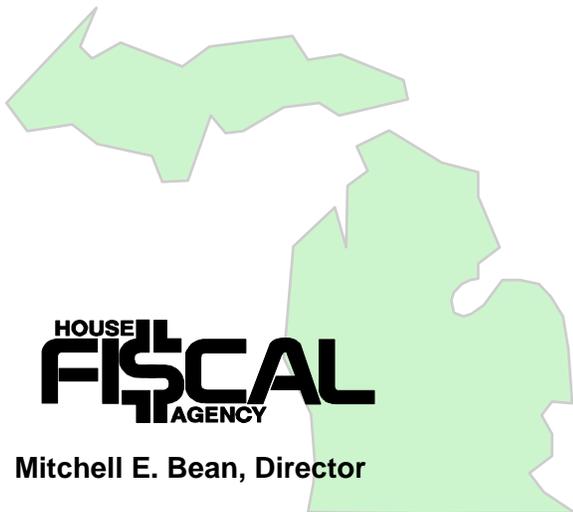


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TO: Members of the Michigan House of Representatives

The House Fiscal Agency has prepared a **Line Item Summary** for each of the FY 2005-06 appropriation acts. Each **Summary** contains line-by-line detail, including the amount and purpose of each appropriation line and information regarding related boilerplate sections, for a specific appropriation act. Following the line item detail, a brief explanation of each boilerplate section in the appropriations bill is provided.

In this report, line item vetoes are presented in the following manner: appropriation amounts shown in ~~strikeout~~ are those that appear in the enrolled bill; amounts shown directly below ~~strikeout~~ amounts reflect the effect of the veto.

Line Item Summaries are available on the HFA website (www.house.mi.gov/hfa), or from Jeanne Dee, Administrative Assistant (373-8080 or jdee@house.mi.gov).

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GLOSSARY: State Budget Terms

STATE BUDGET TERMS

Gross Appropriations (Gross): The total of all applicable appropriations (statutory spending authorizations) in a budget bill.

Adjusted Gross Appropriations (Adjusted Gross): The net amount of all gross appropriations after subtracting interdepartmental grants (IDGs) and intradepartmental transfers (IDTs).

Lapses: Appropriation amounts that are unspent/unobligated at the end of a fiscal year.. Appropriations are automatically terminated at the end of a fiscal year unless otherwise provided by law.

Work Project: A statutorily-authorized account which allows a spending authorization to be carried over from one fiscal year to a succeeding fiscal year or years— i.e., allows funds to be spent over a period of years.

APPROPRIATION BILL TERMS

Line Item: Specific funding amount in an appropriation bill which establishes spending authorization for a particular program or function (may be for a single purpose or for multiple purposes).

Boilerplate: Specific language sections in an appropriation bill which direct, limit or restrict line item expenditures, express legislative intent, and/or require reports.

REVENUE SOURCES

General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP): Unrestricted General Fund revenue available to fund any activity accounted for in the General Fund; unused GF/GP revenue lapses to the General Fund at the end of a fiscal year.

State Restricted (Restricted): State revenue restricted by state law or outside restriction that is available only for specified purposes; at year-end, unused restricted revenue remains in the restricted fund.

Federal Revenue: Federal grant or matchable revenue dedicated to specific programs.

Local Revenue: Revenue from local units of government.

Private Revenue: Revenue from non-government entities: rents, royalties or interest payments, payments from hospitals or individuals, and gifts and bequests.

Interdepartmental Grant (IDG): Revenue or funds received by one state department from another state department (usually for a service provided by the receiving department).

Intradepartmental Transfer (IDT): Transfers or funds being provided from one appropriation unit to another in the same department.

MAJOR STATE FUNDS

Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF): The countercyclical economic and budget stabilization fund; also known as the "rainy day" fund.

School Aid Fund (SAF): A restricted fund; the primary funding source for K-12 schools and Intermediate School Districts (ISDs).

General Fund: The General Fund (funded from taxes and other general revenue) is used to account for the ordinary operations of a governmental unit that are not accounted for in another fund.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The State Board of Education is an eight-member elected board constitutionally mandated to provide leadership and supervision for public education in Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education is the administrative arm of the Board charged with implementing state and federal legislative mandates in the field of education. Major Departmental responsibilities include: development of K-12 instructional programs and administration, certification and professional development of teachers, collecting and reporting educational data, and providing technical assistance to school districts.

The FY 2004-05 Department of Education budget allocates \$117.5 million in adjusted gross revenue to support education programs: 13.7% GF/GP, 4.6% local, 1.6% private, 20.0% state-restricted, and 60.0% federal pass-through grants to local school districts and other entities.

Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions not in the state classified service.
Full-time equated classified positions	417.5	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$117,475,600	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Total interdepartmental grants/ intradepartmental transfers	0	Total of all funds received from other departments and transfer of funds.
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$117,475,600	Total net amount of all line item gross appropriations less (or minus) interdepartmental grants (IDGs) and intradepartmental transfers (IDTs).
Total federal revenue	70,519,400	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
Total local revenue	5,444,000	Total revenue from local units of government.
Total private revenue	1,898,600	Total private grant revenue.
Total state restricted revenue	23,513,200	State revenue dedicated to a specific fund (other than the General Fund); or revenue earmarked for a specific purpose.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$16,100,400	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 102: STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/ OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Board of Education is composed of eight members elected at large for a term of eight years and is vested by the State Constitution to act as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education in the state. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is appointed by and acts as chairman of the Board of Education, functions as the principal executive officer of the Department of Education, and is constitutionally responsible for execution of board policies.

Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions not in the state classified service.
Full-time equated classified positions	16.0	The full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified civil service.
State board of education, per diem payments	\$24,400	For official business conducted by board members; state board president reimbursed \$110 per day; other board members reimbursed \$100 per day. Funding Source: GF/GP 24,400 <i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 301</i>
Unclassified positions – 6.0 FTE positions	515,600	Includes Superintendent for Public Instruction, two Deputy Superintendents, Director of Communications, and others. Funding Source: Federal 92,600 Restricted 17,000 GF/GP 406,000 <i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
State board/ superintendent operations – 16.0 FTE positions	3,130,000	Classified personnel and operational costs of Office of the Superintendent. Funding Source(s): Federal 1,724,300 Private 24,500 Restricted 167,100 GF/GP 1,214,100 <i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 206,207,301, 302, 303</i>
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$3,670,000	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Federal revenue	1,816,900	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
Private foundations	24,500	Revenue from private organizations.
Certification fees	184,100	From issuing teacher and administrator certificates; supports state licensure, professional development, and administrator and teacher quality activities.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$1,644,500	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 103: CENTRAL SUPPORT

The Central Support office coordinates accounting transactions, budget development, and personnel services for the Department.

Full-time equated classified positions	27.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.		
Central support – 27.0 FTE positions	\$3,485,500	Personnel and operational costs.	Funding Source(s):	Federal 2,262,800 Restricted 110,700 GF/GP 1,112,000
				<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
Worker's compensation	45,000	Estimated cost of worker's compensation claims.	Funding Source:	GF/GP 45,000
				<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
Building occupancy charges – property management services	1,532,400	Use charges paid to Department of Management and Budget property management section for office space in state-owned John Hannah Building.	Funding Source(s):	Federal 995,900 Restricted 177,600 GF/GP 358,900
				<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
Training and orientation workshops	100,000	Funds to offset cost of professional development seminars for local school districts.	Funding Source:	Restricted 100,000
				<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
Terminal leave payments	620,400	Annual and/or sick leave payments to state employees who have retired or terminated employment with the Department.	Funding Source(s):	Federal 380,900 Local 93,400 Restricted 16,900 GF/GP 129,400
				<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
Tenant rent	150,000	Anticipated rent revenue from lease of facility at Michigan School for the Blind's former site in Lansing.	Funding Source(s):	Restricted 150,000
				<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 403</i>
Human resources optimization user charges	29,500	Pays Department of Civil Service for human resources services; this line item is included in all budgets.	Funding Source(s):	GF/GP 29,500
				<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$5,962,800	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.		
Federal revenue	3,639,400	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.		

Local cost sharing (schools for the deaf/blind)	93,400	Funds from local school districts for services rendered; used for administration.
Certification fees	284,100	From issuing teacher and administrator certificates; supports state licensure, professional development, and administrator and teacher quality activities.
Commodity distribution fees	7,000	Fee charged to local school districts for spoiled surplus commodities.
Teacher testing fees	14,100	Offsets cost of administering certain sections of Michigan Test for Teacher Certification.
Tenant rent	150,000	Anticipated rent revenue from lease of facility at Michigan School for the Blind's former site in Lansing.
Training and orientation workshop fees	100,000	Received from workshop seminars; used to offset cost of the workshops.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$1,674,800	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 104: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Information Technology Services unit provides technical support services to the Department, local school districts, and the Center for Educational Performance and Information. This includes ongoing maintenance of computer application systems, database operations, data warehouse management, client server support, and staff training.

Information technology operations	\$2,532,900	Personnel and operational costs.	
		Funding Source(s):	
		Federal	1,551,500
		Local	48,800
		Restricted	183,400
		GF/GP	749,200

Related Boilerplate Section(s): 209, 210, 801

GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$2,532,900	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Federal revenue	1,551,500	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
Local cost sharing (schools for blind/deaf)	48,800	From local school districts for services rendered; used for administration.
Certification fees	183,400	From issuing teacher and administrator certificates; supports state licensure, professional development, and administrator and teacher quality activities.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$749,200	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 105: SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The Special Education Services unit oversees administration and funding of services for disabled students. The office ensures that children and youths are properly identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate programs and services designed to meet their individual educational needs.

Full-time equated classified positions	52.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
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Special education operations – 52.0 FTE positions	\$11,278,500	Personnel and operational costs.		
		Funding Source(s):	Federal	10,923,300
			Private	102,300
			Restricted	37,500
			GF/GP	215,400

Related Boilerplate Section(s): None

GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$11,278,500	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
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Federal revenue	10,923,300	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
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Private foundations	102,300	Anticipated new private funds.
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Certification fees	37,500	From issuing teacher and administrator certificates; supports state licensure, professional development, and administrator and teacher quality activities.
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GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$215,400	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.
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SECTION 106: LANSING, MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FORMER SITE

Educational services delivered by the Michigan School for the Blind were relocated to the Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind campus in Flint. This appropriation unit supports facility management activities at the former Michigan School for the Blind site in Lansing, which is occupied by the Mid-Michigan Academy, the Department of Corrections-Training Academy, and the City of Lansing Network Center. Activities at the facility are supported by revenue received from rent and private donations.

General services	\$1,821,100	Funds from rental payments received from tenants at the site offset utility, maintenance, repair, and renovation costs at the campus.
		Funding Source(s):
		Private 10,000
		Restricted 1,811,100

Related Boilerplate Section(s): 403, 409, 410

GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$1,821,100	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Gifts, bequests, and donations	10,000	Private donations to maintain the superintendent's house.
Lansing, Michigan former school for the blind site – rent	1,811,100	Rent revenue from Mid-Michigan Public School Academy and Lansing Network Center to pay for occupancy costs.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$0	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 107: MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

The Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Flint (MSDB) provide educational and residential services to students who are deaf and/or visually impaired. Schools provide two distinct educational and residential programs for deaf and blind students.

Full-time equated classified positions	88.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.		
School for deaf/blind operations – 87.0 FTE positions	\$10,641,600	Operational costs such as staff salaries, supplies, contractual services, utilities, and facilities maintenance.	Funding Source(s):	
			Federal	5,120,800
			Local	5,291,400
			Private	14,800
			Restricted	214,600
		<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 401, 402, 404, 408</i>		
Summer institute	90,000	Short-residency summer institute to teach Braille and life skills to visually-impaired students who do not participate in full 180- or 230-day residency program at MSDB.	Funding Source:	
			Private	90,000
		<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
Camp Tuhsmeheeta – 1.0 FTE position	250,100	Operation of camping facility near Greenville, Michigan, which is used by impaired persons statewide.	Funding Source:	
			Private	250,100
		<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
Private gifts – blind	90,000	Private donations and bequests dedicated to fund summer programs, student activities, and special events for visually impaired students.	Funding Source:	
			Private	90,000
		<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
Private gifts – deaf	50,000	Private donations and bequests dedicated to fund summer programs, student activities, and special events for hearing impaired students.	Funding Source:	
			Private	50,000
		<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$11,121,700	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.		
Federal revenue	5,120,800	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.		
Local cost sharing (schools for blind/deaf)	5,008,900	Revenue from local school districts for instructional costs of district students who attend MSDB–Flint.		
Local school district service fees	282,500	Charged to local school districts for special education assessment services rendered.		
Gifts, bequests, and donations	494,900	Private donations that support operations of MSDB–Flint.		
Student insurance revenue	214,600	From insurance providers; offsets MSDB medical costs.		
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$0	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.		

SECTION 108: PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES

Professional Preparation Services is responsible for ensuring that all professional school personnel complete preparation and ongoing professional development programs. Performs functions including teacher certification, development of standards for teacher preparation institutions, and oversight of teacher testing.

Full-time equated classified positions	31.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
Professional preparation operations – 31.0 FTE positions	\$5,542,800	Personnel and operational costs. <div style="text-align: right; margin-left: 20px;">Funding Source(s): Federal 2,658,600 Restricted 2,884,200</div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 208, 501, 502, 503</i>		
Department of attorney general	50,000	Represents Department of Education in all matters involving issuance, suspension, and revocation of teacher certificates. <div style="text-align: right; margin-left: 20px;">Funding Source: Restricted 50,000</div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$5,592,800	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Federal revenue	2,658,600	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
Certification fees	2,634,600	From issuing teacher and administrator certificates; supports state licensure, professional development, and administrator and teacher quality activities.
Teacher testing fees	299,600	From certifying teachers; offsets cost of administering Michigan Test for Teacher Certification.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$0	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 109: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY SERVICES

This office administers early childhood education programs for general and special education students. Some of the programs administered by this office include the Michigan School Readiness Program, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and the Great Parents, Great Start program.

Full-time equated classified positions	23.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.		
Early childhood education and family services operations – 23.0 FTE positions	\$4,030,300	Personnel and operational costs.		
		Funding Source(s):	Federal	2,863,400
			Private	184,800
			Restricted	56,500
			GF/GP	925,600
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>				
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$4,030,300	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.		
Federal revenue	2,863,400	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.		
Private foundations	184,800	Private funds for Michigan After School Partnership Program.		
Certification fees	56,500	From issuing teacher and administrator certificates; supports state licensure, professional development, and administrator and teacher quality activities.		
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$925,600	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.		

SECTION 110: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

This office facilitates school district compliance with state and federal school improvement requirements, including the "No Child Left Behind" Act. Some of the functions provided by this unit include administering certain federal grants, providing assistance to schools needing improvement, curriculum development, and monitoring public school academies.

Full-time equated classified positions	74.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
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School improvement operations – 74.0 FTE positions	\$16,011,300	Personnel and operational costs.	
		Funding Source(s):	
		Federal	14,335,700
		Private	1,082,100
		Restricted	518,900
		GF/GP	74,600

Related Boilerplate Section(s): 601

GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$16,011,300	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Federal revenue	14,335,700	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
Private foundations	1,082,100	Revenue from private organizations.
Certification fees	518,900	From issuing teacher and administrator certificates; supports state licensure, professional development, and administrator and teacher quality activities.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$74,600	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 111: SCHOOL FINANCE AND SCHOOL LAW SERVICES

This office administers the School Aid budget and provides administrative services for the State Board of Education and others on state and federal law that affect education.

Full-time equated classified positions	20.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
School finance and school law operations – 20.0 FTE positions	\$2,592,700	Personnel and operational costs.
		Funding Source(s):
		Federal 1,323,200
		Restricted 490,300
		GF/GP 779,200
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$2,592,700	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Federal revenue	1,323,200	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
Certification fees	490,300	From issuing teacher and administrator certificates; supports state licensure, professional development, and administrator and teacher quality activities.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$779,200	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 112: EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

This unit administers the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test. It is responsible for test development, test administration, and analysis and reporting of test results.

Full-time equated classified positions	27.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
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Education assessment operations – 27.0 FTE positions	\$35,196,600	Personnel and operational costs.		
		Funding Source(s):	Federal	18,837,300
			Restricted	16,359,300

Related Boilerplate Section(s): 901

GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$35,196,600	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Federal revenue	18,837,300	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
Merit award trust fund	16,359,300	Revenue from Merit Award Trust Fund.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$0	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 113: GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

This unit administers various federal and state grants. It also administers the Food and Nutrition programs, including the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch program.

Full-time equated classified positions	59.5	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.								
Grants administration and school support services operations – 59.5 FTE positions	\$7,939,900	Personnel and operational costs. Funding Source(s): <table style="float: right; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Federal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7,449,300</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Local</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Restricted</td> <td style="text-align: right;">68,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">GF/GP</td> <td style="text-align: right;">412,100</td> </tr> </table>	Federal	7,449,300	Local	10,400	Restricted	68,100	GF/GP	412,100
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GF/GP	412,100									
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 701, 702</i>										
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$7,939,900	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.								
Federal revenue	7,449,300	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.								
Local school district service fees	10,400	Fines charged to local school districts for violations of the state's sex education laws								
Commodity distribution fees	68,100	Fee charged to local school districts for spoiled surplus commodities.								
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$412,100	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.								

SECTION 114: GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Provides state grants to local school districts, local education agencies, private nonprofit agencies, educators, and other organizations that deliver educational services statewide.

Middle school math project	\$100,000	Grants for professional development for middle school math teachers or to develop/enhance middle school math curriculum. Funding Source: Restricted 100,000
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 703</i>		
State – school breakfast programs	9,625,000	Reimburse schools for meals served to disadvantaged students. Funding Source: GF/GP 9,625,000
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 701, 702</i>		
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$9,725,000	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Certification fees	100,000	Collected from issuing teacher certificates; funds Middle School Math Project.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$9,625,000	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

BOILERPLATE SECTION INFORMATION

Sec. 201. State Spending to Local Governments

Provides payments to local units of government.

Sec. 202. Management and Budget Act

Subjects funds in this appropriation act to the management and budget act.

Sec. 203. Definitions

Defines certain terms used in the act.

Sec. 204. 1% Civil Service Fee

Specifies administrative fee charged to each state department for personnel services.

Sec. 205. Posting Reports on the Internet

Requires Department to post reports required by boilerplate on its website.

Sec. 206. State Board Information

Requires Department to forward board information to various governmental agencies.

Sec. 207. Office for Safe Schools

Defines responsibilities of the Office of Safe Schools.

Sec. 208. Personnel Records

Requires Department to retain teacher personnel records regarding sexual misconduct.

Sec. 209. Information Technology User Fees

Requires Department to pay user fees to Department of Information Technology (DIT) for technology-related services and projects.

Sec. 210. Information Technology Work Projects

States that funds may be designated as work projects and carried forward to support technology projects under direction of DIT.

Sec. 211. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Requires Department to allow districts to appeal a determination of failure to meet AYP prior to Department reporting those results.

Sec. 212. Purchase of Foreign Goods

Prohibits use of state funds to purchase foreign-made goods if comparable American or Michigan goods are available.

Sec. 213. Hiring Freeze

Establishes a hiring freeze for state civil service with exceptions under certain circumstances.

Sec. 214. Out-of-State Travel

Prohibits out-of-state travel except in certain circumstances.

Sec. 215. Communication with the Legislature

Prohibits Department from taking disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with a legislator or his or her staff.

Sec. 216. Economically Distressed Areas

Encourages Department to contract with businesses in economically distressed areas.

Sec. 217 Bills Submitted by Auditor General

Requires Department to pay, within 60 days of submission, the full amount of any bills submitted by Auditor General.

Sec. 301. Per Diem Payments

Authorizes Department to make per diem payments to members of the State Board of Education.

Sec. 302. Travel Expenditures

Prohibits spending over \$35,000 for in-state travel for Board of Education members; prohibits out-of-state travel.

Sec. 303. Best Practices in Education Study

Specifies that \$350,000 from State board/superintendent operations line be expended to conduct a study of national best practices in education.

Sec. 401. Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind Employees

Stipulates that employees who work on a school year basis shall be considered annual employees for purposes of service credits, retirement, and insurance benefits.

Sec. 402. Payment for Instruction at the School for the Deaf and Blind

Requires Department to assess intermediate school district of residence 100% of cost of student's instructional program for each student enrolled at Michigan schools for the deaf and blind.

Sec. 403. Rent for Michigan Schools for the Blind Former Site

Authorizes Department to rent or lease the facility to a state agency or private party.

Sec. 404. Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind-Flint – Rent

Allows Department to rent or lease the facility to a state agency or private party.

Sec. 407. Federal Medicaid Program

Allows Department to assist other departments to secure reimbursement for eligible services provided in Michigan schools from the federal Medicaid program.

Sec. 408. Residential Program

Authorizes Michigan schools for the deaf and blind to promote its residential program as a possible appropriate option for children who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are blind or visually impaired.

Sec. 409. Capital Improvements

Authorizes Department to receive and expend funds from the Mid-Michigan Academy for capital improvements.

Sec. 410. General Services Expenditures

Requires Department to report detailed information on the expenditures made for general services for Michigan school for the blind's former site.

Sec. 501. Felony Conviction Files

Requires Department to maintain a professional personnel registry and certificate revocation/felony conviction files.

Sec. 502. Student Teaching Credits

States that one-half of all student teaching credits can be earned through substitute teaching.

Sec. 503. Professional Preparation Operations

Provides up to \$75,000 allocation to Alternative Route to Certification Program at Central Michigan University.

Sec. 601. Administration of the Charter School Office

Earmarks funds to operate the charter school office.

Sec. 701. Disbursement to General Fund Grantees

Requires Department to disburse to a general fund grantee in accordance with the federal disbursement schedule.

Sec. 702. School Breakfast Program

Provides for state program to reimburse local schools for meals served to students.

Sec. 703. Middle School Math Project

Awards funds to Michigan Virtual High School and Wayne State University to provide professional development for middle school math teachers or develop/enhance middle school math curriculum.

Sec. 801. Collaboration with Center for Educational Performance and Information

Requires Department to work collaboratively with Center for Educational Performance and Information to support data collection.

Sec. 901. Educational Assessment Operations

Requires Department to provide MEAP tests to nonpublic school students.

Sec. 1001. School Improvement Services - VETOED

Requires \$350,000 from school improvement services line be expended for benchmarking training services and district-level performance reports.



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