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Senate Bill 941 (as introduced 4-12-18)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the State School Aid Act to enact a new Article V (Sections 297-297n), commonly referred to as the "Marshall Plan for Talent". The bill would appropriate \$100.0 million in fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 from the Talent Investment Fund for the purpose of improving the State's talent pool. Funds appropriated in FY 2018-19 would be a work project appropriation, and any unspent funds would be carried into FY 2019-20, with the work project estimated to be completed by the end of FY 2022-23.

Table 1 below shows the spending proposed in the bill (which, as introduced, is the same as the Governor's recommendation for the Marshall Plan). Under the bill, a total of \$100.0 million is proposed to be spent from the Talent Investment Fund (which Senate bill 942 would create).

In addition, the bill would create the Michigan's Future Talent Council within the Department of Talent and Economic Development (TED), for the purpose of identifying current and future workforce needs. Further, the bill would define terms used throughout Article V. Of note, "competency-based education" would be defined as "an approach to teaching and pupil learning where pupils are evaluated on individual competencies, and only when they master them, they move on to more advanced competencies".

(Unlike this bill, which would add a new article to the School Aid Act for the purpose of funding the Marshall Plan, the House of Representatives included the proposed spending in the budget for School Aid. House Bill 5579 (H-1) also would appropriate \$100.0 million in Talent Investment Fund revenue, but would spend \$75.0 million of that revenue for certain items in the Marshall Plan and \$25.0 million for existing career and technical education funding.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would appropriate \$100.0 million from the Talent Investment Fund for various purposes. Of the total, an estimated \$52.9 million would be for payments to local units of government (districts, intermediate districts, and community colleges). The remainder would go to universities, State departments (including TED, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget), and other programs.

Table 1

Proposed Marshall Plan for Talent Spending			
SB 941 Section Number	Purpose	Grantees	SB 941 Amount Proposed
297a	To create and expand competency-based programs that result in stackable credentials or skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent consortium members* MDE administration 	\$20,960,000 940,000
297b	To fill gaps in curriculum, material, and instructional practices for high-demand competencies, and for MDE to provide technical assistance to districts to help integrate the Michigan Merit curriculum into competency-based programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent consortium members* MDE for curriculum integration MDE administration 	4,000,000 2,000,000 100,000
297c	To provide competitive grants to purchase equipment to increase skilled workers in emerging and high-demand fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts and ISDs in a talent consortium TED administration 	11,225,000 375,000
297d	To design and implement competency-based education pilot programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts Statewide supports MDE administration 	2,500,000 450,000 50,000
297e	To provide competitive grants for improving curriculum and instruction in high-demand fields and to increase the number of teachers in high-demand fields, and Marshall Plan evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSU, U of M, Wayne State 	4,000,000
297f	To provide funds to support cybersecurity training and infrastructure programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitions (districts) Training and Infrastructure Cyber Patriot 	620,000 1,100,000 280,000
297g	To provide scholarships for low-income students for a degree or credential in a high-demand field, to provide funding to postsecondary institutions for coaches and mentors, to provide incentive grants to districts, and for Treasury administration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students Postsecondary Districts Treasury admin 	20,000,000 2,440,000 2,300,000 760,000
297h	To provide funding to districts to hire career navigators, and for MDE administration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts MDE administration 	10,000,000 100,000
297i	To provide funding for MiBright Future, a web-based career preparation platform.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MiBright Future 	4,000,000
297j	To provide funding for an awareness campaign.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent Attraction Going Pro Media Campaign Talent Council 	3,400,000 1,000,000 600,000 500,000
297k	To provide competitive grants to assist teachers in earning endorsements in high-demand fields, and for MDE to develop a condensed teaching certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts MDE 	1,250,000 250,000
297L	To provide funding to teachers who are part of the Innovative Educator Corps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative Teachers MDE administration 	4,600,000 200,000
		Total	\$100,000,000

*Districts, intermediate districts, community colleges, colleges, and universities that are members of, and apply on behalf of, a talent consortium.

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