

SENATE BILL NO. 307

April 27, 2023, Introduced by Senators ALBERT, HOITENGA and BELLINO and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the following funds:

1	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
2	APPROPRIATION SUMMARY		
3	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
4	Full-time equated classified positions	621.5	
5	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 499,485,900
6	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
7	Total interdepartmental grants and		
8	intradepartmental transfers		0
9	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 499,485,900
10	Federal revenues:		
11	Total federal revenues		364,589,100
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Total local revenues		5,856,000
14	Total private revenues		2,791,300
15	Total other state restricted revenues		10,072,000
16	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 116,177,500
17	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE		
18	SUPERINTENDENT		
19	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
20	Full-time equated classified positions	11.0	
21	Unclassified salaries--FTE positions	6.0	\$ 1,100,500
22	Education commission of the states		120,800
23	State board of education, per diem payments		24,400
24	State board/superintendent operations--FTEs	11.0	2,505,400
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 3,751,100
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	Federal revenues		299,100

1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Private foundations		80,000
3	Certification fees		819,000
4	State general fund/general purpose	\$	2,553,000
5	Sec. 103. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND		
6	SUPPORT		
7	Full-time equated classified positions	47.6	
8	Central support operations--FTEs	38.6	\$ 6,142,700
9	Federal and private grants		3,000,000
10	Grant and contract operations--FTEs	9.0	2,781,200
11	Property management		3,972,900
12	Terminal leave payments		353,300
13	Training and orientation workshops		150,000
14	Worker's compensation		13,000
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	16,413,100
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	Federal indirect revenues		2,994,300
19	Federal revenues		6,266,700
20	Special revenue funds:		
21	Private foundations		1,000,000
22	Certification fees		601,600
23	Teacher testing fees		77,100
24	Training and orientation workshop fees		150,000
25	State general fund/general purpose	\$	5,323,400
26	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
27	Information technology services and projects	\$	5,020,800
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	5,020,800

1	Appropriated from:		
2	Federal revenues:		
3	Federal indirect revenues		1,983,600
4	Federal revenues		650,800
5	Special revenue funds:		
6	Certification fees		948,500
7	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,437,900
8	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES		
9	Full-time equated classified positions	47.0	
10	Special education operations--FTEs	47.0	\$ 9,408,900
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	9,408,900
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal revenues		8,816,400
15	Special revenue funds:		
16	Private foundations		110,900
17	Certification fees		47,400
18	State general fund/general purpose	\$	434,200
19	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND		
20	BLIND		
21	Full-time equated classified positions	82.0	
22	ASL literacy resource		\$ 1,000,000
23	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--FTE	1.0	1,000,400
24	Low incidence outreach program		1,000,000
25	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind		
26	operations--FTEs	81.0	16,652,300
27	Private gifts - blind		200,000
28	Private gifts - deaf		150,000

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	20,002,700
2	Appropriated from:			
3	Federal revenues:			
4	Federal revenues			7,590,200
5	Special revenue funds:			
6	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)			5,856,000
7	Gifts, bequests, and donations			1,350,400
8	Low incidence outreach fund			1,000,000
9	Student insurance revenue			206,100
10	State general fund/general purpose		\$	4,000,000
11	Sec. 107. EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE			
12	Full-time equated classified positions	53.0		
13	Educator excellence operations--FTEs	52.0	\$	10,365,100
14	Educator recruitment and preparation programs--			
15	FTE	1.0		1,669,500
16	Teacher license renewals			280,000
17	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	12,314,600
18	Federal revenues:			
19	Federal revenues			3,167,100
20	Special revenue funds:			
21	Certification fees			4,154,700
22	Teacher testing fees			200,700
23	State general fund/general purpose		\$	4,792,100
24	Sec. 108. MICHIGAN OFFICE OF GREAT START			
25	Full-time equated classified positions	71.0		
26	Child development and care contracted services			13,900,000
27	Child development and care external support			31,089,000
28	Child development and care public assistance			199,080,000

1	Head Start collaboration office--FTE	1.0		421,900
2	Office of great start operations--FTEs	70.0		14,217,100
3	T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Michigan scholarship			
4	program			5,000,000
5	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	263,708,000
6	Appropriated from:			
7	Federal revenues:			
8	Federal revenues			210,060,600
9	Special revenue funds:			
10	Private foundations			250,000
11	Certification fees			64,600
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$	53,332,800
13	Sec. 109. SYSTEMS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY			
14	Full-time equated classified positions	10.0		
15	Office of systems, evaluation, and technology			
16	operations--FTEs	10.0	\$	2,016,700
17	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	2,016,700
18	Appropriated from:			
19	Federal revenues:			
20	Federal indirect revenues			141,300
21	Federal revenues			998,900
22	Special revenue funds:			
23	Certification fees			10,600
24	State general fund/general purpose		\$	865,900
25	Sec. 110. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION			
26	Full-time equated classified positions	6.0		
27	Strategic planning and implementation			
28	operations--FTEs	6.0	\$	1,101,100

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	1,101,100
2	Appropriated from:			
3	Federal revenues:			
4	Federal revenues			567,600
5	State general fund/general purpose		\$	533,500
6	Sec. 111. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SERVICES			
7	Full-time equated classified positions	2.0		
8	Administrative law operations--FTEs	2.0	\$	1,416,800
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	1,416,800
10	Appropriated from:			
11	Federal revenues:			
12	Federal revenues			572,900
13	Special revenue funds:			
14	Certification fees			739,300
15	State general fund/general purpose		\$	104,600
16	Sec. 112. ACCOUNTABILITY SERVICES			
17	Full-time equated classified positions	63.6		
18	Accountability services operations--FTEs	63.6	\$	14,736,600
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	14,736,600
20	Appropriated from:			
21	Federal revenues:			
22	Federal revenues			12,819,500
23	State general fund/general purpose		\$	1,917,100
24	Sec. 113. SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES			
25	Full-time equated classified positions	75.6		
26	Adolescent and school health		\$	326,800
27	School support services operations--FTEs	75.6		14,364,500
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	14,691,300

1	Appropriated from:		
2	Federal revenues:		
3	Federal revenues		12,829,300
4	Special revenue funds:		
5	Commodity distribution fees		150,000
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,712,000
7	Sec. 114. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS		
8	Full-time equated classified positions	82.7	
9	Educational supports operations--FTEs	82.7	\$ 17,090,500
10	Michigan core curriculum		750,000
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	17,840,500
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal revenues		12,941,000
15	Special revenue funds:		
16	Certification fees		602,400
17	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,297,100
18	Sec. 115. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION		
19	Full-time equated classified positions	24.0	
20	Career and technical education operations--FTEs	24.0	\$ 5,440,300
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	5,440,300
22	Appropriated from:		
23	Federal revenues:		
24	Federal revenues		4,052,300
25	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,388,000
26	Sec. 116. LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN		
27	Full-time equated classified positions	33.0	
28	Library of Michigan operations--FTEs	31.0	\$ 5,018,100

1	Library pilot program		800,000
2	Library services and technology program--FTE	1.0	5,623,000
3	Michigan eLibrary--FTE	1.0	1,731,000
4	Renaissance zone reimbursements		2,200,000
5	State aid to libraries		15,567,700
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 30,939,800
7	Appropriated from:		
8	Federal revenues:		
9	Federal revenues		5,623,000
10	Special revenue funds:		
11	Library fees		300,000
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 25,016,800
13	Sec. 117. PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT SUPPORT		
14	Full-time equated classified positions	13.0	
15	Partnership district support operations--FTEs	13.0	\$ 3,583,600
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 3,583,600
17	Appropriated from:		
18	Federal revenues:		
19	Federal revenues		114,500
20	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 3,469,100
21	Sec. 118. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
22	E rate special construction matching fund		5,000,000
23	Head start background checks		100,000
24	Child development and care public assistance		72,000,000
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 77,100,000
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	Federal revenues		72,100,000

1 (d) "FTE" means full-time equated.

2 (e) "HHS" means the United States Department of Health and
3 Human Services.

4 Sec. 204. The departments and agencies receiving
5 appropriations in part 1 shall use the internet to fulfill the
6 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement shall include
7 transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for
8 each reporting requirement, or it shall include placement of
9 reports on an internet site.

10 Sec. 205. Except as otherwise provided in this part, all
11 reports required under this part shall be submitted to the senate
12 and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget,
13 the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office.

14 Sec. 206. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
15 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
16 following apply to funds appropriated in part 1:

17 (a) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used for the
18 purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively
19 priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or
20 both, are available.

21 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
22 manufactured or provided by businesses in this state, if they are
23 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

24 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
25 that are manufactured or provided by businesses in this state that
26 are owned and operated by veterans, if they are competitively
27 priced and of comparable quality.

28 Sec. 207. From the funds appropriated in part 1, to the extent
29 permissible under the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL

1 18.1101 to 18.1594, the state superintendent of public instruction
2 shall take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived
3 and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to
4 provide services or supplies, or both. The state superintendent of
5 public instruction shall strongly encourage firms with which the
6 department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in
7 depressed and deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

8 Sec. 208. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
9 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the departments and agencies
10 receiving appropriations in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-
11 of-state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The
12 travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and
13 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
14 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
15 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
16 submitted to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
17 house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.
18 The report shall include the following information:

19 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

20 (b) The transportation and related costs of each travel
21 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
22 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
23 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
24 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

25 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by
26 the department to hire a person to provide legal services that are
27 the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does
28 not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those
29 outside services that the attorney general authorizes.

1 Sec. 210. Not later than December 31, the state budget office
2 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of
3 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
4 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the
5 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
6 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report
7 shall be transmitted to the chairpersons of the senate and house
8 appropriations committees and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

9 Sec. 211. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
10 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
11 federal contingency authorization. These funds are not available
12 for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line
13 item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget
14 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

15 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
16 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for state
17 restricted contingency authorization. These funds are not available
18 for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line
19 item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget
20 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

21 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
22 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for local
23 contingency authorization. These funds are not available for
24 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
25 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
26 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

27 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
28 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for private
29 contingency authorization. These funds are not available for

1 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
2 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
3 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

4 Sec. 212. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
5 in part 1 shall cooperate with the department of technology,
6 management, and budget to maintain a searchable website accessible
7 by the public at no cost that includes, but is not limited to, all
8 of the following for the department:

9 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

10 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

11 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
12 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
13 payment description.

14 (d) The number of active department employees by job
15 classification.

16 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

17 Sec. 213. As a condition of receiving funds in part 1, within
18 14 days after the release of the executive budget recommendation,
19 the department shall cooperate with the state budget office to
20 provide the senate and house appropriations chairs, the chairs of
21 the senate and house appropriations subcommittees responsible for
22 the department budget, and the senate and house fiscal agencies
23 with an annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances,
24 state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund
25 expenditures for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2023 and
26 September 30, 2024.

27 Sec. 214. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
28 department shall maintain, on a publicly accessible website, a
29 department scorecard that identifies, tracks, and regularly updates

1 key metrics that are used to monitor and improve the department's
2 performance.

3 Sec. 216. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
4 department shall provide through the internet the state board of
5 education agenda and all supporting documents, and shall notify the
6 state budget director and the senate and house fiscal agencies that
7 the agenda and supporting documents are available on the internet,
8 at the time the agenda and supporting documents are provided to
9 state board of education members.

10 Sec. 217. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall
11 report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
12 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department
13 budget, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following
14 information:

15 (a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and
16 civil service classification.

17 (b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized
18 from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs
19 employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

20 (2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department
21 shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
22 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department
23 budget, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following
24 information:

25 (a) The number of employees that were engaged in remote work
26 in 2024.

27 (b) The number of employees authorized to work remotely and
28 the actual number of those working remotely in the current
29 reporting period.

1 (c) An estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work.

2 (d) The reduced use of office space associated with remote
3 work.

4 Sec. 218. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
5 department may assist DHHS, other departments, intermediate school
6 districts, and local school districts to secure reimbursement for
7 eligible services provided in Michigan schools from the federal
8 Medicaid program. The department may submit reports of direct
9 expenses related to this effort to DHHS for reimbursement.

10 Sec. 219. If the state administrative board, acting under
11 section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount
12 appropriated under part 1, the legislature may, by a concurrent
13 resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and
14 serving in each house, intertransfer funds within part 1 for the
15 particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.

16 Sec. 220. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
17 department shall post on its website a link to the federal
18 Institute of Education Sciences' What Works Clearinghouse. The
19 department also shall work to disseminate knowledge about the What
20 Works Clearinghouse to districts and intermediate school districts
21 so that it may be used to improve reading proficiency for pupils in
22 grades K to 3.

23 Sec. 221. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
24 department shall report no later than April 1 on each specific
25 policy change made to implement a public act affecting the
26 department that took effect during the prior calendar year to the
27 senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house
28 subcommittees responsible for the department budget, the joint
29 committee on administrative rules, and the senate and house fiscal

1 agencies.

2 Sec. 222. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by
3 the department or an agency to take disciplinary action against an
4 employee of the department or agency in the state classified civil
5 service because the employee communicates with a member of the
6 legislature or the member's staff, unless the communication is
7 prohibited by law and the department or departmental agency taking
8 disciplinary action is exercising its authority as provided by law.

9 Sec. 223. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
10 in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded
11 from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state guidelines for
12 short-term and long-term retention of records shall be followed.
13 The department may electronically retain copies of reports unless
14 otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

15 Sec. 224. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent
16 possible by the department, not be expended until all existing work
17 project authorization available for the same purposes is exhausted.

18 Sec. 225. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
19 department shall do all of the following:

20 (a) Report to the house and senate appropriations committees,
21 the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy
22 offices, and the state budget office any amounts of severance pay
23 for the department director, deputy director, or other high-ranking
24 department officials not later than 14 days after a severance
25 agreement with the director or official is signed. The name of the
26 director or official and the amount of severance pay must be
27 included in the report required by this subdivision.

28 (b) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in
29 excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the

1 former department employee receiving severance pay.

2 (c) By February 1, report to the house and senate
3 appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house
4 and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices,
5 and the state budget office on the total amount of severance pay
6 remitted to former department employees during the fiscal year
7 ending September 30, 2023 and the total number of former department
8 employees that were remitted severance pay during the fiscal year
9 ending September 30, 2023.

10 (2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means
11 compensation that is both payable or paid upon the termination of
12 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned
13 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement
14 benefits.

15 Sec. 226. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
16 department shall coordinate with the other departments to
17 streamline state services and resources, reduce duplication, and
18 increase efficiency. This includes, but is not limited to, working
19 with the department of treasury to coordinate with the financial
20 independence team and overseeing deficit districts and working with
21 DHHS and the department of licensing and regulatory affairs to
22 coordinate with early childhood programs and overseeing child care
23 providers.

24 Sec. 227. (1) Any department, agency, board, commission, or
25 public officer that receives funding under part 1 shall not do any
26 of the following:

27 (a) Require as a condition of accessing any facility or
28 receiving services that an individual provide proof that the
29 individual has received a COVID-19 vaccine except as provided by

1 federal law or as a condition of receiving federal Medicare or
2 Medicaid funding.

3 (b) Produce, develop, issue, or require a COVID-19 vaccine
4 passport.

5 (c) Develop a database or make any existing database publicly
6 available to access an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status by any
7 person, company, or governmental entity.

8 (d) Require as a condition of employment that an employee or
9 official provide proof that the individual has received a COVID-19
10 vaccine. This subdivision does not apply to any hospital,
11 congregate care facility, or other medical facility or any
12 hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility
13 operated by a local subdivision that receives federal Medicare or
14 Medicaid funding.

15 (2) A department, agency, board, commission, or public officer
16 may not subject any individual to any negative employment
17 consequence, retaliation, or retribution because of that
18 individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.

19 (3) Subsection (1) does not prohibit any person, department,
20 agency, board, commission, or public officer from transmitting
21 proof of an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status to any person,
22 company, or governmental entity, so long as the individual provides
23 affirmative consent.

24 (4) If a department, agency, board, commission, subdivision,
25 or official or public officer is required to establish a vaccine
26 policy due to a federal mandate, it must provide exemptions to any
27 COVID-19 vaccine policy to the following individuals:

28 (a) An individual for whom a physician certifies that a COVID-
29 19 vaccine is or may be detrimental to the individual's health or

1 is not appropriate.

2 (b) An individual who provides a written statement to the
3 effect that the requirements of the COVID-19 vaccine policy cannot
4 be met because of religious convictions or other consistently held
5 objection to immunization.

6 (5) As used in this section, "public officer" means an
7 individual appointed by the governor or another executive
8 department official or an elected or appointed official of this
9 state or a political subdivision of this state.

10 Sec. 228. (1) As a condition of receiving appropriations in
11 part 1, in collaboration with DHHS, the department shall promote
12 and support initiatives in schools and other educational
13 organizations that include, but are not limited to, training for
14 educators, teachers, and other personnel in school settings for all
15 of the following:

16 (a) Utilization of trauma-informed practices.

17 (b) Age-appropriate education and information on human
18 trafficking.

19 (c) Age-appropriate education and information on sexual abuse
20 prevention.

21 (2) Upon request by the department, the department of state
22 police and the department of attorney general shall consult in the
23 promotion and support of initiatives in schools and other
24 educational organizations under subsection (1).

25 Sec. 229. As a condition of receiving funds appropriated in
26 part 1, the department shall not submit federal accountability
27 plans or request amendments to federal accountability plans until
28 after notification of the content to both the house and senate
29 appropriations committees, house and senate fiscal agencies, and

1 the state budget director.

2 Sec. 230. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
3 department shall compile a report that identifies any new mandates
4 required of nonpublic schools or the lack of any new mandates for
5 nonpublic schools. In compiling the report, the department may
6 consult with relevant statewide education associations in this
7 state. The report compiled by the department shall indicate the
8 type of mandate, including, but not limited to, student health,
9 student or building safety, accountability, and educational
10 requirements, and shall indicate whether a school has to report on
11 the specified mandates. The report required under this section
12 shall be completed by April 1, 2024 and transmitted to the state
13 budget director, the house and senate appropriations subcommittees
14 responsible for the department, and the senate and house fiscal
15 agencies not later than April 15, 2024.

16 Sec. 231. It is the intent of the legislature that departments
17 maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and, where possible,
18 prioritize in-person work. Each executive branch department,
19 agency, board, or commission that receives funding under part 1
20 must post its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its
21 website.

22 Sec. 232. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
23 department shall ensure that the most recently issued report of
24 regional in-demand occupations issued by the department of
25 technology, management, and budget is distributed in electronic or
26 paper form to all high schools in each school district,
27 intermediate school district, and public school academy.

28 Sec. 235. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
29 department shall administer a survey that allows teachers,

1 paraprofessionals, and administrators to provide feedback on their
2 interactions with the department.

3 (2) The department shall administer the survey required in
4 subsection (1) with a focus on the following interactions:

5 (a) Any transaction that occurs through the Michigan Online
6 Educator Certification System.

7 (b) Professional development that is offered or coordinated by
8 the department.

9 (3) The survey required under subsection (1) must include, but
10 is not limited to, the following:

11 (a) Information on a survey recipient's viewpoint of the
12 department and rating of their interactions under subsection (2).

13 (b) The recipient's insight on the department's effectiveness
14 in achieving goals within Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education
15 Plan.

16 (4) The department shall prepare a report of the survey
17 required under subsection (1), including a summary of the survey
18 results, and shall submit that report to the senate and house
19 appropriations committees by June 1, 2024. It is the intent of the
20 legislature that the usefulness of this report in decision making,
21 and need to maintain reporting requirements, shall be assessed in
22 the fiscal year 2025-2026.

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24 **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

25 Sec. 301. (1) The appropriations in part 1 may be used for per
26 diem payments to the state board for meetings at which a quorum is
27 present or for performing official business authorized by the state
28 board. The per diem payments shall be at a rate as follows:

29 (a) State board of education - president - \$110.00 per day.

1 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
2 \$100.00 per day.

3 (2) A state board of education member shall not be paid a per
4 diem for more than 30 days per year.

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6 **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

7 Sec. 350. From the funds in part 1 for special education
8 operations, the department shall use \$100,000.00 to design and
9 distribute to all parents and legal guardians of a student with a
10 disability information about federal and state mandates regarding
11 the rights and protections of students with disabilities,
12 including, but not limited to, individualized education programs to
13 ensure that parents and legal guardians are fully informed about
14 laws, rules, procedural safeguards, problem-solving options, and
15 any other information the department determines is necessary so
16 that parents and legal guardians may be able to provide meaningful
17 input in collaboration with districts to develop and implement an
18 individualized education program.

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20 **MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

21 Sec. 401. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the employees
22 at the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind who work on a
23 school-year basis are considered annual employees for purposes of
24 service credits, retirement, and insurance benefits.

25 Sec. 402. For each student enrolled at the Michigan Schools
26 for the Deaf and Blind, the department shall assess the
27 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
28 operating the student's instructional program. The amount shall
29 exclude room and board related costs and the cost of weekend

1 transportation between the school and the student's home.

2 Sec. 406. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
3 Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind may promote its residential
4 program as a possible appropriate option for children who are deaf
5 or hard of hearing or who are blind or visually impaired. The
6 Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind shall distribute
7 information detailing its services to all intermediate school
8 districts in this state.

9 (2) Upon knowledge of or recognition by an intermediate school
10 district that a child in the district is deaf or hard of hearing or
11 blind or visually impaired, the intermediate school district shall
12 provide to the parents of the child the literature distributed by
13 the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind to intermediate school
14 districts under subsection (1).

15 (3) Parents will continue to have a choice regarding the
16 educational placement of their deaf or hard-of-hearing children.

17 Sec. 407. Revenue received by the Michigan Schools for the
18 Deaf and Blind from gifts, bequests, and donations that is
19 unexpended at the end of the state fiscal year may be carried over
20 to the succeeding fiscal year and shall not revert to the general
21 fund.

22 Sec. 408. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the low
23 incidence outreach fund are appropriated from money collected by
24 the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind and the low incidence
25 outreach program for providing qualified services and may be used
26 for any expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any
27 money that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year may
28 be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year.

29 (2) As used in this section, "qualified services" means

1 document reproduction and services; conducting conferences,
2 workshops, and training classes; and providing specialized
3 equipment, facilities, and software.

4 Sec. 409. When conducting a due process hearing resulting from
5 a parent's appeal of his or her child's individualized education
6 program team's decision on the child's educational placement, a
7 state administrative law judge shall consider designating the
8 Michigan School for the Deaf as 1 of the options for the least
9 restrictive environment under federal law for the parent's child
10 who is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing.

11 Sec. 410. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for ASL
12 literacy resources, the department shall expend the funds to comply
13 with all requirements in section 1705 of the revised school code,
14 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1705.

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16 **EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE**

17 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
18 excellence, the department shall maintain certificate revocation
19 and felony conviction files of educational personnel.

20 Sec. 502. The funds appropriated in part 1 for teacher license
21 renewals shall be used to implement a program to waive fees or
22 associated costs for the recruitment and retention of educators.

23 Sec. 503. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
24 department shall, upon request, consult with the Michigan Virtual
25 Learning Research Institute and external stakeholders in connection
26 with the department's implementation and administration of
27 professional development training described in section 35a of the
28 state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1635a, including,
29 but not limited to, the online training of educators of pupils in

1 grades K to 3 described in that section.

2 Sec. 504. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
3 recruitment and preparation programs, the department shall award
4 \$1,000,000.00 to districts for educator preparation program
5 tuition, program fees, testing fees, and substitute permit costs
6 for any individual employed in grades pre-k to 12 working toward
7 certification or an additional endorsement, and for program costs
8 associated with hands-on learning experiences for students in
9 grades 6 to 12 interested in the field of education, with
10 supervision and mentoring from educators who are champions of, and
11 committed to, the success of the profession.

12 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
13 recruitment and preparation programs, not less than \$190,000.00 and
14 not fewer than 1.0 FTE position is allocated for educator
15 recruitment and preparation programs. These amounts are in addition
16 to any funding and FTEs utilized for this purpose in the fiscal
17 year ending September 30, 2024.

18 Sec. 506. Revenue received from teacher testing fees that is
19 unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year may be carried
20 over to the succeeding fiscal year and shall not revert to the
21 general fund.

22 Sec. 507. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
23 department shall adopt a teacher certification test that ensures
24 that all newly certified elementary teachers have the skills to
25 deliver evidence-based literacy instruction grounded in the science
26 of reading. The department may use teacher certification or teacher
27 testing fee revenue to the extent allowable under law to implement
28 this section, or may pass along increased testing fees to teachers
29 as allowable and appropriate.

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SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

Sec. 601. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for adolescent and school health, there is appropriated \$326,800.00 to replace federal funding reductions from the HHS - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the department and section 39a(2)(a) of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1639a.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS

Sec. 701. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educational supports, the department shall produce a report detailing the progress made by districts with grades K to 12 receiving at-risk funding under section 31a of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631a, in implementing multitiered systems of supports in the prior school fiscal year for grades K to 12, and in providing reading intervention services described in section 1280f of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1280f, for pupils in grades K to 12.

(2) The report described in subsection (1) shall include, at a minimum:

(a) A description of the training, coaching, and technical assistance offered by the department to districts to support the implementation of effective multitiered systems of supports and reading intervention programs.

(b) A list of districts determined by the department to have successfully implemented multitiered systems of supports and reading intervention programs.

(c) A list of best practices that the department has identified that may be used by districts to implement multitiered

1 systems of supports and reading intervention programs.

2 (d) Other information the department determines would be
3 useful to understanding the status of districts' implementation of
4 effective multitiered systems of supports and reading intervention
5 programs.

6 (3) The department shall provide the report described in
7 subsection (1) to the state budget director, the house and senate
8 subcommittees that oversee the department and school aid budgets,
9 and the house and senate fiscal agencies by September 30, 2024.

10 Sec. 702. From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
11 appropriated an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for
12 implementation costs associated with programs for early childhood
13 literacy funded under section 35a of the state school aid act of
14 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1635a.

15 Sec. 703. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
16 core curriculum, in collaboration with the confederation of
17 Michigan tribal education department, the department shall design,
18 implement, and evaluate professional learning and optional
19 curriculum modules for the purpose of learning Michigan Indigenous
20 tribal history including the history of Indian boarding schools in
21 Michigan as described in the Michigan core curriculum standards for
22 grades 8 to 12.

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24 **LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN**

25 Sec. 801. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for library
26 fees are appropriated from money collected by the library of
27 Michigan for providing qualified services and may be used for any
28 expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any money
29 that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year may be

1 carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year.

2 (2) As used in this section, "qualified services" means
3 document reproduction and services; conducting conferences,
4 workshops, and training classes; and providing specialized
5 equipment, facilities, and software.

6 Sec. 802. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for school
7 library pilot program, the department shall award library pilot
8 program grants to school districts headquartered in 4 counties. The
9 grants shall be used to contract for the administration of
10 libraries of a school district by a librarian with a public
11 librarian certificate issued by the library of Michigan. A grant to
12 a school district may not exceed \$10,000.00 per library facility. A
13 district must employ a certified school media specialist to be
14 eligible for this grant. The 4 counties that are eligible for
15 school districts to receive grants shall include:

16 (a) One county with a population between 600,000 and 700,000
17 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

18 (b) One county with a population between 10,500 and 11,000
19 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

20 (c) One county with a population between 400,000 and 500,000
21 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

22 (d) One county with a population between 154,000 and 154,500
23 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

24 (2) The department may contract with the Michigan library
25 association for assistance in administering the pilot program
26 provided for in subsection (1).

27 (3) A librarian providing contractual services under the pilot
28 program provided for in subsection (1) may not provide library or
29 educational services to a pupil unless the librarian has a valid

1 Michigan teaching certificate with a library of science
2 endorsement.

3 Sec. 804. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for renaissance
4 zone reimbursements shall be used to reimburse public libraries
5 under section 12 of the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376,
6 MCL 125.2692, for taxes levied in 2023. The allocations shall be
7 made not later than 60 days after the department of treasury
8 certifies to the department and to the state budget director that
9 the department of treasury has received all necessary information
10 to properly determine the amounts due to each eligible recipient.

11 (2) If the amount appropriated under this section is not
12 sufficient to fully pay obligations under this section, payments
13 shall be prorated on an equal basis among all eligible public
14 libraries.

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16 **MICHIGAN OFFICE OF GREAT START**

17 Sec. 1002. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
18 department shall ensure that the final child development and care
19 provider reimbursement rates are published on the department and
20 Great Start to Quality webpages.

21 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, upon
22 receiving approval from the state budget director, the department
23 may receive and expand federal child care development block grant
24 funds at risk of being lapsed back to the federal government. The
25 department may do this only if it meets all of the following
26 criteria:

27 (a) The funds are at risk of being lapsed by the end of the
28 current fiscal year.

29 (b) The department plans to expend the funds through a 1-time

1 rate increase to providers.

2 (c) The department makes this request to the state budget
3 director not less than 30 days before the expenditure of the funds.

4 (3) The department may withdraw the intent to expend the funds
5 by sending a letter notifying the state budget director.

6 Sec. 1003. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
7 development and care contracted service, the department shall
8 provide the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the
9 department budget with an annual report on all funding appropriated
10 to contracts for the early childhood comprehensive systems planning
11 by this state during the previous fiscal year. The report is due by
12 February 15 and must contain at least the following information:

13 (a) Total funding appropriated to contracts for the early
14 childhood comprehensive systems planning by the state during the
15 previous fiscal year.

16 (b) The amount of funding for each grant awarded.

17 (c) The grant recipients.

18 (d) The activities funded by each grant.

19 (e) An analysis of each grant recipient's success in
20 addressing the development of a comprehensive system of early
21 childhood services and supports.

22 (2) All department contracts for early childhood comprehensive
23 systems planning shall be bid out through a statewide request-for-
24 proposal process.

25 Sec. 1004. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the
26 T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Michigan Scholarship Program, the
27 department shall ensure that \$5,000,000.00 is appropriated to the
28 T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Michigan Scholarship Program. The
29 program shall give preference to the following providers:

1 (a) Providers that currently have a great start to quality
2 star rating or are in the process to receive a star rating.

3 (b) Providers that are seeking to increase their great start
4 to quality star rating and are only restricted from receiving the
5 increased rating because they lack employees with the proper
6 education level.

7 Sec. 1007. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
8 development and care - external support, the department shall
9 create progress reports that shall include, but are not limited to,
10 the following:

11 (a) Both the on-site and off-site activities that are intended
12 to improve child care provider quality and the number of times
13 those activities are performed by the licensing consultants.

14 (b) How many on-site visits a single licensing consultant has
15 made since the start of the current fiscal year.

16 (c) The types of on-site visits and the number of visits for
17 each type that a single consultant has made since the start of the
18 current fiscal year.

19 (d) The number of providers that have improved their quality
20 rating since the start of the current fiscal year compared to the
21 same time period in the preceding fiscal year, reported as the
22 number of providers in each regional prosperity zone.

23 (e) The types of activities that are intended to improve
24 licensing consultant performance and child care provider quality
25 and the number of times those activities are performed by the
26 managers and administrators.

27 (2) The progress reports shall be sent to the state budget
28 director, the house and senate subcommittees that oversee the
29 department, and the house and senate fiscal agencies by April 1,

1 2024 and September 30, 2024.

2 Sec. 1008. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for office
3 of great start operations, the department shall ensure efficient
4 service provisions to coordinate services provided to families for
5 home visits, reduce duplication of state services and spending, and
6 increase efficiencies including the home visits funded under
7 section 32p of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL
8 388.1632p, and work with DHHS as necessary.

9 Sec. 1009. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
10 from the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and
11 care public assistance, the income entrance eligibility threshold
12 for the child development and care program is set to not more than
13 200% of the federal poverty guidelines until September 30, 2024.

14 (2) If the average number of children under the total paid
15 children column, as reported by DHHS child development and care
16 program Table 41 from the published DHHS Green Book, is more than
17 45,000 children for 3 consecutive months, then the department shall
18 do both of the following:

19 (a) As determined by the department, create a waiting list for
20 new children entering the child development and care program.

21 (b) Begin the administrative process to decrease the income
22 entrance eligibility threshold to not less than 160% of the federal
23 poverty guidelines for the following month.

24 Sec. 1010. As a condition of receiving funds in part 1, within
25 10 days of the receipt of changes to the federal child care and
26 development program, the department shall notify the house and
27 senate chairpersons of the appropriations subcommittees responsible
28 for the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies,
29 and the state budget director. The notification shall include, but

1 is not limited to:

2 (a) Changes to the federal matching award amount, including
3 the amount of state resources necessary to draw down the total
4 matching award.

5 (b) Changes to the amount of child care and development block
6 grant that is awarded to this state.

7 (c) Any significant changes to the federal requirements on the
8 child development and care program, indicating any new requirements
9 that would require the appropriation of additional dollars.

10 Sec. 1011. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
11 development and care public assistance, the department shall
12 implement a biweekly block reimbursement rate schedule through the
13 following block segments:

14 (a) The block segment for a biweekly block reimbursement rate
15 schedule for child care centers, group homes, and registered family
16 homes, for paid part-time hours between 1 to 30 hours, shall be
17 reimbursed as 30 hours.

18 (b) The block segment for a biweekly block reimbursement rate
19 schedule for child care centers, group homes, and registered family
20 homes, for paid part-time hours between 31 to 60 hours, shall be
21 reimbursed as 60 hours, part-time rate.

22 (c) The block segment for a biweekly block reimbursement rate
23 schedule for child care centers, group homes, and registered family
24 homes, for paid full-time plus hours between 61 to 90 hours, shall
25 be reimbursed as 90 hours, full-time rate.

26 (d) The block segment for a biweekly block reimbursement rate
27 schedule for license exempt providers shall be reimbursed at their
28 current hourly reimbursement rates.

29 Sec. 1012. From the funds appropriated in part 1,

1 \$3,000,000.00 shall be for the department to work in collaboration
2 with DHHS to continue the network of infant and early childhood
3 mental health consultation, which provides mental health
4 consultation to child care providers.

5 Sec. 1013. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
6 department shall create a status report on the various child care
7 enhancements appropriated in fiscal year 2022-2023 that shall
8 include, but is not limited to, the following:

9 (a) The amount expended from the ARP - child care entitlement,
10 ARP - child care stabilization fund, ARP - child care stimulus,
11 child care award, and CRRSA - child care stimulus in fiscal year
12 2022-2023.

13 (b) The amount expended for each child care enhancement
14 program funded in sections 1012, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026,
15 1027, and 1028 of article 3 of 2021 PA 87 in fiscal year 2022-2023.

16 (c) The number of providers that received a child care
17 stabilization grant and the total amount of the grants received by
18 provider type for each round of grants issued under section 1022 of
19 article 3 of 2021 PA 87.

20 (d) The number of child care employees that received a salary
21 enhancement under section 1024 of article 3 of 2021 PA 87.

22 (e) The number of providers that received assistance and the
23 type of assistance received from the technical and financial
24 support program created in section 1023 of article 3 of 2021 PA 87
25 in fiscal year 2022-2023.

26 (f) The number of infant and toddler slots that have been
27 contracted under section 1027 of article 3 of 2021 PA 87 in fiscal
28 year 2022-2023.

29 (g) The number of additional cases and the number of children

1 enrolled in child development and care above 160% of the federal
2 poverty guidelines and the total cost for those cases, per month,
3 in fiscal year 2022-2023.

4 (2) The report required under this section shall be completed
5 and transmitted to the state budget director, the house and senate
6 appropriations subcommittees responsible for the department of
7 education, and the senate and house fiscal agencies not later than
8 November 1, 2023.