

HOUSE BILL No. 5628

May 15, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Rutledge and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
by amending section 32b (MCL 388.1632b), as amended by 2011 PA 62.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 32b. (1) From the funds appropriated under section 11,
2 there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$5,900,000.00 for 2011-
3 2012 for competitive grants to intermediate districts for the
4 creation and continuance of great start communities or other
5 community purposes as identified by the early childhood investment
6 corporation. These dollars may not be expended until both of the
7 following conditions have been met:

8 (a) The early childhood investment corporation has identified
9 matching dollars of at least an amount equal to the amount of the

1 matching dollars for 2006-2007.

2 (b) The executive committee of the corporation includes, in
3 addition to the members of the executive committee provided for by
4 the interlocal agreement creating the corporation under the urban
5 cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL ~~124.510-124.501~~
6 to 124.512, 4 members appointed by the governor as provided in this
7 subdivision. Not later than 30 days after the convening of a
8 regular legislative session in an odd-numbered year, the speaker of
9 the house of representatives, the house minority leader, the senate
10 majority leader, and the senate minority leader shall each submit
11 to the governor a list of 3 or more individuals as nominees for
12 appointment as members of the executive committee of the
13 corporation. The corporation shall notify each of the legislative
14 leaders of this requirement to submit a list of nominees not later
15 than 30 days before the date that the list is due. Within 60 days
16 of the submission to the governor of nominees by each of the 4
17 legislative leaders, the governor shall appoint 1 member of the
18 executive committee from each list of nominees submitted by each of
19 the 4 legislative leaders. A member appointed under this
20 subdivision shall serve a term as a member of the executive
21 committee through the next regular legislative session unless he or
22 she resigns or is otherwise unable to serve. When a vacancy occurs
23 other than by expiration of a term, the corporation shall notify
24 the legislative leader who originally nominated the member of the
25 vacancy and that legislative leader shall submit to the governor a
26 list of 3 or more individuals as nominees for appointment to fill
27 the vacancy within 30 days after being notified by the corporation

1 of the vacancy. The governor shall make an appointment to fill that
2 vacancy in the same manner as the original appointment not later
3 than 60 days after the date the vacancy occurs.

4 (2) The early childhood investment corporation shall award
5 grants to eligible intermediate districts in an amount to be
6 determined by the corporation.

7 (3) In order to receive funding, each intermediate district
8 applicant shall agree to convene a local great start collaborative
9 to address the availability of the 6 components of a great start
10 system in its communities: physical health, social-emotional
11 health, family supports, basic needs, economic stability and
12 safety, and parenting education and early education and care, to
13 ensure that every child in the community is ready for kindergarten.
14 Specifically, each grant will fund the following:

15 (a) The completion of a community needs assessment and
16 strategic plan for the creation of a comprehensive system of early
17 childhood services and supports, accessible to all children from
18 birth to kindergarten and their families.

19 (b) Identification of local resources and services for
20 children with disabilities, developmental delays, or special needs
21 and their families.

22 (c) Coordination and expansion of infrastructure to support
23 high-quality early childhood and childcare programs.

24 (d) Evaluation of local programs.

25 (4) Not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, for the
26 grants awarded under this section for the immediately preceding
27 fiscal year, the ~~department~~ **EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

1 shall provide to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees
2 on state school aid, the state budget director, and the house and
3 senate fiscal agencies a report detailing the amount of each grant
4 awarded under this section, the grant recipients, the activities
5 funded by each grant under this section, and an analysis of each
6 grant recipient's success in addressing the development of a
7 comprehensive system of early childhood services and supports.

8 (5) An intermediate district receiving funds under this
9 section may carry over any unexpended funds received under this
10 section into the next fiscal year and may expend those unused funds
11 in the next fiscal year. A recipient of a grant shall return any
12 unexpended grant funds to the department in the manner prescribed
13 by the department not later than September 30 of the next fiscal
14 year after the fiscal year in which the funds are received.

15 (6) Beginning with 2012-2013, it is the intent of the
16 legislature to transfer funding for great start collaboratives
17 under this section into an early childhood block grant program,
18 along with funding for great start readiness programs under section
19 32d and funding for great parents, great start programs under
20 section 32j. The early childhood block grant program will allocate
21 funds to intermediate districts and consortia of intermediate
22 districts to act as fiduciaries and provide administration of
23 regional early childhood programs in conjunction with their
24 regional great start collaborative to improve program quality,
25 evaluation, and efficiency for early childhood programs. The
26 department shall work with intermediate districts, districts, great
27 start collaboratives, and the early childhood investment

1 corporation to establish a revised funding formula, application
2 process, program criteria, and data reporting requirements for
3 2012-2013. Not later than January 1, 2012, the department shall
4 report to the legislature its recommendations for the revisions
5 required under this subsection.

6 (7) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments under this section
7 may be made pursuant to an agreement with the department.