachers served in the classroom.

21 (c) A comparison of teacher evaluations of participating
22 teachers and teachers with traditional teacher certifications.

23 (2) The department will work with Central Michigan University
24 and Wayne State University to review the report results to
25 determine subsequent funding strategies.

26 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for national
27 board certification, the department shall pay 1/2 of the

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1 application fee for teachers who are considered by the department
2 to be qualified to apply to the national board for professional
3 teaching standards for professional teaching certificates or
4 licenses and to provide grants to recognize and reward teachers who
5 receive certification or licensure.

<<Sec. 506. Any alternative educator preparation program utilized in this State shall be either accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or shall have met the preconditions for accreditation and be designated an official candidate for accreditation by NCATE and shall provide documented evidence of success as a teacher certification program in another state.>>

6 OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

7 Sec. 601. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for the
8 office of school improvement, there is allocated \$350,000.00 and
9 3.5 FTE positions to operate a charter school office to administer
10 charter school legislation and associated regulations, and to
11 coordinate the activities of the department relating to charter
12 schools.

13 Sec. 603. The funds appropriated in part 1 for subject area
14 content expectations and guidelines shall be used for the
15 development, approval, and implementation of subject area content
16 expectations and guidelines that apply to the credit requirements
17 of the Michigan merit standard, as required under section 1278b of
18 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278b.

19 Sec. 604. The department shall work with the legislature to
20 examine the feasibility of removing the barriers to operation of
21 cyber schools that focus on special student populations such as
22 dropouts or expelled students. Not later than December 31, 2008,
23 the department shall prepare and submit to the appropriations
24 subcommittees on education and K-12 school aid a report on these
25 matters.

<<Sec. 605. From the amount appropriated in part 1, the department shall conduct a comprehensive performance audit of the Detroit public schools. The audit shall be completed and delivered to the members of the senate and house appropriations committees by March 1, 2009.>>

1 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

2 Sec. 701. The department shall work in collaboration with the
3 center for educational performance and information to support the
4 comprehensive educational information system and all data
5 collection efforts of the department.

6 **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

7 Sec. 901. Within 10 days of the receipt of a grant
8 appropriated in the federal and private grants line item in part 1,
9 the department shall notify the house and senate chairpersons of
10 the appropriations subcommittees responsible for the department
11 budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget
12 director of the receipt of the grant, including the funding source,
13 purpose, and amount of the grant.