

HOUSE BILL NO. 5165

October 29, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Paquette, Bellino, O'Malley, Ellison, Griffin, Garza, Brenda Carter, Kennedy, Cynthia Johnson, Tyrone Carter, Miller, Meerman, Koleszar and Gay-Dagnogo and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

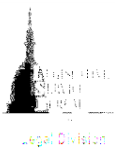
A bill to establish a making a difference for a teacher award program; to create the made a difference teacher fund in the department of treasury; to provide for the distribution of the money from the fund; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain agencies and officials; and to provide for appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "making a difference for a teacher act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the department of treasury.



1 (b) "Fund" means the made a difference teacher fund created in
2 section 7.

3 (c) "Making a difference for a teacher award program" or
4 "program" means the program created in section 5.

5 (d) "State-certified teacher" means an individual who holds a
6 valid teaching certificate issued by the superintendent of public
7 instruction under section 1531 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
8 451, MCL 380.1531.

9 Sec. 5. (1) The department shall establish a making a
10 difference for a teacher award program to recognize state-certified
11 teachers who go above and beyond to make a difference in the lives
12 of children. The department shall accept nominations from anyone,
13 in a form and manner as prescribed by the department. The
14 department may create an advisory group to review the nominations
15 and select recipients of the award.

16 (2) The department shall grant awards annually in the amount
17 of \$1,000.00 to each state-certified teacher who has been selected
18 from the nominations by the advisory group. The number of awards
19 each year shall be determined by dividing the amount in the making
20 a difference for a teacher fund by \$1,000.00.

21 Sec. 7. (1) The made a difference teacher fund is created as a
22 separate fund in the department to offer awards to state-certified
23 teachers through the making a difference for a teacher award
24 program. The department shall be the administrator of the fund for
25 auditing purposes.

26 (2) The state treasurer shall credit to the fund all amounts
27 appropriated for this purpose under section 435 of the income tax
28 act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.435, and money from any other
29 source for deposit into the fund.



1 (3) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the
2 fund. The fund shall consist of the money credited to the fund
3 pursuant to section 435 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281,
4 MCL 206.435, any interest and earnings accruing from the saving and
5 investment of that money, and money from any other source.

6 (4) Money in the fund at the close of the year shall remain in
7 the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

8 Sec. 9. The money, interest, and earnings of the fund shall be
9 expended solely to offer awards and recognize state-certified
10 teachers who have been nominated for the award under the making a
11 difference for a teacher award program.

12 Sec. 11. The money in the fund that is available for
13 distribution shall be appropriated each year. Money granted or
14 received as a gift or donation to the fund is available for
15 distribution upon appropriation.

16 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless
17 Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5166 (request no. 02899'19
18 **) of the 100th Legislature is enacted into law.

