

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 769**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; 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, 2025 from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0
Full-time equated classified positions	567.5

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	163,450,100
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
3	Total interdepartmental grants and			
4	intradepartmental transfers			0
5	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATIONS		\$	163,450,100
6	Federal revenues:			
7	Total federal revenues			82,550,500
8	Special revenue funds:			
9	Total local revenues			5,868,500
10	Total private revenues			2,542,200
11	Total other state restricted revenues			10,117,800
12	State general fund/general purpose		\$	62,371,100
13	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE			
14	SUPERINTENDENT			
15	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	11.0		
17	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	6.0	\$	1,155,600
18	Education commission of the states			120,800
19	State board of education, per diem payments			24,400
20	State board/superintendent operations--FTEs	11.0		2,527,000
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	3,827,800
22	Appropriated from:			
23	Federal revenues:			
24	Federal revenues			306,600
25	Special revenue funds:			
26	Private foundations			80,000
27	Certification fees			835,100
28	State general fund/general purpose		\$	2,606,100

1	Sec. 103. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND		
2	SUPPORT		
3	Full-time equated classified positions	42.6	
4	Central support operations--FTEs	39.6	\$ 6,451,000
5	Federal and private grants		3,000,000
6	Grant and contract operations--FTEs	3.0	2,029,900
7	Property management		3,985,000
8	Terminal leave payments		353,300
9	Training and orientation workshops		150,000
10	Worker's compensation		6,200
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 15,975,400
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	Federal indirect revenues		2,296,800
15	Federal revenues		5,539,100
16	Special revenue funds:		
17	Private foundations		1,000,000
18	Certification fees		616,800
19	Teacher testing fees		80,600
20	Training and orientation workshop fees		150,000
21	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 6,292,100
22	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
23	Information technology services and projects		\$ 4,783,400
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 4,783,400
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Federal revenues:		
27	Federal indirect revenues		1,821,500
28	Federal revenues		670,600

1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Certification fees		977,400
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,313,900
4	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES		
5	Full-time equated classified positions	47.0	
6	Special education operations--FTEs	47.0	\$ 9,555,600
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	9,555,600
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Federal revenues:		
10	Federal revenues		8,955,700
11	Special revenue funds:		
12	Private foundations		111,800
13	Certification fees		49,200
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	438,900
15	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND		
16	BLIND		
17	Full-time equated classified positions	82.0	
18	ASL literacy resource		\$ 1,000,000
19	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--FTE	1.0	1,000,400
20	Low incidence outreach program		1,000,000
21	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind		
22	operations--FTEs	81.0	16,714,000
23	Private gifts - blind		200,000
24	Private gifts - deaf		150,000
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	20,064,400
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	Federal revenues		7,639,400

1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		5,868,500
3	Gifts, bequests, and donations		1,350,400
4	Low incidence outreach fund		1,000,000
5	Student insurance revenue		206,100
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,000,000
7	Sec. 107. EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE		
8	Full-time equated classified positions	53.0	
9	Educator excellence operations--FTEs	52.0	\$ 10,480,000
10	Educator recruitment and preparation programs--		
11	FTE	1.0	1,675,600
12	Teacher license renewals		280,000
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	12,435,600
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Federal revenues:		
16	Federal revenues		3,173,000
17	Special revenue funds:		
18	Certification fees		4,190,100
19	Teacher testing fees		203,300
20	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,869,200
21	Sec. 108. SYSTEMS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY		
22	Full-time equated classified positions	18.0	
23	Office of systems, evaluation, and technology		
24	operations--FTEs	18.0	\$ 3,082,900
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	3,082,900
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	Federal indirect revenues		145,500

1	Federal revenues		1,656,800
2	Special revenue funds:		
3	Certification fees		11,000
4	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,269,600
5	Sec. 109. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION		
6	Full-time equated classified positions	6.0	
7	Strategic planning and implementation		
8	operations--FTEs	6.0	\$ 1,194,100
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,194,100
10	Appropriated from:		
11	Federal revenues:		
12	Federal revenues		643,100
13	State general fund/general purpose	\$	551,000
14	Sec. 110. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SERVICES		
15	Full-time equated classified positions	2.0	
16	Administrative law operations--FTEs	2.0	\$ 1,424,500
17	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,424,500
18	Appropriated from:		
19	Federal revenues:		
20	Federal revenues		573,300
21	Special revenue funds:		
22	Certification fees		745,800
23	State general fund/general purpose	\$	105,400
24	Sec. 111. ACCOUNTABILITY SERVICES		
25	Full-time equated classified positions	63.6	
26	Accountability services operations--FTEs	63.6	\$ 14,921,300
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	14,921,300
28	Appropriated from:		

1	Federal revenues:		
2	Federal revenues		12,981,800
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,939,500
4	Sec. 112. SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES		
5	Full-time equated classified positions	85.6	
6	Adolescent and school health		\$ 334,100
7	School support services operations--FTEs	85.6	16,595,400
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	16,929,500
9	Appropriated from:		
10	Federal revenues:		
11	Federal revenues		13,127,300
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Commodity distribution fees		150,000
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$	3,652,200
15	Sec. 113. EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS		
16	Full-time equated classified positions	84.7	
17	Educational supports operations--FTEs	84.7	\$ 17,696,000
18	Michigan core curriculum		750,000
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	18,446,000
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Federal revenues:		
22	Federal revenues		13,175,600
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Certification fees		602,400
25	State general fund/general purpose	\$	4,668,000
26	Sec. 114. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION		
27	Full-time equated classified positions	26.0	
28	Career and technical education operations--FTEs	26.0	\$ 5,859,200

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	5,859,200
2	Appropriated from:			
3	Federal revenues:			
4	Federal revenues			4,099,200
5	State general fund/general purpose		\$	1,760,000
6	Sec. 115. LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN			
7	Full-time equated classified positions	33.0		
8	Library of Michigan operations--FTEs	31.0	\$	5,173,000
9	Library services and technology program--FTE	1.0		5,630,700
10	Michigan eLibrary--FTE	1.0		1,740,800
11	Renaissance zone reimbursements			2,200,000
12	State aid to libraries			15,567,700
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	30,312,200
14	Appropriated from:			
15	Federal revenues:			
16	Federal revenues			5,630,700
17	Special revenue funds:			
18	Library fees			300,000
19	State general fund/general purpose		\$	24,381,500
20	Sec. 116. PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT SUPPORT			
21	Full-time equated classified positions	13.0		
22	Partnership district support operations--FTEs	13.0	\$	3,638,200
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	3,638,200
24	Appropriated from:			
25	Federal revenues:			
26	Federal revenues			114,500
27	State general fund/general purpose		\$	3,523,700
28	Sec. 117. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS			

1	Charter school transparency database	\$	150,000
2	Mental health training		350,000
3	Community health worker career center		500,000
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	1,000,000
5	Appropriated from:		
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,000,000

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, total state spending under part 1 from state sources is \$71,863,900.00 and state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is \$17,987,700.00. The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Renaissance zone reimbursements	2,200,000
School support services operations	220,000
State aid to libraries	15,567,700
TOTAL	\$ 17,987,700

Sec. 202. The appropriations under this part and part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

- (a) "Department" means the department of education.
- (b) "DHHS" means the department of health and human services.

1 (c) "District" means a local school district as that term is
2 defined in section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
3 380.6, or a public school academy as that term is defined in
4 section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

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

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

8 (f) "Standard report recipients" means the senate and house
9 appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate
10 and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and
11 the state budget office.

12 Sec. 204. The department shall use the internet to fulfill the
13 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement includes
14 transmitting reports to the standard report recipients and any
15 other required recipients by email and posting the reports on a
16 website.

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

20 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign
21 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of
22 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are
23 available.

24 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
25 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
26 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

27 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
28 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and
29 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of

1 comparable quality.

2 Sec. 207. To the extent permissible under the management and
3 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the state
4 superintendent of public instruction shall take all reasonable
5 steps to ensure geographically disadvantaged business enterprises
6 compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies,
7 or both. The state superintendent of public instruction shall
8 strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts to
9 subcontract with certified geographically disadvantaged business
10 enterprises for services, supplies, or both. As used in this
11 section, "geographically disadvantaged business enterprises" means
12 that term as defined in Executive Directive No. 2019-08.

13 Sec. 208. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
14 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare
15 a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1.
16 The report must list all travel by classified and unclassified
17 employees outside this state in the previous fiscal year that was
18 funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the
19 department's budget. The department shall submit the report to the
20 standard report recipients and to the senate and house
21 appropriations committees. The report must include all of the
22 following information:

23 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

24 (b) The total transportation and related expenses of each
25 travel occurrence and the proportions funded with state general
26 fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal
27 revenues, and other revenues.

28 Sec. 209. The department shall not use funds appropriated in
29 part 1 to hire a person to provide legal services that are the

1 responsibility of the attorney general. This section does not apply
2 to legal services for bonding activities or to outside legal
3 services that the attorney general authorizes.

4 Sec. 210. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
5 shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the
6 total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
7 close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the
8 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
9 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The state
10 budget office shall transmit the report to the standard report
11 recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house
12 appropriations committees.

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

19 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
20 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for state
21 restricted contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under
22 this subsection are not available for expenditure until they have
23 been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section
24 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

25 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
26 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for local
27 contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this
28 subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been
29 transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of

1 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

2 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
3 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for private
4 contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this
5 subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been
6 transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of
7 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

8 Sec. 212. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to
9 restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government
10 resources, programs, or facilities.

11 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments
12 shall report any action or policy that attempts to restrict or
13 interfere with the duties of the local health officer.

14 Sec. 213. The department shall cooperate with the department
15 of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable
16 website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is
17 not limited to, all of the following for the department:

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

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

20 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
21 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
22 payment description.

23 (d) The number of active department employees by job
24 classification.

25 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

26 Sec. 214. Not later than 14 days after the release of the
27 executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate
28 with the state budget office to provide an annual report on
29 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund

1 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the
2 previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the
3 standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate
4 and house appropriations committees.

5 Sec. 215. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
6 department shall develop a 5-year strategic plan in accordance with
7 this section, and shall implement that plan after the state board
8 of education ratifies the plan. It is the intent of the legislature
9 that the department and state board of education review this
10 strategic plan annually to understand progress toward achieving the
11 plan's goals and targets and to make adjustments as needed.

12 (2) The strategic plan required under subsection (1) must do
13 all of the following:

14 (a) Create for the department and for all levels and
15 institutions of public education in this state, from preschool
16 through postsecondary, an integrated vision and SMART goals and
17 targets. The goals and targets must meet all of the following:

18 (i) Incorporate concepts of world-class high-quality
19 educational outcomes and equity into the current top 10 strategic
20 plan vision.

21 (ii) Develop and incorporate SMART goal targets into the top 10
22 state plan's long-term outcome-based goals, including the setting
23 of the annual milestones for reaching the long-term SMART goals.

24 (b) Build recommended strategies to realize SMART goal
25 targets, including at least all of the following:

26 (i) Develop and incorporate recommended strategies for local
27 school districts and intermediate school districts to use to
28 implement each state SMART goal target, phased in by focusing on
29 core subjects first.

1 (ii) Create professional development coaching and training
2 networks or professional learning communities, in collaboration
3 with intermediate school districts, to scale understanding of each
4 recommended strategy and associated assessing measures. These
5 networks must be designed to bring relevant teachers and
6 administrators together in person and virtually throughout the
7 year.

8 (iii) Deposit state recommended strategies into MiStrategyBank,
9 considering any locally developed strategies, and including
10 research-based vetting processes for strategy recommendation.

11 (c) By the end of fiscal year 2025-2026, scale strategic
12 planning into each local school district and intermediate school
13 district. It is the intent of the legislature that this strategic
14 planning accomplish all of the following:

15 (i) Ensure that each local school board and intermediate school
16 board develops, approves, and implements a strategic plan that is
17 aligned with the state's strategic plan. Based on local core
18 beliefs and values, data, and priorities, successful enactment and
19 fulfillment of these coherent plans will enable the state to meet
20 its vision and SMART outcome-based goals.

21 (ii) Expand MICIP to include local school district and
22 intermediate school district strategic plans.

23 (iii) Ensure that each local and intermediate school district
24 uses MICIP to develop strategies that will be used to achieve the
25 district's SMART goals. These strategies must be documented in
26 accompanying documents and in MICIP and submitted to the
27 MiStrategyBank for scaling.

28 (iv) Ensure that, at least annually, each local and
29 intermediate school district uses MICIP to evaluate progress toward

1 meeting district SMART goals and assess effectiveness of the
2 strategies being used to implement them, and to implement
3 corrective actions if necessary.

4 (v) Ensure that, in accordance with the Michigan board of
5 education governance standards adopted by the Michigan Association
6 of School Boards, each local school board and intermediate school
7 board holds its superintendent accountable for the outcomes
8 identified in the district's strategic plan. Local school boards
9 and intermediate school boards will formally adopt and implement
10 these governance standards.

11 (d) Reorganize the department to promote collaboration with
12 educators in the field and recommend changes across state
13 government, within the department, and within local and
14 intermediate school districts on structure, staffing, and sub-
15 department partnerships that will be required to successfully
16 implement the vision and SMART goals described in this section at
17 the state, intermediate school district, and local school district
18 levels.

19 (e) Promote strategic visioning across early childhood, K-12,
20 and throughout higher education by collaborating with the
21 department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential to
22 require that educator preparation programs, including locally
23 adopted, alternative certification, and traditional programs, are
24 aligned to successfully prepare aspiring educators for state-
25 recommended educational practice strategies, in support of state
26 and local SMART goals and the state's top 10 vision.

27 (f) Report to stakeholders on progress in achieving the SMART
28 goals and targets. The superintendent of public instruction shall
29 provide public quarterly comprehensive reports to the state board

1 of education on the status of progress made by the department and
2 local and intermediate districts toward achieving the state's SMART
3 goals. These reports must include recommended changes to state
4 statute, to budgets, and to the department and other units of state
5 government to expedite progress. The department shall provide these
6 reports to the legislature and the governor.

7 (3) The department shall develop and implement specific
8 metrics to measure progress toward achieving the SMART goals and
9 targets required under subsection (2) and to evaluate outcomes.

10 (4) As used in this section, "MICIP" means the Michigan
11 integrated continuous improvement process.

12 Sec. 216. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
13 department shall provide through the internet the state board of
14 education agenda and all supporting documents, and shall notify the
15 state budget director and the senate and house fiscal agencies that
16 the agenda and supporting documents are available on the internet,
17 at the time the agenda and supporting documents are provided to
18 state board of education members.

19 Sec. 217. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report on
20 the number of full-time equated positions in pay status by civil
21 service classification, including a comparison by line item of the
22 number of full-time equated positions authorized from funds
23 appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of full-time equated
24 positions employed by the department at the end of the reporting
25 period. The report must be submitted to the senate and house
26 appropriations committees and to the standard report recipients.

27 Sec. 218. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
28 department may assist DHHS, other departments, intermediate school
29 districts, and local school districts to secure reimbursement for

1 eligible services provided in Michigan schools from the federal
2 Medicaid program. The department may submit reports of direct
3 expenses related to this effort to DHHS for reimbursement.

4 Sec. 219. If the state administrative board, acting under
5 section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount
6 appropriated under this part and part 1, the legislature may, by a
7 concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected
8 to and serving in each house, inter-transfer funds within this part
9 and part 1 for the particular department, board, commission,
10 officer, or institution.

11 Sec. 220. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
12 department shall do both of the following:

13 (a) Post on its website a link to the federal Institute of
14 Education Sciences' What Works Clearinghouse.

15 (b) Disseminate knowledge about the What Works Clearinghouse
16 to districts and intermediate school districts so that it may be
17 used to improve reading proficiency for pupils in grades K to 3.

18 Sec. 221. Not later than April 1, the department shall report
19 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act
20 affecting the department that took effect during the previous
21 calendar year. The department shall submit the report to the
22 standard report recipients, to the senate and house appropriations
23 committees, and to the joint committee on administrative rules.

24 Sec. 222. The department shall not take disciplinary action
25 against an employee of the department for communicating with a
26 member of the legislature or legislative staff, unless the
27 communication is prohibited by law and the department is exercising
28 its authority as provided by law.

29 Sec. 223. The department shall receive and retain copies of

1 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department
2 shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-
3 term retention of records. The department may electronically retain
4 copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state
5 guidelines.

6 Sec. 224. To the extent possible, the department shall not
7 expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing authorized
8 work project funds available for the same purposes are exhausted.

9 Sec. 225. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
10 department shall, not later than February 1, report on the total
11 amount of severance pay remitted to former department employees
12 during the previous fiscal year and the total number of former
13 department employees that were remitted severance pay during the
14 previous fiscal year.

15 (2) Reports required by this section must be submitted to the
16 standard report recipients and to the senate and house
17 appropriations committees.

18 (3) As used in this section, "severance pay" means
19 compensation that is both payable or paid on the termination of
20 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned
21 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement
22 benefits.

23 Sec. 226. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
24 department shall coordinate with the other departments to
25 streamline state services and resources, reduce duplication, and
26 increase efficiency, including, but not limited to, all of the
27 following:

28 (a) Working with the department of treasury to coordinate with
29 the financial independence team and overseeing deficit districts.

1 (b) Working with DHHS and the department of lifelong
2 education, advancement, and potential to coordinate with early
3 childhood programs.

4 (c) Working with the department of labor and economic
5 opportunity on career and technical education programs.

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

12 (a) Using trauma-informed practices.

13 (b) Age-appropriate education and information on human
14 trafficking.

15 (c) Age-appropriate education and information on sexual abuse
16 prevention.

17 (2) If requested by the department, the department of state
18 police and the department of attorney general shall consult with
19 the department in the promotion and support of initiatives in
20 schools and other educational organizations under subsection (1).

21 Sec. 231. It is the intent of the legislature that the
22 department maximize the efficiency of the state workforce, and, if
23 possible, prioritize in-person work and post its in-person, remote,
24 or hybrid work policy on its website.

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

1 intermediate school district, and public school academy.

2 Sec. 240. (1) For any grant programs and projects funded in
3 part 1, those grant programs and projects are for a public purpose
4 and the department shall follow procurement statutes of this state,
5 including any bidding requirements, unless the department can fully
6 validate, through information detailed in this part or public
7 supporting documents, both of the following:

8 (a) The specific organization or unit of local government that
9 will receive or administer the funds.

10 (b) How the funds will be administered and expended.

11 (2) Notwithstanding any other conditions or requirements for
12 direct appropriation grants, the department shall perform at least
13 all of the following activities to administer the grants described
14 in subsection (1):

15 (a) Develop a standard application process, grantee reporting
16 requirements, and any other necessary documentation including
17 sponsorship information as specified under subsection (3).

18 (b) Establish a process to review, complete, and execute a
19 grant agreement with a grant recipient. The department shall not
20 execute a grant agreement unless all necessary documentation has
21 been submitted and reviewed.

22 (c) Verify to the extent possible that a grant recipient will
23 use funds for a public purpose that serves the economic prosperity,
24 health, safety, or general welfare of the residents of this state.

25 (d) Review and verify all necessary information to ensure the
26 grant recipient is reasonably able to execute the grant agreement,
27 perform its fiduciary duty, and comply with all applicable state
28 and federal statutes. The department may deduct the cost of
29 background checks performed as part of this verification from the

1 amount of the designated grant award.

2 (e) Establish a standard timeline to review all documents
3 submitted by grant recipients and provide a response within 45
4 business days stating whether submitted documents by a grant
5 recipient are sufficient or in need of additional information.

6 (3) A sponsor of a grant described in subsection (1) must be a
7 legislator or the department. A legislative sponsor must be
8 identified through a letter submitted by that legislator's office
9 to the department and state budget director containing the name of
10 the grant recipient, the intended amount of the grant, a
11 certification from that legislator that the grant is for a public
12 purpose, and specific citation of the section and subsection of the
13 public act that authorizes the grant, as applicable. If a
14 legislative sponsor is not identified before January 15, 2025, the
15 department shall do 1 of the following:

16 (a) Identify the department as the sponsor.

17 (b) Decline to execute the grant agreement.

18 (4) An executed grant agreement under this section between the
19 department and a grant recipient must include at least all of the
20 following:

21 (a) All necessary identifying information for the grant
22 recipient, including any tax and financial information for the
23 department to administer funds under this section.

24 (b) A description of the project for which the grant funds
25 will be expended, including tentative timelines and the estimated
26 budget. The department shall not reimburse expenditures that are
27 outside of the project purpose, as stated in the executed grant
28 agreement, from appropriations in part 1.

29 (c) Unless otherwise specified in department policy, a

1 requirement that funds appropriated for the grants described in
2 subsection (1) may be used only for expenditures that occur on or
3 after the effective date of this act.

4 (d) At the discretion of the department, a provision for an
5 initial disbursement of 50% to the grant recipient on execution of
6 the grant agreement consistent with part II, chapter 10, section
7 200 of the Financial Management Guide.

8 (e) A requirement that after the initial 50% disbursement
9 under subdivision (d), additional funds will be disbursed only
10 after verification that the initial payment has been fully expended
11 in accordance with the project purpose. The department shall
12 disburse the remaining funds after the grantee has provided
13 sufficient documentation, as determined by the department, to
14 verify that all expenditures were made in accordance with the
15 project purpose.

16 (f) A requirement for reporting by the grant recipient to the
17 department that provides the status of the project and an
18 accounting of all funds expended by the grant recipient, as
19 determined by the department.

20 (g) A claw-back provision that allows the department of
21 treasury to recoup or otherwise collect any funds that are
22 declined, unspent, or otherwise misused.

23 (5) If appropriate to improve the administration or oversight
24 of a grant described in subsection (1), the department may adopt a
25 memorandum of understanding with another state department to
26 perform the required duties under this section.

27 (6) A grant recipient shall respond to all reasonable
28 information requests from the department related to grant
29 expenditures and retain grant records for not less than 7 years,

1 and the grant may be subject to monitoring, site visits, and audits
2 as determined by the department. The grant agreement required under
3 this section must include signed assurance by the chief executive
4 officer or other executive officer of the grant recipient that the
5 requirements of this subsection will be met.

6 (7) The grant recipient shall expend all funds awarded and
7 complete all projects not later than September 30, 2029. If at that
8 time any unexpended funds remain, the grant recipient shall return
9 those funds to the state treasury. If a grant recipient does not
10 provide information sufficient to execute a grant agreement not
11 later than June 1, 2025, the department shall return funds
12 associated with the grant to the state treasury.

13 (8) The state budget director may, on a case-by-case basis,
14 extend the deadline in subsection (7) on request by a grant
15 recipient. The state budget director shall notify the chairs of the
16 house and senate appropriations committees not later than 5 days
17 after an extension is granted.

18 (9) Subject to subsection (10), the department shall post a
19 report in a publicly accessible location on its website not later
20 than March 15, 2025. The report must list the grant recipient,
21 project purpose, and location of the project for each grant
22 described in subsection (1), the status of funds allocated and
23 disbursed under the grant agreement, and the legislative sponsor,
24 if applicable. The department shall update the report not later
25 than June 15, 2025 and again not later than September 15, 2025, and
26 post the updated reports. At each posting of the report, the
27 department shall include the most comprehensive information it has
28 available at the time of posting for grants awarded.

29 (10) If the state budget office determines that it is more

1 efficient for the state budget office to compile the information
2 required under subsection (9) for all of the affected departments
3 and post a report of the compiled information by the date required
4 under subsection (9) than for the individual departments to comply
5 with subsection (9), the state budget office may compile that
6 information and post that report.

7 (11) As applicable, the legislative sponsor of a grant
8 described in subsection (1) shall comply with all applicable laws
9 concerning conflicts of interest in seeking a direct grant. A
10 legislative sponsor shall not seek a grant for a recipient if a
11 conflict of interest exists.

12 (12) If the department reasonably determines that the funds
13 allocated for an executed grant agreement under this section were
14 misused or that use of the funds was misrepresented by the grant
15 recipient, the department shall not award any additional funds
16 under the executed grant agreement and shall refer the grant for
17 review following internal audit protocols.

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

20 Sec. 301. (1) The department may use the appropriations from
21 the state board of education, per diem payments in part 1 for per
22 diem payments to the state board members for meetings at which a
23 quorum is present or for performing official business authorized by
24 the state board. The per diem payments are set at the following
25 rates:

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

27 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
28 \$100.00 per day.

29 (2) The department shall not pay a state board of education

1 member a per diem for more than 30 days per year.

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3 **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

4 Sec. 350. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for special
5 education operations, the department shall use \$100,000.00 to
6 design and distribute to all parents and legal guardians of a
7 student with a disability the following information:

8 (a) Federal and state mandates regarding the rights and
9 protections of students with disabilities, including, but not
10 limited to, individualized education programs to ensure that
11 parents and legal guardians are fully informed about laws, rules,
12 procedural safeguards, and problem-solving options.

13 (b) Any other information the department determines is
14 necessary to allow parents and legal guardians to provide
15 meaningful input in collaboration with districts to develop and
16 implement an individualized education program.

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

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

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

29 Sec. 406. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the

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

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

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

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

20 Sec. 408. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the low
21 incidence outreach fund are appropriated from money collected by
22 the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind and the low incidence
23 outreach program for providing qualified services and may be used
24 for any expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any
25 money that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year does
26 not revert to the general fund and may be carried forward into the
27 succeeding fiscal year.

28 (2) As used in this section, "qualified services" means any of
29 the following:

1 (a) Document reproduction and services.

2 (b) Conducting conferences, workshops, and training classes.

3 (c) Providing specialized equipment, facilities, and software.

4 Sec. 409. When conducting a due process hearing resulting from
5 a parent's appeal of that parent's 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. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for teacher
21 license renewals, the department shall implement a program to waive
22 fees or associated costs for the recruitment and retention of
23 educators.

24 Sec. 503. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
25 department shall, if requested by the Michigan Virtual Learning
26 Research Institute, consult with the Michigan Virtual Learning
27 Research Institute and external stakeholders in connection with the
28 department's implementation and administration of professional
29 development training described in section 35a of the state school

1 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1635a, including, but not
2 limited to, the online training of educators of pupils in grades K
3 to 3 described in that section.

4 Sec. 504. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
5 recruitment and preparation programs, the department shall award
6 \$1,000,000.00 to districts for both of the following:

7 (a) Educator preparation program tuition, program fees,
8 testing fees, and substitute permit costs for any individual
9 employed in grades pre-k to 12 working toward certification or an
10 additional endorsement.

11 (b) Program costs associated with hands-on learning
12 experiences for students in grades 6 to 12 interested in the field
13 of education, with supervision and mentoring from educators who are
14 champions of, and committed to, the success of the profession.

15 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for educator
16 recruitment and preparation programs, not less than \$190,000.00 and
17 not fewer than 1.0 FTE position is allocated for educator
18 recruitment and preparation programs.

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

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

1 as allowable and appropriate.

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3 **SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

4 Sec. 601. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for adolescent
5 and school health, the department shall use the funds to replace
6 federal funding reductions from the HHS - Centers for Disease
7 Control and Prevention to the department and section 39a(2)(a) of
8 the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1639a.

9 Sec. 602. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for school
10 support services operations, there is appropriated \$220,000.00 for
11 school board member training. The department shall approve 1 or
12 more training programs for school board members that include
13 courses of instruction for school board members in 1 or more of the
14 following topic areas:

15 (a) Conflicts of interest, including, but not limited to, the
16 application of section 1203 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
17 451, MCL 380.1203.

18 (b) Labor relations, including, but not limited to, a school
19 board's role in collective bargaining agreements in 1947 PA 336,
20 MCL 423.201 to 423.217, and in other laws related to employment.

21 (c) Education law, including, but not limited to, the revised
22 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, the state school
23 aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896, the open
24 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, and 1937 (Ex Sess)
25 PA 4, MCL 38.71 to 38.191, dealing with teacher tenure.

26 (d) School finance, including, but not limited to, the
27 creation and management of school district budgets.

28 (e) Board governance, including, but not limited to, roles and
29 responsibilities, parliamentary procedure, and best practices.

1 (f) Implicit bias training.

2 (g) Rater reliability training.

3 (2) On completion of an eligible training program, a school
4 board member may apply for reimbursement for the cost of the
5 eligible training program through the board member's local
6 district, up to \$100.00 per course. The department may determine
7 the form and manner of the application to reimburse the district
8 for the cost.

9 (3) The department shall create a process for the provider of
10 a course in a topic listed in subsection (1) to apply to the
11 department to have the course approved and be eligible for a school
12 board member to be reimbursed for completing that course as
13 provided under subsection (2).

14 (4) As used in this section:

15 (a) "Eligible training program" means a training program that
16 is approved under subsection (1).

17 (b) "School board member" means a member of the board of a
18 school district or intermediate school district or a member of the
19 board of directors of a public school academy in this state.

20 Sec. 603. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for school
21 support services, not less than \$375,000.00 and not fewer than 2.0
22 FTE positions shall administer funding for school consolidation,
23 infrastructure, and the MI healthy climate plan.

24 Sec. 604. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for school
25 support services, not less than \$350,000.00 and not fewer than 2.0
26 FTE positions shall provide technical assistance to all eligible
27 districts to make them effective at using Medicaid dollars for
28 mental health.

29 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for school support

1 services, not less than \$150,000.00 and not fewer than 1.0 FTE
 2 position shall provide technical assistance to superintendents and
 3 the intermediate school district of eligible districts to make them
 4 effective at using Medicaid dollars for mental health.

5 (3) As used in this section, "eligible district" means a
 6 school district that receives funding under section 31n of the
 7 state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631n.

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9 **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS**

10 Sec. 701. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
 11 educational supports, the department shall produce a report
 12 detailing the progress made by districts with grades K to 12
 13 receiving at-risk funding under section 31a of the state school aid
 14 act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631a, in doing both of the
 15 following:

16 (a) Implementing multitiered systems of supports in the
 17 previous school fiscal year for grades K to 12.

18 (b) Providing reading intervention services described in
 19 section 1280f of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
 20 380.1280f, for pupils in grades K to 12.

21 (2) The department shall include, at a minimum, all of the
 22 following in the report described in subsection (1):

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

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

1 (c) A list of best practices that the department has
2 identified that may be used by districts to implement multitiered
3 systems of supports and reading intervention programs.

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

8 (3) The department shall provide the report described in
9 subsection (1) to the state budget director, the house and senate
10 subcommittees that oversee the department and school aid budgets,
11 and the house and senate fiscal agencies by September 30 of the
12 current fiscal year.

13 Sec. 702. From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
14 appropriated an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 for
15 implementation costs associated with programs for early childhood
16 literacy funded under section 35a of the state school aid act of
17 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1635a.

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

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27 **LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN**

28 Sec. 801. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for Library
29 fees are appropriated from money collected by the Library of

1 Michigan for providing qualified services and may be used for any
2 expenses necessary to provide the qualified services. Any money
3 that is unexpended at the end of the current fiscal year does not
4 lapse to the general fund and may be carried forward into the
5 succeeding fiscal year.

6 (2) As used in this section, "qualified services" means any of
7 the following:

8 (a) Document reproduction and services.

9 (b) Conducting conferences, workshops, and training classes.

10 (c) Providing specialized equipment, facilities, and software.

11 Sec. 804. (1) The department shall use the funds appropriated
12 in part 1 for renaissance zone reimbursements to reimburse public
13 libraries under section 12 of the Michigan renaissance zone act,
14 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2692, for taxes levied in 2024. The department
15 shall allocate the funds not later than 60 days after the
16 department of treasury certifies to the department and to the state
17 budget director that the department of treasury has received all
18 necessary information to properly determine the amounts due to each
19 eligible recipient.

20 (2) If the amount appropriated under this section is not
21 sufficient to fully pay obligations under this section, the
22 department shall prorate payments on an equal basis among all
23 eligible recipients.

24 Sec. 805. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the
25 Library of Michigan, there is \$100,000.00 appropriated for support
26 of the Michigan poet laureate program to promote poetry, the spoken
27 word, and literary arts across the state.

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29 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

1 Sec. 1100. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for charter
2 school transparency database, the department shall develop and
3 maintain an interactive website where parents and community members
4 can access information about their charter schools. The department
5 may contract with outside organizations to gather the information
6 and maintain the database. The database must include, at least, the
7 following information:

- 8 (a) The members of the charter board.
- 9 (b) The charter managing organization.
- 10 (c) The charter managing organizational leadership.
- 11 (d) The authorizer of the charter school.
- 12 (e) The authorizer's board members.
- 13 (f) The organizational structure of the charter managing
14 organization through the school principal.

15 Sec. 1101. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
16 mental health training, the department shall allocate no less than
17 \$110,000.00 to DHHS to deliver training to mental health providers,
18 administrators, and superintendents in eligible districts.

19 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for mental health
20 training, all money remaining after the money allocated in
21 subsection (1) shall be used to support activities and FTE
22 positions in section 604.

23 (3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for mental
24 health training are designated as a work project appropriation, and
25 any unencumbered or unallotted funds do not lapse at the end of the
26 fiscal year and are available for expenditures for projects under
27 this section until the projects have been completed. The following
28 is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget
29 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

1 (a) The purpose of the project is to provide technical
2 assistance and training to intermediate school districts and local
3 school districts for mental health administration.

4 (b) The project will be accomplished by the department or
5 through a contractor.

6 (c) The total estimated cost for the work project is
7 \$350,000.00.

8 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2029.

9 (4) As used in this section, "eligible district" means an
10 intermediate school district or school district that receives
11 funding under section 31n of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979
12 PA 94, MCL 388.1631n.

13 Sec. 1102. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
14 mental health worker career center program, the department shall
15 allocate funds to local school districts or intermediate school
16 districts to develop an ongoing CHW certification program.

17 (2) Recipients of these funds shall develop a CHW
18 certification program that can be duplicated by other districts or
19 intermediate districts.

20 (3) Allowable expenditures of funds under subsection (2)
21 include, but are not limited to, the following:

22 (a) Hiring or contracting staff to develop or administer the
23 CHW certification program.

24 (b) Costs associated with curriculum development.

25 (c) Costs associated with obtaining CHW certificates
26 materials.

27 (d) Costs associated with career and technical education
28 accreditation fees.

29 (e) Any other service or product necessary to develop a CHW

1 certification program as approved by the department.

2 (4) Districts or intermediate districts must apply for the
3 funding in a form and manner as determined by the department.

4 (5) The department shall make payments under this section on a
5 schedule determined by the department.

6 (6) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for mental
7 health worker career center program are designated as a work
8 project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds do
9 not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are available for
10 expenditures for projects under this section until the projects
11 have been completed. The following is in compliance with section
12 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

13 (a) The purpose of the project is create a CHW certification
14 program.

15 (b) The project will be accomplished by the department,
16 districts, and ISDs.

17 (c) The total estimated cost for the work project is
18 \$500,000.00.

19 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2026.

20 (7) From the funds appropriated in this section, there is
21 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the department
22 to create a grant application and cover other administrative
23 requirements to support the program funded under this section.

24 (8) As used in this section, "CHW" means community health
25 worker.