

# SENATE BILL NO. 1096

June 23, 2022, Introduced by Senators CHANG, POLEHANKI, WOJNO, GEISS, MCMORROW, SANTANA, MOSS, MCCANN, HERTEL, BAYER, BRINKS, MCBROOM and IRWIN and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled  
"The state school aid act of 1979,"  
(MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896) by adding section 81a.

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

1       **Sec. 81a. (1) From the state school aid fund money**  
2       **appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2021-2022 an**  
3       **amount not to exceed \$50,000,000.00 and there is allocated for**  
4       **2022-2023 an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000.00 for the purposes**

1 of this section. Programs funded under this section are intended to  
2 expand support for new teachers, improve their instructional  
3 practices, and improve teacher retention.

4 (2) From the allocation under subsection (1), the department  
5 shall partner with educator preparation programs provided by public  
6 institutions of higher education, districts, or districts in  
7 partnership with an institution of higher education or an  
8 alternative educator preparation program to provide coaching and a  
9 cohort system of support to students in educator preparation  
10 programs and new teachers. The services described in this  
11 subsection must be free and must continue to be available for at  
12 least the first 3 years of a teacher's service. The partnership  
13 described in this subsection is intended to create a robust support  
14 system for new teachers. A cohort system of support described in  
15 this subsection must provide both of the following:

16 (a) Provide new teachers with professional connections to  
17 similarly experienced teachers who face many of the same challenges  
18 when beginning their profession.

19 (b) Provide coaches or mentors who are experts in the field of  
20 education to new teachers who can offer guidance on complex issues  
21 and subsequently share that expertise with new teachers.

22 (3) From the allocation under subsection (1), the department  
23 shall provide grants for mentor stipends to support and retain  
24 quality teachers in this state. Districts are eligible to receive  
25 grants under this subsection and may use the funding for any of the  
26 following allowable expenditures:

27 (a) Stipends for veteran teachers who serve as mentor  
28 teachers.

29 (b) Training for mentor teachers.

1           (c) Books, materials, professional learning expenses, and  
2 other resources necessary for mentoring and onboarding new  
3 teachers.

4           (d) Staffing costs to cover time spent by both new and mentor  
5 teachers dedicated to mentoring and onboarding rather than being in  
6 the classroom.