

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5643

December 14, 2021, Introduced by Reps. O'Neal, Jones, Haadsma, Breen, Tyrone Carter, Hood, Sneller and Cherry and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled  
"The state school aid act of 1979,"  
by amending section 61c (MCL 388.1661c), as amended by 2021 PA 48.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 61c. (1) From the general fund money appropriated in  
2 section 11, there is allocated for 2021-2022 an amount not to  
3 exceed \$7,500,000.00 to ~~eligible~~ career education planning  
4 districts for the CTE skilled trades initiative described in  
5 subsections (2) to (5). ~~To be eligible to receive funding under~~  
6 ~~this section, at least 50% of the area served by a CEPD must be~~

1 ~~located in an intermediate district that did not levy a vocational~~  
2 ~~education millage in 2021.~~

3 (2) To receive funding under subsection (1), each eligible  
4 CEPD must apply in a form and manner prescribed by the department.  
5 Funding to each eligible CEPD must be equal to the quotient of the  
6 allocation under subsection (1) and the sum of the number of career  
7 education planning districts applying for funding under subsection  
8 (1) that are located in an intermediate district that did not levy  
9 a vocational education millage in 2021. **proportionate to the number**  
10 **of CTE programs, based on program serial numbers, excluding**  
11 **early/middle college programs, run by the CEPD in 2021, except that**  
12 **a CEPD for which at least 50% of the area served by the CEPD is**  
13 **located in an intermediate district that did not levy a millage for**  
14 **area vocational-technical education in 2021 must receive twice the**  
15 **allocation as otherwise calculated under this subsection.**

16 (3) At least 50% of the funding allocated to each eligible  
17 CEPD **under this section** must be used to update equipment in current  
18 CTE programs that have been identified in the highest 5 career  
19 cluster rankings in the most recent CEPD regional strategic plans  
20 jointly approved by the Michigan talent investment agency in the  
21 department of labor and economic opportunity and the department,  
22 for training on new equipment, for professional development  
23 relating to computer science or coding, or for new and emerging  
24 certified CTE programs to allow CEPD administrators to provide  
25 programming in communities that will enhance economic development.  
26 The funding for equipment should be used to support and enhance  
27 community areas that have sustained job growth, and act as a  
28 commitment to build a more qualified and skilled workforce. In  
29 addition, each CEPD is encouraged to explore the option of leasing

1 equipment from local private industry to encourage the use of the  
2 most advanced equipment.

3 (4) The allocation of funds **under this section** at the local  
4 level must be determined by CEPD administrators using data from the  
5 state, region, and local sources to make well-informed decisions on  
6 program equipment improvements. Grants awarded by CEPD  
7 administrators for capital infrastructure must be used to ensure  
8 that CTE programs can deliver educational programs in high-wage,  
9 high-skill, and high-demand occupations. Each CEPD shall continue  
10 to ensure that program advisory boards make recommendations on  
11 needed improvements for equipment that support job growth and job  
12 skill development and retention for both the present and the  
13 future.

14 (5) Not later than September 15 of each fiscal year, each CEPD  
15 receiving funding shall annually report to the department, the  
16 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on school aid, the  
17 senate and house fiscal agencies, and **the** legislature on equipment  
18 purchased under subsection (1). In addition, the report must  
19 identify growth data on program involvement, retention, and  
20 development of student skills.

21 (6) As used in this section:

22 (a) "CEPD" means a career education planning district  
23 described in this section.

24 (b) "CTE" means career and technical education.