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# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4295**

AN ACT to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools, the intermediate school districts, community colleges, and public universities of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 11, 11m, 20g, 21f, 22a, 22b, 22g, 51a, 51c, 99h, 101, and 147c (MCL 388.1611, 388.1611m, 388.1620g, 388.1621f, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1622g, 388.1651a, 388.1651c, 388.1699h, 388.1701, and 388.1747c), sections 11 and 22a as amended and section 20g as added by 2013 PA 97, sections 11m, 22b, 22g, 51a, 51c, 101, and 147c as amended and section 99h as added by 2013 PA 60, and section 21f as amended by 2013 PA 130, and by adding sections 25f, 31b, 32r, 64d, and 94.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 11. (1) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, there is appropriated for the public schools of this state and certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of \$11,115,232,300.00 from the state school aid fund, the sum of \$156,000,000.00 from the MPERS retirement obligation reform reserve fund created under section 147b, and the sum of \$234,900,000.00 from the general fund. In addition, all other available federal funds are appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

(2) The appropriations under this section shall be allocated as provided in this article. Money appropriated under this section from the general fund shall be expended to fund the purposes of this article before the expenditure of money appropriated under this section from the state school aid fund.

(3) Any general fund allocations under this article that are not expended by the end of the state fiscal year are transferred to the school aid stabilization fund created under section 11a.

Sec. 11m. From the appropriations in section 11, there is allocated for 2013-2014 an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 for fiscal year cash-flow borrowing costs solely related to the state school aid fund established by section 11 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

Sec. 20g. (1) From the money appropriated under section 11, the following amounts are allocated for 2013-2014:

(a) From the general fund money, an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.00 for 2013-2014 for grants to eligible districts for transition costs related to the enrollment of pupils who were previously enrolled in a district that was dissolved under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, allocated as provided under subsection (3). It is the intent of the legislature to continue this transition funding for a total of 4 fiscal years following the dissolution of a district.

(b) From the state school aid fund money, an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for reimbursements to eligible districts for costs incurred by the eligible district associated with the transfer of property from a dissolved school district to the eligible district, allocated as provided under subsection (4).

(2) A receiving school district, as that term is defined in section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, is an eligible district under this section.

(3) The amount allocated to each eligible district under subsection (1)(a) is an amount equal to the product of the number of membership pupils enrolled in the eligible district who were previously enrolled in the dissolved district in the school year immediately preceding the dissolution, or who reside in the geographic area of the dissolved district and are entering kindergarten, times 10.0% of the lesser of the foundation allowance of the eligible district as calculated under section 20 or the basic foundation allowance under section 20(1).

(4) To allocate funds under subsection (1)(b), the department shall develop a reimbursement application process and a reimbursement distribution process. Reimbursable costs shall include, but are not limited to, the costs of maintenance, utilities, security, or insurance associated with, or the demolition of, buildings transferred from a dissolved school district to the eligible district. However, the reimbursement made to eligible districts for all of the property transferred from a single dissolved school district shall not exceed the total cumulative sum of \$2,500,000.00 for all of the eligible districts to which property was transferred from that dissolved school district.

(5) The funds allocated under subsection (1)(b) are considered work project appropriations and any unexpended funds for 2013-2014 are carried forward into 2014-2015. The purpose of the work project is as described in subsection (1)(b). The total estimated cost of the work project is \$5,000,000.00. The tentative estimated completion date for the work project is September 30, 2015.

(6) As used in this section, "dissolved school district" means a school district that has been declared dissolved under section 12 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.12.

Sec. 21f. (1) A pupil enrolled in a district in any of grades 5 to 12 is eligible to enroll in an online course as provided for in this section. However, this section does not apply to a pupil enrolled in a school of excellence that is a cyber school, as defined in section 551 of the revised school code, MCL 380.551.

(2) With the consent of the pupil's parent or legal guardian, a district shall enroll an eligible pupil in up to 2 online courses as requested by the pupil during an academic term, semester, or trimester. It is the intent of the legislature to consider increasing the limit on the number of online courses that a pupil may enroll in beginning in 2014-2015 for pupils who have demonstrated previous success with online courses. Consent of the pupil's parent or legal guardian is not required if the pupil is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor.

(3) An eligible pupil may enroll in an online course published in the pupil's educating district's catalog of online courses described in subsection (7)(a) or the statewide catalog of online courses maintained by the Michigan virtual university pursuant to section 98.

(4) A district shall determine whether or not it has capacity to accept applications for enrollment from nonresident applicants in online courses and may use that limit as the reason for refusal to enroll an applicant. If the number of nonresident applicants eligible for acceptance in an online course does not exceed the capacity of the district to provide the online course, the district shall accept for enrollment all of the nonresident applicants eligible for acceptance. If the number of nonresident applicants exceeds the district's capacity to provide the online course, the district shall use a random draw system, subject to the need to abide by state and federal antidiscrimination laws and court orders.

(5) A district may deny a pupil enrollment in an online course if any of the following apply, as determined by the district:

(a) The pupil has previously gained the credits provided from the completion of the online course.

(b) The online course is not capable of generating academic credit.

(c) The online course is inconsistent with the remaining graduation requirements or career interests of the pupil.

(d) The pupil does not possess the prerequisite knowledge and skills to be successful in the online course or has demonstrated failure in previous online coursework in the same subject.

(e) The online course is of insufficient quality or rigor. A district that denies a pupil enrollment for this reason shall make a reasonable effort to assist the pupil to find an alternative course in the same or a similar subject that is of acceptable rigor and quality.

(6) If a pupil is denied enrollment in an online course by a district, the pupil may appeal the denial by submitting a letter to the superintendent of the intermediate district in which the pupil's educating district is located. The letter of appeal shall include the reason provided by the district for not enrolling the pupil and the reason why the pupil is claiming that the enrollment should be approved. The intermediate district superintendent or designee shall respond to the appeal within 5 days after it is received. If the intermediate district superintendent or designee determines that the denial of enrollment does not meet 1 or more of the reasons specified in subsection (5), the district shall allow the pupil to enroll in the online course.

(7) To offer or provide an online course, a district or intermediate district shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide the Michigan virtual university with the course syllabus in a form and method prescribed by the Michigan virtual university for inclusion in a statewide online course catalog. The district or intermediate district shall also provide on its publicly accessible website a link to the course syllabi for all of the online courses offered by the district or intermediate district and a link to the statewide catalog of online courses maintained by the Michigan virtual university.

(b) Offer the online course on an open entry and exit method, or aligned to a semester, trimester, or accelerated academic term format.

(8) For a pupil enrolled in 1 or more online courses published in the pupil's educating district's catalog of online courses under subsection (7) or in the statewide catalog of online courses maintained by the Michigan virtual university, the district shall use foundation allowance or per pupil funds calculated under section 20 to pay for the expenses associated with the online course or courses. The district shall pay 80% of the cost of the online course upon enrollment and 20% upon completion as determined by the district. A district is not required to pay toward the cost of an online course an amount that exceeds 1/12 of the district's foundation allowance or per pupil payment as calculated under section 20 per semester or an amount that exceeds 1/18 of the district's foundation allowance or per pupil payment as calculated under section 20 per trimester.

(9) An online learning pupil shall have the same rights and access to technology in his or her educating district's school facilities as all other pupils enrolled in the educating district.

(10) If a pupil successfully completes an online course, as determined by the district, the pupil's district shall grant appropriate academic credit for completion of the course and shall count that credit toward completion of graduation and subject area requirements. A pupil's school record and transcript shall identify the online course title as it appears in the online course syllabus.

(11) The enrollment of a pupil in 1 or more online courses shall not result in a pupil being counted as more than 1.0 full-time equivalent pupils under this act.

(12) As used in this section:

(a) "Online course" means a course of study that is capable of generating a credit or a grade, that is provided in an interactive internet-connected learning environment, in which pupils are separated from their teachers by time or location, or both, and in which a teacher who holds a valid Michigan teaching certificate is responsible for determining appropriate instructional methods for each pupil, diagnosing learning needs, assessing pupil learning, prescribing intervention strategies, reporting outcomes, and evaluating the effects of instruction and support strategies.

(b) "Online course syllabus" means a document that includes all of the following:

(i) The state academic standards addressed in an online course.

(ii) The online course content outline.

(iii) The online course required assessments.

(iv) The online course prerequisites.

(v) Expectations for actual instructor contact time with the online learning pupil and other pupil-to-instructor communications.

(vi) Academic support available to the online learning pupil.

(vii) The online course learning outcomes and objectives.

(viii) The name of the institution or organization providing the online content.

(ix) The name of the institution or organization providing the online instructor.

(x) The course titles assigned by the district or intermediate district and the course titles and course codes from the national center for education statistics (NCES) school codes for the exchange of data (SCED).

(xi) The number of eligible nonresident pupils that will be accepted by the district or intermediate district in the online course.

(xii) The results of the online course quality review using the guidelines and model review process published by the Michigan virtual university.

(c) "Online learning pupil" means a pupil enrolled in 1 or more online courses.

Sec. 22a. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$5,526,000,000.00 for 2013-2014 for payments to districts and qualifying public school academies to guarantee each district and qualifying public school academy an amount equal to its 1994-95 total state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes under section 11 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963. Pursuant to section 11 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, this guarantee does not apply to a district in a year in which the district levies a millage rate for school district operating purposes less than it levied in 1994. However, subsection (2) applies to calculating the payments

under this section. Funds allocated under this section that are not expended in the state fiscal year for which they were allocated, as determined by the department, may be used to supplement the allocations under sections 22b and 51c in order to fully fund those calculated allocations for the same fiscal year.

(2) To ensure that a district receives an amount equal to the district's 1994-95 total state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes, there is allocated to each district a state portion of the district's 1994-95 foundation allowance in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the state portion of a district's 1994-95 foundation allowance is an amount equal to the district's 1994-95 foundation allowance or \$6,500.00, whichever is less, minus the difference between the sum of the product of the taxable value per membership pupil of all property in the district that is nonexempt property times the district's certified mills and, for a district with certified mills exceeding 12, the product of the taxable value per membership pupil of property in the district that is commercial personal property times the certified mills minus 12 mills and the quotient of the ad valorem property tax revenue of the district captured under tax increment financing acts divided by the district's membership. For a district that has a millage reduction required under section 31 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the state portion of the district's foundation allowance shall be calculated as if that reduction did not occur. For a receiving district, if school operating taxes are to be levied on behalf of a dissolved district that has been attached in whole or in part to the receiving district to satisfy debt obligations of the dissolved district under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, taxable value per membership pupil of all property in the receiving district that is nonexempt property and taxable value per membership pupil of property in the receiving district that is commercial personal property do not include property within the geographic area of the dissolved district; ad valorem property tax revenue of the receiving district captured under tax increment financing acts does not include ad valorem property tax revenue captured within the geographic boundaries of the dissolved district under tax increment financing acts; and certified mills do not include the certified mills of the dissolved district.

(b) For a district that had a 1994-95 foundation allowance greater than \$6,500.00, the state payment under this subsection shall be the sum of the amount calculated under subdivision (a) plus the amount calculated under this subdivision. The amount calculated under this subdivision shall be equal to the difference between the district's 1994-95 foundation allowance minus \$6,500.00 and the current year hold harmless school operating taxes per pupil. If the result of the calculation under subdivision (a) is negative, the negative amount shall be an offset against any state payment calculated under this subdivision. If the result of a calculation under this subdivision is negative, there shall not be a state payment or a deduction under this subdivision. The taxable values per membership pupil used in the calculations under this subdivision are as adjusted by ad valorem property tax revenue captured under tax increment financing acts divided by the district's membership. For a receiving district, if school operating taxes are to be levied on behalf of a dissolved district that has been attached in whole or in part to the receiving district to satisfy debt obligations of the dissolved district under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, ad valorem property tax revenue captured under tax increment financing acts do not include ad valorem property tax revenue captured within the geographic boundaries of the dissolved district under tax increment financing acts.

(3) Beginning in 2003-2004, for pupils in membership in a qualifying public school academy, there is allocated under this section to the authorizing body that is the fiscal agent for the qualifying public school academy for forwarding to the qualifying public school academy an amount equal to the 1994-95 per pupil payment to the qualifying public school academy under section 20.

(4) A district or qualifying public school academy may use funds allocated under this section in conjunction with any federal funds for which the district or qualifying public school academy otherwise would be eligible.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for a district that is formed or reconfigured after June 1, 2000 by consolidation of 2 or more districts or by annexation, the resulting district's 1994-95 foundation allowance under this section beginning after the effective date of the consolidation or annexation shall be the average of the 1994-95 foundation allowances of each of the original or affected districts, calculated as provided in this section, weighted as to the percentage of pupils in total membership in the resulting district in the state fiscal year in which the consolidation takes place who reside in the geographic area of each of the original districts. If an affected district's 1994-95 foundation allowance is less than the 1994-95 basic foundation allowance, the amount of that district's 1994-95 foundation allowance shall be considered for the purpose of calculations under this subsection to be equal to the amount of the 1994-95 basic foundation allowance. This subsection does not apply to a receiving district unless there is a subsequent consolidation or annexation that affects the district.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "1994-95 foundation allowance" means a district's 1994-95 foundation allowance calculated and certified by the department of treasury or the superintendent under former section 20a as enacted in 1993 PA 336 and as amended by 1994 PA 283.

(b) "Certified mills" means the lesser of 18 mills or the number of mills of school operating taxes levied by the district in 1993-94.

(c) "Current state fiscal year" means the state fiscal year for which a particular calculation is made.

(d) “Current year hold harmless school operating taxes per pupil” means the per pupil revenue generated by multiplying a district’s 1994-95 hold harmless millage by the district’s current year taxable value per membership pupil. For a receiving district, if school operating taxes are to be levied on behalf of a dissolved district that has been attached in whole or in part to the receiving district to satisfy debt obligations of the dissolved district under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, taxable value per membership pupil does not include the taxable value of property within the geographic area of the dissolved district.

(e) “Dissolved district” means a district that loses its organization, has its territory attached to 1 or more other districts, and is dissolved as provided under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12.

(f) “Hold harmless millage” means, for a district with a 1994-95 foundation allowance greater than \$6,500.00, the number of mills by which the exemption from the levy of school operating taxes on a homestead, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, supportive housing property, industrial personal property, and commercial personal property could be reduced as provided in section 1211 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1211, and the number of mills of school operating taxes that could be levied on all property as provided in section 1211(2) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1211, as certified by the department of treasury for the 1994 tax year. For a receiving district, if school operating taxes are to be levied on behalf of a dissolved district that has been attached in whole or in part to the receiving district to satisfy debt obligations of the dissolved district under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, school operating taxes do not include school operating taxes levied within the geographic area of the dissolved district.

(g) “Homestead”, “qualified agricultural property”, “qualified forest property”, “supportive housing property”, “industrial personal property”, and “commercial personal property” mean those terms as defined in section 1211 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1211.

(h) “Membership” means the definition of that term under section 6 as in effect for the particular fiscal year for which a particular calculation is made.

(i) “Nonexempt property” means property that is not a principal residence, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, supportive housing property, industrial personal property, or commercial personal property.

(j) “Qualifying public school academy” means a public school academy that was in operation in the 1994-95 school year and is in operation in the current state fiscal year.

(k) “Receiving district” means a district to which all or part of the territory of a dissolved district is attached under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12.

(l) “School operating taxes” means local ad valorem property taxes levied under section 1211 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1211, and retained for school operating purposes as defined in section 20.

(m) “Tax increment financing acts” means 1975 PA 197, MCL 125.1651 to 125.1681, the tax increment finance authority act, 1980 PA 450, MCL 125.1801 to 125.1830, the local development financing act, 1986 PA 281, MCL 125.2151 to 125.2174, the brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381, MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672, or the corridor improvement authority act, 2005 PA 280, MCL 125.2871 to 125.2899.

(n) “Taxable value per membership pupil” means each of the following divided by the district’s membership:

(i) For the number of mills by which the exemption from the levy of school operating taxes on a homestead, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, supportive housing property, industrial personal property, and commercial personal property may be reduced as provided in section 1211 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1211, the taxable value of homestead, qualified agricultural property, qualified forest property, supportive housing property, industrial personal property, and commercial personal property for the calendar year ending in the current state fiscal year. For a receiving district, if school operating taxes are to be levied on behalf of a dissolved district that has been attached in whole or in part to the receiving district to satisfy debt obligations of the dissolved district under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, mills do not include mills within the geographic area of the dissolved district.

(ii) For the number of mills of school operating taxes that may be levied on all property as provided in section 1211(2) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1211, the taxable value of all property for the calendar year ending in the current state fiscal year. For a receiving district, if school operating taxes are to be levied on behalf of a dissolved district that has been attached in whole or in part to the receiving district to satisfy debt obligations of the dissolved district under section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, school operating taxes do not include school operating taxes levied within the geographic area of the dissolved district.

Sec. 22b. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$3,335,000,000.00 for 2013-2014 for discretionary nonmandated payments to districts under this section. Funds allocated under this section that are not expended in the state fiscal year for which they were allocated, as determined by the department, may be used to supplement the allocations under sections 22a and 51c in order to fully fund those calculated allocations for the same fiscal year.



(2) Subject to subsection (3) and section 296, the allocation to a district under this section shall be an amount equal to the sum of the amounts calculated under sections 20, 51a(2), 51a(3), and 51a(11), minus the sum of the allocations to the district under sections 22a and 51c.

(3) In order to receive an allocation under subsection (1), each district shall do all of the following:

(a) Comply with section 1280b of the revised school code, MCL 380.1280b.

(b) Comply with sections 1278a and 1278b of the revised school code, MCL 380.1278a and 380.1278b.

(c) Furnish data and other information required by state and federal law to the center and the department in the form and manner specified by the center or the department, as applicable.

(d) Comply with section 1230g of the revised school code, MCL 380.1230g.

(e) Comply with section 21f.

(4) Districts are encouraged to use funds allocated under this section for the purchase and support of payroll, human resources, and other business function software that is compatible with that of the intermediate district in which the district is located and with other districts located within that intermediate district.

(5) From the allocation in subsection (1), the department shall pay up to \$1,000,000.00 in litigation costs incurred by this state related to commercial or industrial property tax appeals, including, but not limited to, appeals of classification, that impact revenues dedicated to the state school aid fund.

(6) From the allocation in subsection (1), the department shall pay up to \$1,000,000.00 in litigation costs incurred by this state associated with lawsuits filed by 1 or more districts or intermediate districts against this state. If the allocation under this section is insufficient to fully fund all payments required under this section, the payments under this subsection shall be made in full before any proration of remaining payments under this section.

(7) It is the intent of the legislature that all constitutional obligations of this state have been fully funded under sections 22a, 31d, 51a, 51c, and 152a. If a claim is made by an entity receiving funds under this article that challenges the legislative determination of the adequacy of this funding or alleges that there exists an unfunded constitutional requirement, the state budget director may escrow or allocate from the discretionary funds for nonmandated payments under this section the amount as may be necessary to satisfy the claim before making any payments to districts under subsection (2). If funds are escrowed, the escrowed funds are a work project appropriation and the funds are carried forward into the following fiscal year. The purpose of the work project is to provide for any payments that may be awarded to districts as a result of litigation. The work project shall be completed upon resolution of the litigation.

(8) If the local claims review board or a court of competent jurisdiction makes a final determination that this state is in violation of section 29 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 regarding state payments to districts, the state budget director shall use work project funds under subsection (7) or allocate from the discretionary funds for nonmandated payments under this section the amount as may be necessary to satisfy the amount owed to districts before making any payments to districts under subsection (2).

(9) If a claim is made in court that challenges the legislative determination of the adequacy of funding for this state's constitutional obligations or alleges that there exists an unfunded constitutional requirement, any interested party may seek an expedited review of the claim by the local claims review board. If the claim exceeds \$10,000,000.00, this state may remove the action to the court of appeals, and the court of appeals shall have and shall exercise jurisdiction over the claim.

(10) If payments resulting from a final determination by the local claims review board or a court of competent jurisdiction that there has been a violation of section 29 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 exceed the amount allocated for discretionary nonmandated payments under this section, the legislature shall provide for adequate funding for this state's constitutional obligations at its next legislative session.

(11) If a lawsuit challenging payments made to districts related to costs reimbursed by federal title XIX medicaid funds is filed against this state, then, for the purpose of addressing potential liability under such a lawsuit, the state budget director may place funds allocated under this section in escrow or allocate money from the funds otherwise allocated under this section, up to a maximum of 50% of the amount allocated in subsection (1). If funds are placed in escrow under this subsection, those funds are a work project appropriation and the funds are carried forward into the following fiscal year. The purpose of the work project is to provide for any payments that may be awarded to districts as a result of the litigation. The work project shall be completed upon resolution of the litigation. In addition, this state reserves the right to terminate future federal title XIX medicaid reimbursement payments to districts if the amount or allocation of reimbursed funds is challenged in the lawsuit. As used in this subsection, "title XIX" means title XIX of the social security act, 42 USC 1396 to 1396v.

Sec. 22g. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2013-2014 only an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for competitive assistance grants to districts and intermediate districts.

(2) Funds received under this section may be used for reimbursement of transition costs associated with the consolidation of operations or services between 2 or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of

government or the consolidation of districts or intermediate districts. Grant funding shall be available for consolidations that occur on or after June 1, 2013. The department shall develop an application process and method of grant distribution.

Sec. 25f. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for 2013-2014 for payments to strict discipline academies established under sections 1311b to 1311m of the revised school code, MCL 380.1311b to 380.1311m, as provided under this section.

(2) In order to receive funding under this section, a strict discipline academy shall first comply with section 25e and use the pupil transfer process under that section for changes in enrollment as prescribed under that section.

(3) Not later than June 30, 2014, a strict discipline academy shall report to the center and to the department, in a manner prescribed by the center and the department, the following information for 2013-2014:

(a) The number of pupils enrolled and in attendance at the strict discipline academy.

(b) The number of days each pupil enrolled was in attendance at the strict discipline academy, not to exceed 180.

(4) The amount of the payment to a strict discipline academy under this section shall be an amount equal to the difference between the product of 1/180 of the per-pupil payment as calculated under section 20 for the strict discipline academy multiplied by the number of days of pupil attendance reported under subsection (3)(b) minus the product of the per-pupil payment as calculated under section 20 for the strict discipline academy multiplied by the pupils in membership at the strict discipline academy as calculated under section 6 and as adjusted by section 25e.

(5) If the funds allocated under this section are insufficient to fully fund the adjustments under subsection (4), payments to eligible strict discipline academies shall be prorated on an equal per-pupil basis.

Sec. 31b. (1) From the appropriations in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for 2013-2014 for grants to at-risk districts for implementing a year-round instructional program for at least 1 of its schools.

(2) The department shall select districts for grants under this section from among applicant districts that meet both of the following:

(a) The district meets 1 or both of the following:

(i) Is eligible in 2013-2014 for the community eligibility option for free and reduced price lunch under 42 USC 1759a.

(ii) At least 50% of the pupils in membership in the district met the income eligibility criteria for free breakfast, lunch, or milk in the immediately preceding state fiscal year, as determined under the Richard B. Russell national school lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769i.

(b) The board of the district has adopted a resolution stating that the district will implement for the first time a year-round instructional calendar that will begin in 2014-2015 for at least 1 school operated by the district and committing to providing the year-round instructional calendar in each of those schools for at least 3 school years.

(3) A district seeking a grant under this section shall apply to the department in the form and manner prescribed by the department not later than May 1, 2014. The department shall select districts for grants and make notification not later than June 1, 2014.

(4) The department shall award grants under this section on a competitive basis, but shall give priority based solely on consideration of the following criteria:

(a) Giving priority to districts with lower general fund balances as a percent of revenues.

(b) Giving priority to districts that operate at least 1 school that has been identified by the department as either a priority school or a focus school.

(c) Ensuring that grant funding includes both rural and urban districts.

(5) The amount of a grant under this section to any 1 district shall not exceed \$750,000.00.

(6) A grant payment under this section to a district shall be used for necessary modifications to instructional facilities and other nonrecurring costs of preparing for the operation of a year-round instructional program as approved by the department.

(7) A district receiving a grant under this section is not required to provide more than the minimum number of days and hours of pupil instruction prescribed under section 101, but shall spread at least those minimum amounts of pupil instruction over the entire year in each of its schools in which a year-round instructional calendar is implemented. The district shall commit to providing the year-round instructional calendar in each of those schools for at least 3 school years.

(8) For a district receiving a grant under this section, excessive heat is considered to be a condition not within the control of school authorities for the purpose of days or hours being counted as days or hours of pupil instruction under section 101(4).

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

Sec. 32r. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated under section 11, for 2013-2014 only, there is appropriated the amount of the federal funding awarded to this state under sections 14005, 14006, and 14013 of title XIV of the American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, for the race to the top - early learning challenge grant, estimated at \$51,737,500.00.

(2) The department shall use the funds appropriated under this section solely for the purposes of increasing the number of low-income and disadvantaged infants, toddlers, and preschoolers enrolled in high-quality early learning programs and shall spend the funds in accordance with the state's application for the funds, as approved by the United States department of education in December 2013. Activities funded under this section shall focus on the following objectives:

(a) Increase access for children with high needs to high-quality learning programs.

(b) Increase opportunities for licensed and unlicensed subsidized home care providers to improve the quality of their programs.

(c) Improve families' engagement in their children's early learning and development.

(d) Expand on efforts to identify and promote children's physical, social, and emotional health.

(e) Increase professional development opportunities for early learning care providers.

(f) Develop an early learning data system to monitor and evaluate quality standards of individual programs. The department shall ensure that data reported under the data system are reported in the aggregate and do not identify individuals. This data system shall be maintained only as long as there is federal funding available for expenditure under this section.

(3) The funds appropriated under this section are to be spent over 4 years and shall be considered a work project appropriation. Any unexpended funds for 2013-2014 are carried forward into 2014-2015. The purpose of the work project is as described under subsection (2). The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2018.

Sec. 51a. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$919,846,100.00 for 2013-2014 from state sources and all available federal funding under sections 611 to 619 of part B of the individuals with disabilities education act, 20 USC 1411 to 1419, estimated at \$370,000,000.00 for 2013-2014, plus any carryover federal funds from previous year appropriations. The allocations under this subsection are for the purpose of reimbursing districts and intermediate districts for special education programs, services, and special education personnel as prescribed in article 3 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1701 to 380.1766; net tuition payments made by intermediate districts to the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind; and special education programs and services for pupils who are eligible for special education programs and services according to statute or rule. For meeting the costs of special education programs and services not reimbursed under this article, a district or intermediate district may use money in general funds or special education funds, not otherwise restricted, or contributions from districts to intermediate districts, tuition payments, gifts and contributions from individuals or other entities, or federal funds that may be available for this purpose, as determined by the intermediate district plan prepared pursuant to article 3 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1701 to 380.1766. All federal funds allocated under this section in excess of those allocated under this section for 2002-2003 may be distributed in accordance with the flexible funding provisions of the individuals with disabilities education act, Public Law 108-446, including, but not limited to, 34 CFR 300.206 and 300.208. Notwithstanding section 17b, payments of federal funds to districts, intermediate districts, and other eligible entities under this section shall be paid on a schedule determined by the department.

(2) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated the amount necessary, estimated at \$247,000,000.00 for 2013-2014, for payments toward reimbursing districts and intermediate districts for 28.6138% of total approved costs of special education, excluding costs reimbursed under section 53a, and 70.4165% of total approved costs of special education transportation. Allocations under this subsection shall be made as follows:

(a) The initial amount allocated to a district under this subsection toward fulfilling the specified percentages shall be calculated by multiplying the district's special education pupil membership, excluding pupils described in subsection (11), times the foundation allowance under section 20 of the pupil's district of residence, not to exceed the basic foundation allowance under section 20 for the current fiscal year, or, for a special education pupil in membership in a district that is a public school academy, times an amount equal to the amount per membership pupil calculated under section 20(6) or, for a pupil described in this subsection who is counted in membership in the education achievement system, times an amount equal to the amount per membership pupil under section 20(7). For an intermediate district, the amount allocated under this subdivision toward fulfilling the specified percentages shall be an amount per special education membership pupil, excluding pupils described in subsection (11), and shall be calculated in the same manner as for a district, using the foundation allowance under section 20 of the pupil's district of residence, not to exceed the basic foundation allowance under section 20 for the current fiscal year.

(b) After the allocations under subdivision (a), districts and intermediate districts for which the payments calculated under subdivision (a) do not fulfill the specified percentages shall be paid the amount necessary to achieve the specified percentages for the district or intermediate district.



(3) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated for 2013-2014 an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to make payments to districts and intermediate districts under this subsection. If the amount allocated to a district or intermediate district for a fiscal year under subsection (2)(b) is less than the sum of the amounts allocated to the district or intermediate district for 1996-97 under sections 52 and 58, there is allocated to the district or intermediate district for the fiscal year an amount equal to that difference, adjusted by applying the same proration factor that was used in the distribution of funds under section 52 in 1996-97 as adjusted to the district's or intermediate district's necessary costs of special education used in calculations for the fiscal year. This adjustment is to reflect reductions in special education program operations or services between 1996-97 and subsequent fiscal years. Adjustments for reductions in special education program operations or services shall be made in a manner determined by the department and shall include adjustments for program or service shifts.

(4) If the department determines that the sum of the amounts allocated for a fiscal year to a district or intermediate district under subsection (2)(a) and (b) is not sufficient to fulfill the specified percentages in subsection (2), then the shortfall shall be paid to the district or intermediate district during the fiscal year beginning on the October 1 following the determination and payments under subsection (3) shall be adjusted as necessary. If the department determines that the sum of the amounts allocated for a fiscal year to a district or intermediate district under subsection (2)(a) and (b) exceeds the sum of the amount necessary to fulfill the specified percentages in subsection (2), then the department shall deduct the amount of the excess from the district's or intermediate district's payments under this article for the fiscal year beginning on the October 1 following the determination and payments under subsection (3) shall be adjusted as necessary. However, if the amount allocated under subsection (2)(a) in itself exceeds the amount necessary to fulfill the specified percentages in subsection (2), there shall be no deduction under this subsection.

(5) State funds shall be allocated on a total approved cost basis. Federal funds shall be allocated under applicable federal requirements, except that an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 may be allocated by the department for 2013-2014 to districts, intermediate districts, or other eligible entities on a competitive grant basis for programs, equipment, and services that the department determines to be designed to benefit or improve special education on a statewide scale.

(6) From the amount allocated in subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.00 for 2013-2014 to reimburse 100% of the net increase in necessary costs incurred by a district or intermediate district in implementing the revisions in the administrative rules for special education that became effective on July 1, 1987. As used in this subsection, "net increase in necessary costs" means the necessary additional costs incurred solely because of new or revised requirements in the administrative rules minus cost savings permitted in implementing the revised rules. Net increase in necessary costs shall be determined in a manner specified by the department.

(7) For purposes of sections 51a to 58, all of the following apply:

(a) "Total approved costs of special education" shall be determined in a manner specified by the department and may include indirect costs, but shall not exceed 115% of approved direct costs for section 52 and section 53a programs. The total approved costs include salary and other compensation for all approved special education personnel for the program, including payments for social security and medicare and public school employee retirement system contributions. The total approved costs do not include salaries or other compensation paid to administrative personnel who are not special education personnel as defined in section 6 of the revised school code, MCL 380.6. Costs reimbursed by federal funds, other than those federal funds included in the allocation made under this article, are not included. Special education approved personnel not utilized full time in the evaluation of students or in the delivery of special education programs, ancillary, and other related services shall be reimbursed under this section only for that portion of time actually spent providing these programs and services, with the exception of special education programs and services provided to youth placed in child caring institutions or juvenile detention programs approved by the department to provide an on-grounds education program.

(b) Beginning with the 2004-2005 fiscal year, a district or intermediate district that employed special education support services staff to provide special education support services in 2003-2004 or in a subsequent fiscal year and that in a fiscal year after 2003-2004 receives the same type of support services from another district or intermediate district shall report the cost of those support services for special education reimbursement purposes under this article. This subdivision does not prohibit the transfer of special education classroom teachers and special education classroom aides if the pupils counted in membership associated with those special education classroom teachers and special education classroom aides are transferred and counted in membership in the other district or intermediate district in conjunction with the transfer of those teachers and aides.

(c) If the department determines before bookclosing for a fiscal year that the amounts allocated for that fiscal year under subsections (2), (3), (6), and (11) and sections 53a, 54, and 56 will exceed expenditures for that fiscal year under subsections (2), (3), (6), and (11) and sections 53a, 54, and 56, then for a district or intermediate district whose reimbursement for that fiscal year would otherwise be affected by subdivision (b), subdivision (b) does not apply to the calculation of the reimbursement for that district or intermediate district and reimbursement for that district or intermediate district shall be calculated in the same manner as it was for 2003-2004. If the amount of the excess allocations under subsections (2), (3), (6), and (11) and sections 53a, 54, and 56 is not sufficient to fully fund the calculation

of reimbursement to those districts and intermediate districts under this subdivision, then the calculations and resulting reimbursement under this subdivision shall be prorated on an equal percentage basis. This reimbursement shall not be made after 2014-2015.

(d) Reimbursement for ancillary and other related services, as defined by R 340.1701c of the Michigan administrative code, shall not be provided when those services are covered by and available through private group health insurance carriers or federal reimbursed program sources unless the department and district or intermediate district agree otherwise and that agreement is approved by the state budget director. Expenses, other than the incidental expense of filing, shall not be borne by the parent. In addition, the filing of claims shall not delay the education of a pupil. A district or intermediate district shall be responsible for payment of a deductible amount and for an advance payment required until the time a claim is paid.

(e) Beginning with calculations for 2004-2005, if an intermediate district purchases a special education pupil transportation service from a constituent district that was previously purchased from a private entity; if the purchase from the constituent district is at a lower cost, adjusted for changes in fuel costs; and if the cost shift from the intermediate district to the constituent does not result in any net change in the revenue the constituent district receives from payments under sections 22b and 51c, then upon application by the intermediate district, the department shall direct the intermediate district to continue to report the cost associated with the specific identified special education pupil transportation service and shall adjust the costs reported by the constituent district to remove the cost associated with that specific service.

(8) A pupil who is enrolled in a full-time special education program conducted or administered by an intermediate district or a pupil who is enrolled in the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind shall not be included in the membership count of a district, but shall be counted in membership in the intermediate district of residence.

(9) Special education personnel transferred from 1 district to another to implement the revised school code shall be entitled to the rights, benefits, and tenure to which the person would otherwise be entitled had that person been employed by the receiving district originally.

(10) If a district or intermediate district uses money received under this section for a purpose other than the purpose or purposes for which the money is allocated, the department may require the district or intermediate district to refund the amount of money received. Money that is refunded shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state school aid fund.

(11) From the funds allocated in subsection (1), there is allocated the amount necessary, estimated at \$3,500,000.00 for 2013-2014, to pay the foundation allowances for pupils described in this subsection. The allocation to a district under this subsection shall be calculated by multiplying the number of pupils described in this subsection who are counted in membership in the district times the foundation allowance under section 20 of the pupil's district of residence, not to exceed the basic foundation allowance under section 20 for the current fiscal year, or, for a pupil described in this subsection who is counted in membership in a district that is a public school academy, times an amount equal to the amount per membership pupil under section 20(6) or, for a pupil described in this subsection who is counted in membership in the education achievement system, times an amount equal to the amount per membership pupil under section 20(7). The allocation to an intermediate district under this subsection shall be calculated in the same manner as for a district, using the foundation allowance under section 20 of the pupil's district of residence, not to exceed the basic foundation allowance under section 20 for the current fiscal year. This subsection applies to all of the following pupils:

(a) Pupils described in section 53a.

(b) Pupils counted in membership in an intermediate district who are not special education pupils and are served by the intermediate district in a juvenile detention or child caring facility.

(c) Pupils with an emotional impairment counted in membership by an intermediate district and provided educational services by the department of community health.

(12) If it is determined that funds allocated under subsection (2) or (11) or under section 51c will not be expended, funds up to the amount necessary and available may be used to supplement the allocations under subsection (2) or (11) or under section 51c in order to fully fund those allocations. After payments under subsections (2) and (11) and section 51c, the remaining expenditures from the allocation in subsection (1) shall be made in the following order:

(a) 100% of the reimbursement required under section 53a.

(b) 100% of the reimbursement required under subsection (6).

(c) 100% of the payment required under section 54.

(d) 100% of the payment required under subsection (3).

(e) 100% of the payments under section 56.

(13) The allocations under subsections (2), (3), and (11) shall be allocations to intermediate districts only and shall not be allocations to districts, but instead shall be calculations used only to determine the state payments under section 22b.

(14) If a public school academy enrolls pursuant to this section a pupil who resides outside of the intermediate district in which the public school academy is located and who is eligible for special education programs and services according to statute or rule, or who is a child with disabilities, as defined under the individuals with disabilities education act, Public Law 108-446, the provision of special education programs and services and the payment of the added costs of special education programs and services for the pupil are the responsibility of the district and intermediate district in which the pupil resides unless the enrolling district or intermediate district has a written agreement with the district or intermediate district in which the pupil resides or the public school academy for the purpose of providing the pupil with a free appropriate public education and the written agreement includes at least an agreement on the responsibility for the payment of the added costs of special education programs and services for the pupil.

Sec. 51c. As required by the court in the consolidated cases known as Durant v State of Michigan, Michigan supreme court docket no. 104458-104492, from the allocation under section 51a(1), there is allocated for 2013-2014 the amount necessary, estimated at \$613,200,000.00, for payments to reimburse districts for 28.6138% of total approved costs of special education excluding costs reimbursed under section 53a, and 70.4165% of total approved costs of special education transportation. Funds allocated under this section that are not expended in the state fiscal year for which they were allocated, as determined by the department, may be used to supplement the allocations under sections 22a and 22b in order to fully fund those calculated allocations for the same fiscal year.

Sec. 64d. (1) From the general fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated to the department for 2013-2014 the amount of \$3,900,000.00 for a contract with a single provider to provide information technology education opportunities to high school, career academy, and community college students. The provider shall allow participating students and faculty to achieve broad-based information technology certifications and college credit. The provider shall make available through districts, intermediate districts, career academies, and community colleges instruction on information technology skills and competencies that are essential for the workplace and that are requested by employers. The department shall use a competitive request for proposals process for the contract, and the request for proposals shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following requirements:

- (a) A curriculum based on research, information technology, and skill development.
- (b) Online access to the curriculum.
- (c) Instructional software for classroom and student use.
- (d) Certification of skills and competencies in a broad base of information technology-related skill areas.
- (e) Professional development for faculty.
- (f) Deployment and program support, including, but not limited to, integration with current curriculum standards.
- (g) Methods for students to earn college credit.

(2) The department shall ensure that the request for proposals under subsection (1) is delivered to all community colleges in this state. If a community college or group of community colleges submits a proposal, before making a decision to award a contract under this section to any provider that is not a community college or group of community colleges, the department shall provide to the community college or group of community colleges an interactive response to the proposal.

(3) The funds appropriated under this section are to be spent over 3 years and shall be considered a work project appropriation. Any unexpended funds for 2013-2014 are carried forward into 2014-2015. The purpose of the work project is as described under subsection (1). The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2017.

Sec. 94. (1) From the general fund appropriation in section 11, there is allocated to the department for 2013-2014 an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for efforts to increase the number of pupils who participate and succeed in advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs.

(2) From the funds allocated under this section, the department shall award funds to cover all or part of the costs of advanced placement test fees or international baccalaureate test fees for low-income pupils who take an advanced placement or an international baccalaureate test. Payments shall not exceed \$20.00 per test completed.

(3) The department shall only award funds under this section if the department determines that all of the following criteria are met:

(a) Each pupil for whom payment is made meets eligibility requirements of the federal advanced placement test fee program under section 1701 of the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

(b) The tests are administered by the college board, the international baccalaureate organization, or another test provider approved by the department.

(c) The pupil for whom payment is made pays at least \$5.00 toward the cost of each test for which payment is made.

(4) The department shall establish procedures for awarding funds under this section.

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

Sec. 99h. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for 2013-2014 for competitive grants to districts that provide pupils in grades 7 to 12 with expanded opportunities to improve mathematics, science, and technology skills by participating in events hosted by a science and technology development program known as FIRST (for inspiration and recognition of science and technology) robotics.

(2) A district applying for a FIRST tech challenge or FIRST robotics competition program grant shall submit an application in a form and manner determined by the department. To be eligible for a grant, a district shall demonstrate in its application that the district has established a partnership for the purposes of the FIRST program with at least 1 sponsor, business entity, higher education institution, or technical school.

(3) The department shall distribute the grant funding under this section for the following purposes:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (iii), an amount estimated at \$1,000,000.00 for grants to districts to pay for stipends of \$1,500.00 for 1 coach per team, distributed as follows:

(i) Not more than 500 stipends for coaches of high school teams, including existing teams.

(ii) Not more than 100 stipends for coaches of middle school or junior high teams, including existing teams.

(iii) If the requests for stipends exceed the numbers of stipends allowed under subparagraphs (i) and (ii), and if there is funding remaining unspent under subdivisions (b) and (c), the department shall use that remaining unspent funding for grants to districts to pay for additional stipends in a manner that expands the geographical distribution of teams.

(b) An amount estimated at \$1,000,000.00 for grants to districts for event registrations, materials, travel costs, and other expenses associated with the preparation for and attendance at FIRST tech challenge and FIRST robotics competitions. Each grant recipient shall provide a local match from other private or local funds for the funds received under this subdivision equal to at least 50% of the costs of participating in an event. The department shall set maximum grant amounts under this subdivision in a manner that maximizes the number of teams that will be able to receive funding.

(c) An amount estimated at \$1,000,000.00 for grants to districts for awards to teams that advance to the state and world championship competitions. The department shall determine an equal amount per team for those teams that advance to the state championship and a second equal award amount to those teams that advance to the world championship.

(4) The funds allocated under this section are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2013-2014 are carried forward into 2014-2015. The purpose of the work project is to continue to implement the projects described under subsection (1). The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2016.

Sec. 101. (1) To be eligible to receive state aid under this article, not later than the fifth Wednesday after the pupil membership count day and not later than the fifth Wednesday after the supplemental count day, each district superintendent shall submit to the center and the intermediate superintendent, in the form and manner prescribed by the center, the number of pupils enrolled and in regular daily attendance in the district as of the pupil membership count day and as of the supplemental count day, as applicable, for the current school year. In addition, a district maintaining school during the entire year, as provided under section 1561 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1561, shall submit to the center and the intermediate superintendent, in the form and manner prescribed by the center, the number of pupils enrolled and in regular daily attendance in the district for the current school year pursuant to rules promulgated by the superintendent. Not later than the sixth Wednesday after the pupil membership count day and not later than the sixth Wednesday after the supplemental count day, the district shall certify the data in a form and manner prescribed by the center and file the certified data with the intermediate superintendent. If a district fails to submit and certify the attendance data, as required under this subsection, the center shall notify the department and state aid due to be distributed under this article shall be withheld from the defaulting district immediately, beginning with the next payment after the failure and continuing with each payment until the district complies with this subsection. If a district does not comply with this subsection by the end of the fiscal year, the district forfeits the amount withheld. A person who willfully falsifies a figure or statement in the certified and sworn copy of enrollment shall be punished in the manner prescribed by section 161.

(2) To be eligible to receive state aid under this article, not later than the twenty-fourth Wednesday after the pupil membership count day and not later than the twenty-fourth Wednesday after the supplemental count day, an intermediate district shall submit to the center, in a form and manner prescribed by the center, the audited enrollment and attendance data for the pupils of its constituent districts and of the intermediate district. If an intermediate district fails to submit the audited data as required under this subsection, state aid due to be distributed under this article shall be withheld from the defaulting intermediate district immediately, beginning with the next payment after the failure and continuing with each payment until the intermediate district complies with this subsection. If an intermediate district does not comply with this subsection by the end of the fiscal year, the intermediate district forfeits the amount withheld.



(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (11) and (12), all of the following apply to the provision of pupil instruction:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each district shall provide at least 1,098 hours and, beginning in 2010-2011, the required minimum number of days of pupil instruction. Beginning in 2012-2013, the required minimum number of days of pupil instruction is 170. Beginning in 2014-2015, the required minimum number of days of pupil instruction is 175. However, all of the following apply to these requirements:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii), a district shall not provide fewer days of pupil instruction than the district provided for 2009-2010.

(ii) For 2013-2014 only, if a district is scheduled to provide more than 174 days of instruction, the district shall provide at least 174 days of instruction and 1,098 hours of pupil instruction.

(iii) If a collective bargaining agreement that provides for at least 170 days but less than 175 days, and at least 1,098 hours, of pupil instruction is in effect for employees of a district as of June 13, 2013, then until the school year that begins after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement the district shall provide at least the number of days of pupil instruction identified in the collective bargaining agreement, and at least 1,098 hours of pupil instruction.

(iv) A district may apply for a waiver under subsection (9) from the requirements of this subdivision.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, a district failing to comply with the required minimum hours and days of pupil instruction under this subsection shall forfeit from its total state aid allocation an amount determined by applying a ratio of the number of hours or days the district was in noncompliance in relation to the required minimum number of hours and days under this subsection. Not later than August 1, the board of each district shall certify to the department the number of hours and days of pupil instruction in the previous school year. If the district did not provide at least the required minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction under this subsection, the deduction of state aid shall be made in the following fiscal year from the first payment of state school aid. A district is not subject to forfeiture of funds under this subsection for a fiscal year in which a forfeiture was already imposed under subsection (6).

(c) Hours or days lost because of strikes or teachers' conferences shall not be counted as hours or days of pupil instruction.

(d) If a collective bargaining agreement that provides a complete school calendar is in effect for employees of a district as of October 19, 2009, and if that school calendar is not in compliance with this subsection, then this subsection does not apply to that district until after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (f) and (g), a district not having at least 75% of the district's membership in attendance on any day of pupil instruction shall receive state aid in that proportion of 1/180 that the actual percent of attendance bears to the specified percentage.

(f) If a district adds 1 or more days of pupil instruction to the end of its instructional calendar for a school year to comply with subdivision (a) because the district otherwise would fail to provide the required minimum number of days of pupil instruction even after the operation of subsection (4) due to conditions not within the control of school authorities, then subdivision (e) does not apply for any day of pupil instruction that is added to the end of the instructional calendar. Instead, for any of those days, if the district does not have at least 60% of the district's membership in attendance on that day, the district shall receive state aid in that proportion of 1/180 that the actual percentage of attendance bears to the specified percentage. For any day of pupil instruction added to the instructional calendar as described in this subdivision, the district shall report to the department the percentage of the district's membership that is in attendance, in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

(g) At the request of a district that operates a department-approved alternative education program and that does not provide instruction for pupils in all of grades K to 12, the superintendent may grant a waiver from the requirements of subdivision (e). The waiver shall indicate that an eligible district is subject to the proration provisions of subdivision (e) only if the district does not have at least 50% of the district's membership in attendance on any day of pupil instruction. In order to be eligible for this waiver, a district must maintain records to substantiate its compliance with the following requirements:

(i) The district offers the minimum hours of pupil instruction as required under this section.

(ii) For each enrolled pupil, the district uses appropriate academic assessments to develop an individual education plan that leads to a high school diploma.

(iii) The district tests each pupil to determine academic progress at regular intervals and records the results of those tests in that pupil's individual education plan.

(h) All of the following apply to a waiver granted under subdivision (g):

(i) If the waiver is for a blended model of delivery, a waiver that is granted for the 2011-2012 fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year remains in effect unless it is revoked by the superintendent.

(ii) If the waiver is for a 100% online model of delivery and the educational program for which the waiver is granted makes educational services available to pupils for a minimum of at least 1,098 hours during a school year and ensures that each pupil participates in the educational program for at least 1,098 hours during a school year, a waiver that is



granted for the 2011-2012 fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year remains in effect unless it is revoked by the superintendent.

(iii) A waiver that is not a waiver described in subparagraph (i) or (ii) is valid for 1 fiscal year and must be renewed annually to remain in effect.

(i) The superintendent shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this subsection.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the first 6 days or the equivalent number of hours for which pupil instruction is not provided because of conditions not within the control of school authorities, such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, utility power unavailability, water or sewer failure, or health conditions as defined by the city, county, or state health authorities, shall be counted as hours and days of pupil instruction. With the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, the department shall count as hours and days of pupil instruction for a fiscal year not more than 6 additional days or the equivalent number of additional hours for which pupil instruction is not provided in a district after April 1 of the applicable school year due to unusual and extenuating occurrences resulting from conditions not within the control of school authorities such as those conditions described in this subsection. Subsequent such hours or days shall not be counted as hours or days of pupil instruction.

(5) A district shall not forfeit part of its state aid appropriation because it adopts or has in existence an alternative scheduling program for pupils in kindergarten if the program provides at least the number of hours required under subsection (3) for a full-time equated membership for a pupil in kindergarten as provided under section 6(4).

(6) In addition to any other penalty or forfeiture under this section, if at any time the department determines that 1 or more of the following have occurred in a district, the district shall forfeit in the current fiscal year beginning in the next payment to be calculated by the department a proportion of the funds due to the district under this article that is equal to the proportion below the required minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction under subsection (3), as specified in the following:

(a) The district fails to operate its schools for at least the required minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction under subsection (3) in a school year, including hours and days counted under subsection (4).

(b) The board of the district takes formal action not to operate its schools for at least the required minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction under subsection (3) in a school year, including hours and days counted under subsection (4).

(7) In providing the minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction required under subsection (3), a district shall use the following guidelines, and a district shall maintain records to substantiate its compliance with the following guidelines:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a pupil must be scheduled for at least the required minimum number of hours of instruction, excluding study halls, or at least the sum of 90 hours plus the required minimum number of hours of instruction, including up to 2 study halls.

(b) The time a pupil is assigned to any tutorial activity in a block schedule may be considered instructional time, unless that time is determined in an audit to be a study hall period.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, a pupil in grades 9 to 12 for whom a reduced schedule is determined to be in the individual pupil's best educational interest must be scheduled for a number of hours equal to at least 80% of the required minimum number of hours of pupil instruction to be considered a full-time equivalent pupil. A pupil in grades 9 to 12 who is scheduled in a 4-block schedule may receive a reduced schedule under this subsection if the pupil is scheduled for a number of hours equal to at least 75% of the required minimum number of hours of pupil instruction to be considered a full-time equivalent pupil.

(d) If a pupil in grades 9 to 12 who is enrolled in a cooperative education program or a special education pupil cannot receive the required minimum number of hours of pupil instruction solely because of travel time between instructional sites during the school day, that travel time, up to a maximum of 3 hours per school week, shall be considered to be pupil instruction time for the purpose of determining whether the pupil is receiving the required minimum number of hours of pupil instruction. However, if a district demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the travel time limitation under this subdivision would create undue costs or hardship to the district, the department may consider more travel time to be pupil instruction time for this purpose.

(e) In grades 7 through 12, instructional time that is part of a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program shall be considered to be pupil instruction time regardless of whether the instructor is a certificated teacher if all of the following are met:

(i) The instructor has met all of the requirements established by the United States department of defense and the applicable branch of the armed services for serving as an instructor in the junior reserve officer training corps program.

(ii) The board of the district or intermediate district employing or assigning the instructor complies with the requirements of sections 1230 and 1230a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1230 and 380.1230a, with respect to the instructor to the same extent as if employing the instructor as a regular classroom teacher.

(8) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (11) and (12), the department shall apply the guidelines under subsection (7) in calculating the full-time equivalency of pupils.

(9) Upon application by the district for a particular fiscal year, the superintendent may waive for a district the minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction requirement of subsection (3) for a department-approved alternative education program or another innovative program approved by the department, including a 4-day school week. If a district applies for and receives a waiver under this subsection and complies with the terms of the waiver, the district is not subject to forfeiture under this section for the specific program covered by the waiver. If the district does not comply with the terms of the waiver, the amount of the forfeiture shall be calculated based upon a comparison of the number of hours and days of pupil instruction actually provided to the minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction required under subsection (3). Pupils enrolled in a department-approved alternative education program under this subsection shall be reported to the center in a form and manner determined by the center. All of the following apply to a waiver granted under this subsection:

(a) If the waiver is for a blended model of delivery, a waiver that is granted for the 2011-2012 fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year remains in effect unless it is revoked by the superintendent.

(b) If the waiver is for a 100% online model of delivery and the educational program for which the waiver is granted makes educational services available to pupils for a minimum of at least 1,098 hours during a school year and ensures that each pupil participates in the educational program for at least 1,098 hours during a school year, a waiver that is granted for the 2011-2012 fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year remains in effect unless it is revoked by the superintendent.

(c) A waiver that is not a waiver described in subdivision (a) or (b) is valid for 1 fiscal year and must be renewed annually to remain in effect.

(10) Until 2014-2015, a district may count up to 38 hours of qualifying professional development for teachers as hours of pupil instruction. However, if a collective bargaining agreement that provides for the counting of up to 38 hours of qualifying professional development for teachers as pupil instruction is in effect for employees of a district as of June 13, 2013, then until the school year that begins after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement a district may count up to the contractually specified number of hours of qualifying professional development for teachers as hours of pupil instruction. Professional development provided online is allowable and encouraged, as long as the instruction has been approved by the district. The department shall issue a list of approved online professional development providers, which shall include the Michigan virtual school. As used in this subsection, "qualifying professional development" means professional development that is focused on 1 or more of the following:

(a) Achieving or improving adequate yearly progress as defined under the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

(b) Achieving accreditation or improving a school's accreditation status under section 1280 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1280.

(c) Achieving highly qualified teacher status as defined under the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

(d) Integrating technology into classroom instruction.

(e) Maintaining teacher certification.

(11) Subsections (3) and (8) do not apply to a school of excellence that is a cyber school, as defined in section 551 of the revised school code, MCL 380.551, and is in compliance with section 553a of the revised school code, MCL 380.553a.

(12) Subsections (3) and (8) do not apply to eligible pupils enrolled in a dropout recovery program that meets the requirements of section 23a. As used in this subsection, "eligible pupil" means that term as defined in section 23a.

(13) Beginning in 2013, at least every 2 years the superintendent shall review the waiver standards set forth in the pupil accounting and auditing manuals to ensure that the waiver standards and waiver process continue to be appropriate and responsive to changing trends in online learning. The superintendent shall solicit and consider input from stakeholders as part of this review.

Sec. 147c. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated for 2013-2014 an amount not to exceed \$249,500,000.00 from the state school aid fund, and there is appropriated for 2013-2014 an amount not to exceed \$156,000,000.00 from the MPERS retirement obligation reform reserve fund, for payments to districts and intermediate districts that are participating entities of the Michigan public school employees' retirement system.

(2) In addition to the allocation under subsection (1), from the general fund money appropriated under section 11, there is allocated for payments to district libraries that are participating entities of the retirement system an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 for 2013-2014.

(3) Payments made under this section for 2013-2014 shall be equal to the difference between the unfunded actuarial accrued liability contribution rate as calculated pursuant to section 41 of the public school employees retirement act of 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1341, as calculated without taking into account the maximum employer rate of 20.96% included in section 41 of the public school employees retirement act of 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1341, and the

maximum employer rate of 20.96% included in section 41 of the public school employees retirement act of 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1341.

(4) The amount allocated to each participating entity under this section shall be based on each participating entity's proportion of the total covered payroll for the immediately preceding fiscal year for the same type of participating entities. A participating entity that receives funds under this section shall use the funds solely for the purpose of retirement contributions as specified in subsection (5).

(5) Each participating entity receiving funds under this section shall forward an amount equal to the amount allocated under subsection (4) to the retirement system in a form, manner, and time frame determined by the retirement system.

(6) Funds allocated under this section should be considered when comparing a district's growth in total state aid funding from 1 fiscal year to the next.

(7) As used in this section:

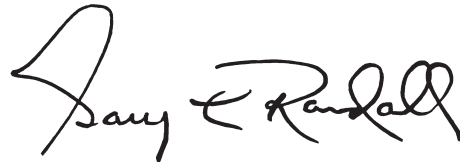
(a) "Participating entity" means a district, intermediate district, or district library that is a reporting unit of the Michigan public school employees' retirement system under the public school employees retirement act of 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1301 to 38.1437, and that reports employees to the Michigan public school employees' retirement system for the applicable fiscal year.

(b) "Retirement board" means the board that administers the retirement system under the public school employees retirement act of 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1301 to 38.1437.

(c) "Retirement system" means the Michigan public school employees' retirement system under the public school employees retirement act of 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1301 to 38.1437.

Enacting section 1. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending on school aid under 2013 PA 60, 2013 PA 130, and this amendatory act from state sources for fiscal year 2013-2014 is estimated at \$11,506,132,300.00 and state appropriations for school aid to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2013-2014 are estimated at \$11,343,224,700.00.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

Approved .....

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Governor