



APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM AND BOILERPLATE HISTORY

K-12 SCHOOL AID PART 1: LINE ITEM DETAIL

**2015 PA 85
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Year-to-Date**

Sec. 11 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

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| 1. <u>Unclassified full-time equated (FTE) positions</u> - Positions that are exempted from the classified State civil service pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution. | N/A |
| 2. <u>Classified FTE positions</u> - All positions in State service unless exempted by Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution. One FTE position equals 2,088 hours. | N/A |
| 3. <u>GROSS APPROPRIATION</u> - Total appropriations | \$13,896,329,300 |
| 4. <u>Interdepartmental grants (IDG)</u> - Funds that are also appropriated in other budgets. These funds are categorized as IDGs in the Department of Education that spends the funds and are therefore subtracted from the Gross Appropriation to avoid double counting total statewide appropriations. | N/A |
| 5. <u>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</u> - Gross appropriations less IDGs. | 13,896,329,300 |
| 6. <u>Federal revenue (on-going)</u> - Funding allocated to the State by the Federal government that is not temporary in nature. | 1,775,769,200 |
| 8. <u>Local revenue</u> - Funds paid by local units of government that support State services and programs. | N/A |
| 9. <u>Private revenue</u> - Available appropriated funds from private sources, including funding from non-governmental agencies. | N/A |
| 10. <u>State restricted revenue</u> - Revenue earmarked for a specific purpose by the State Constitution, statute, or appropriation bill. Restricted revenue for school aid is generally referred to as the School Aid Fund (SAF). | 12,120,560,100 |
| 11. <u>State general fund/general purpose</u> - Revenue that has no constitutional or statutory restrictions on how it is used. Approximately 90% of the general fund/general purpose (GF/GP) revenue is derived from the income, single business, insurance, sales, and use taxes. | 45,900,000 |
| 12. <u>Payments to locals</u> - State appropriations from GF/GP or State restricted revenues that will be allocated to local units of government. For school aid purposes, local school districts and intermediate school districts (ISD) are considered local units of government. | 11,962,930,600 |

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Sec. 11j - SCHOOL BOND LOAN FUND PAYMENTS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$126,500,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
To make payments to the school bond loan redemption fund in the Department of Treasury for debt service payments on behalf of districts and ISDs that have borrowed through the School Bond Loan Fund program. Prior to FY 2002-03, this program was funded in the Department of Treasury budget. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State school aid fund | \$126,500,000 |

Sec. 11m - CASH-FLOW BORROWING

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$2,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
To make payments on behalf of districts and ISDs for fiscal year cash-flow borrowing costs related to the State School Aid Fund. Prior to FY 2006-07, this program was funded in the Department of Treasury budget. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State school aid fund | \$2,000,000 |

Sec. 20 - FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | N/A |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
This section is for calculation of foundation allowances only (and not for the payment of per-pupil funding). A foundation allowance is a per-pupil amount that is determined for each local school district. When Proposal A was first implemented in FY 1994-95, the foundation allowance for local school districts was calculated based on the amount of eligible State and local revenue per pupil a district received in FY 1993-94. Since then, the foundation allowance has been adjusted by adding a per-pupil amount to a district's foundation allowance according to the formula provided in the School Aid Act. | |

In addition, the basic foundation allowance is the foundation allowance that is used to determine the amount of increase each year. Prior to FY 1999-2000, some districts were below the basic foundation allowance and received a higher per-pupil increase so as to bring those districts up to the basic foundation allowance amount. Districts that were at or above the basic foundation allowance received only the actual amount of increase determined for the basic foundation allowance. From FY 1999-2000 through FY 2006-07, all districts were at or above the basic foundation and thus all districts received the same amount of per-pupil increase each year during that time period. Beginning in FY 2007-08, a return to what is called the "2x" formula was implemented, whereby districts at the minimum funding (\$6,966 per-pupil in FY 2012-13) receive twice the dollar increase provided to districts at or above the newly established basic foundation allowance (\$8,019 in FY 2012-13), in order to further close the funding gap among low- and high-spending districts.

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For FY 2015-16, the "2x" formula was used to provide a minimum increase of \$70 per pupil, up to \$140 per pupil for districts with foundation allowances at the minimum. The new minimum is \$7,391, and the new basic is \$8,169.

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| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | N/A |
| | State school aid fund | N/A |

Sec. 20f - CATEGORICAL OFFSET PAYMENTS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$18,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>This section was new for FY 2013-14 and is continued into FY 2015-16. When the section was added for FY 2013-14, it provided payments to districts to ensure that the sum of the FY 2013-14 changes in per-pupil foundation allowance, equity, and Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPERS) offset (Sec. 147a) payments compared to FY 2012-13 levels result in at least a \$5 increase. For FY 2014-15, districts that received a payment under this section in the previous year received the same per-pupil payment as provided in FY 2013-14. For FY 2015-16, an additional payment is made on top of the existing amounts, to ensure that every district received at least a \$25-per-pupil increase in overall funding when calculating the positive changes in the foundation allowance and at-risk payments against the negative changes in pupil performance and best practices grants.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$18,000,000 |

Sec. 20g TRANSITION GRANTS FOR STUDENTS IN DISSOLVED DISTRICTS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$2,200,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>This section was new for FY 2013-14 and is continued in FY 2015-16. It provides additional payments to districts enrolling students previously enrolled in a dissolved school district. For FY 2013-14, the two districts that dissolved were Buena Vista and Inkster. This section provides funding equal to a 10% increase in the enrolling district's foundation allowance for each student enrolled who had been previously enrolled in a dissolved district. Transition payments will be made for four years and then funding will cease.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$2,200,000 |

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Sec. 22a - PROPOSAL A OBLIGATION PAYMENT

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$5,281,700,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>To satisfy the State's Proposal A Constitutional per-pupil funding obligation. This section allocates payments to guarantee a FY 1994-95 foundation allowance for every pupil. The number of pupils in a school district and the amount of local revenue raised from a district's 18-mill operational levy determine the amount of funding under this section. The State pays the difference between what is generated locally under the district's 18-mill operations levy on nonhomesteads and the district's 1994-95 foundation allowance, multiplied by the district's pupils in membership.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$5,281,700,000 |

Sec. 22b - DISCRETIONARY PAYMENT

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$3,728,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>To make discretionary nonmandated payments to districts, equal to the sum of calculations under Sections 20, 51a(2), 51a(3), and 51a(11) less the payments made under Sections 22a and 51c. In order to receive these funds, districts must administer department-approved standardized tests of basic educational skills in grades 1-5, comply with Sections 1278a, 1278b, and 1230g of the Revised School Code, furnish data to the Center for Educational Performance and Information, and comply with Section 21f of the School Aid Act. The section earmarks \$1.0 million for litigation costs incurred by the State related to commercial or industrial property tax appeals that impact SAF revenues, and \$1.0 million for litigation costs incurred by the State in defense of lawsuits.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$3,712,329,500 |
| | State general fund/general purpose | \$15,670,500 |

Sec. 22d - ISOLATED DISTRICTS FUNDING

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$5,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>To make payments to small, geographically isolated districts. Of the total funding, \$4,042,700 is for payments to districts with 7.3 or fewer pupils per square mile. For this group of districts, funding is allocated on an equal per-pupil basis, and is estimated at \$44. The remaining \$957,300 is for payments to districts that operate grades K-12, have fewer than 250 pupils, and is located in the Upper Peninsula at least 30 miles from any other public school building or is located on an island not accessible by bridge. Funding to this group of districts is determined based on a spending plan approved by the State Superintendent.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$5,000,000 |

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Sec. 22g - COMPETITIVE ASSISTANCE GRANTS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$5,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>The money allocated in this section is for reimbursement of transition costs associated with the consolidation or annexation of districts or intermediate school districts (ISDs). Consolidations or annexations would have to occur after June 1, 2015, to be eligible for grant consideration. Districts may spend funds allocated under this section over three years.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$5,000,000 |

Sec. 22i - TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$23,500,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>For district or ISD access to a computer-adaptive test or for the development or improvement of districts' technology hard infrastructure, the shared services consolidation of technology and data, and for the coordination and strategic purchasing of hardware and software in preparation for the delivery of assessments through online models. FY 2015-16 is the final year of funding for this program.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$23,500,000 |

Sec. 24 - COURT-PLACED PUPILS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$8,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>To reimburse the educating district or ISD for the added costs of providing an on-grounds educational program to pupils under court jurisdiction placed in or assigned to attend a juvenile detention facility or child caring institution.</p> | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$8,000,000 |

Sec. 24a - JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$2,189,800 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | <p>For payments to ISDs to cover State costs associated with educational programs for pupils placed in juvenile justice facilities that are within an ISD's boundaries. Program responsibilities will not be transferred to the host ISD without their consent. Prior to FY 2006-07, this program was funded in the Department of Human Services budget.</p> | |

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3.	<u>Funding Source</u>	
	State school aid fund	\$2,189,800

Sec. 24c - YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

1.	<u>Appropriation</u>	\$1,497,400
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2.	<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	
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For payments to districts for pupils enrolled in a nationally administered community-based education and youth mentoring program known as the Youth Challenge program. Prior to FY 2006-07, this program was funded in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs budget.

3.	<u>Funding Source</u>	
	State school aid fund	\$1,497,400

Sec. 25f - STRICT DISCIPLINE ACADEMIES

1.	<u>Appropriation</u>	\$1,000,000
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2.	<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	
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For payments to strict discipline academies (SDAs) to reimburse for costs above and beyond the costs covered by the foundation allowance or other sources of State Aid on an added-cost basis. Payments under this section and under Section 24 (court-placed pupils) cannot exceed the equivalent of an additional foundation allowance payment.

3.	<u>Funding Source</u>	
	State school aid fund	\$1,000,000

Sec. 25g - DROPOUT RECOVERY

1.	<u>Appropriation</u>	\$1,000,000
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2.	<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	
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For payments to districts operating dropout recovery programs under certain conditions. For districts operating dropout recovery programs that utilize special membership counting provisions of Section 6(4)(dd), payments reimburse for the education of students when they may otherwise be counted as more than 1.0 FTE (e.g., summer school months).

3.	<u>Funding Source</u>	
	State school aid fund	\$1,000,000

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Sec. 26a - RENAISSANCE ZONE REIMBURSEMENT

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$26,300,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
To reimburse districts and intermediate school districts for tax revenue lost due to Renaissance Zone tax exemptions. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State school aid fund | \$26,300,000 |

Sec. 26b - PILT REIMBURSEMENT

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$4,276,800 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
For payments to districts, ISDs, and community colleges for lost tax revenue on land owned by the State Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Prior to FY 2005-06, this program was funded in the DNR budget. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State school aid fund | \$4,276,800 |

Sec. 26c - PROMISE ZONE REIMBURSEMENT

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$610,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
For reimbursement to local districts and ISDs that have a Promise Zone development plan approved by the Department of Treasury. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State school aid fund | \$610,000 |

Sec. 31a - AT-RISK PUPILS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$389,695,500 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
Of the total appropriation, \$379.0 million provides additional funding to districts for each student "at-risk" of educational failure; \$5.6 million of the appropriation is used to support child and adolescent health centers (previously funded in the Department of Community Health budget until FY 2005-06); and \$5.2 million of the appropriation is used to cover the State's portion of hearing and vision screenings (previously funded in the Department of Community Health budget until FY 2006-07). If fully funded, at-risk dollars would be provided to districts equal to 11.5% of their foundation allowance, multiplied by the number of students eligible for free lunch. If this appropriation is not enough to fully fund the categorical, proration occurs on a per-pupil basis. For the previous fiscal year (2014-15), proration was equal to \$317.68 per pupil. | |

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The FY 2014-15 budget included significant language changes in the At-Risk section, where the dollars (other than those earmarked for vision/hearing screening or health centers) are specified for the purposes of ensuring that pupils are proficient in reading by the end of third grade and that high school graduates are career and college ready. All other restrictions on the uses of At-Risk funds were removed.

Language was added in FY 2014-15 to state that districts may use 100% of their funds to implement schoolwide reform in schools with 40% or more of pupils identified as at risk by providing supplemental instructional or noninstructional services consistent with the school improvement plan.

The section was further amended to state that, beginning in FY 2014-15, if a district did not demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of Education that at least 50% of at-risk pupils are reading at grade level by the end of third grade and demonstrate improvement over three consecutive years in the percentage of at-risk pupils that are career- and college-ready, then restrictions would be put into place mandating the percentages of total funding that would have to be allocated to improve both areas.

Changes in FY 2015-16 built upon the changes enacted in FY 2014-15, primarily by requiring all districts to implement a multi-tiered system of supports in at least grades K to 3 in order to receive any At Risk funding. In addition, the definition of "at-risk pupil" was broadened to include numerous additional qualifiers, such that more students can receive services funded with at-risk dollars.

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| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$389,695,500 |

Sec. 31c - GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$1,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | New in FY 2015-16, this program is to award grants to districts that form partnerships with nonprofit organizations, law enforcement, and other community resources to provide programs that divert young adults from gang-related criminal activity. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$1,000,000 |

Sec. 31d - SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$535,695,100 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | To reimburse districts for 6.0127% of the necessary costs of the State-mandated portion of the school lunch programs, and to reimburse districts for the Federal National School Lunch and Emergency Food Assistance programs. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | Federal revenue | \$513,200,000 |
| | State school aid fund | \$22,495,100 |

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Sec. 31f - SCHOOL BREAKFAST REIMBURSEMENT

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$5,625,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | To reimburse districts for the cost of providing breakfast, which is statutorily required under certain circumstances. Until FY 2006-07, this program previously was funded in the Department of Education budget. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$5,625,000 |

Sec. 31h - COOPERATIVE EDUCATION GRANT

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$300,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | To provide a grant to a district (Marshall) that entered into a cooperative agreement to educate a neighboring district's (Albion's) high school pupils. FY 2015-16 is the first of two years of funding. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$300,000 |

Sec. 32d - SCHOOL READINESS GRANTS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$239,575,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | To provide formula grant funding to eligible intermediate districts and consortia of ISDs for comprehensive compensatory education programs to improve the school readiness of at-risk four-year-olds. An approved school readiness program must include an age-appropriate educational curriculum, nutritional services, health screening, a plan for parent (legal guardian) involvement, and referrals for community social services. At least 90% of the children participating in the program must be from families with income levels no more than 250% of the Federal poverty level, with children from poorer families awarded slots before children from families with higher incomes levels. However, if all slots at 250% of poverty are served within an ISD, the threshold can be increased to 300% of poverty. ISDs must contract for at least 30% of the total slot allocation, unless contractors are unable to fulfill the contracts. | |

Of the total appropriation, \$300,000 GF/GP also is allocated for a competitive grant for continuation of a longitudinal evaluation of children who participated in the school readiness program.

Of the total appropriation, \$10.0 million is earmarked for reimbursement of transportation costs at no more than the actual cost of transporting kids to GSRP programs, or \$150 multiplied by the number of slots funded for the program. This earmark was new for FY 2014-15.

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School Readiness grants to entities other than school districts were funded in the Department of Education budget until FY 2005-06.

An ISD that provides services directly may retain 7.0% for administration. For the portion of the grant for which services are contracted, an ISD may retain 4.0% for administration and the subrecipients may retain 4.0% for administration.

3. Funding Source

State school aid fund	\$239,275,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$300,000

Sec. 32p - EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

1. Appropriation \$13,400,000

2. Purpose of Appropriation

To fund an early childhood block grant program (birth through age 8), using funding previously allocated under section 32b and 32j. In order to receive funding, each ISD is required to provide an application detailing proposed uses of early childhood funding. Under this section, ISDs are required to submit reports after the end of the fiscal year indicating actual programs offered and children served. Funding to each ISD will be determined based upon a formula established by the Office of Great Start to ensure equitable funding statewide.

New for FY 2015-16 is an additional \$2.5 million appropriation and earmark for home visits to at-risk children and their families, to improve school readiness, reduce the number of pupils retained in grade level, and reduce the number of pupils requiring special education.

3. Funding Source

State school aid fund	\$13,400,000
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Sec. 35 and 35a - EARLY LITERACY ADMINISTRATION AND GRANT FUNDING

1. Appropriation \$26,400,000

2. Purpose of Appropriation

To fund numerous early literacy activities (new for FY 2015-16) under various sections, with administration under Section 35 (\$1.0 million to the Department of Education, with \$100,000 earmarked for an evaluation of the Parents University pilot), and specific types of funding and assistance under Sections 35a, described in more detail as follows:

- Sec. 35a(2) - Parents University Pilot Project: \$1.0 million, awarded through competitive grants up to \$130,000 to provide at least two hours per week for parents and their children to participate in parent education programs.
- Sec. 35a(3) - Research-Based Professional Development on Early Literacy: \$950,000, to support online professional development related to State literacy standards in grades K to 3, including training in the use of screening and diagnostic tools, progress monitoring, and intervention methods.
- Sec. 35a(4) - Evidence-based Screening Tools and Professional Development in Assessments: \$1.45 million, for grants to districts to administer Department-

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approved screening and diagnostic tools to monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills of pupils in grades K to 3, and for professional development in administering screening and diagnostic tools and in data interpretation of the results.

- Sec. 35a(5) - Early Literacy Coaches: \$3.0 million, to provide early literacy coaches at ISDs to assist teachers in developing strategies for pupils in grades K to 3, with at least one coach per ISD, and remaining funding directed to ISDs based on proportion of free-lunch eligible K-3 students. ISDs must provide matching funding, and State grants will not exceed \$37,500 per coach.
- Sec. 35a(6) - Payment for Additional Instructional Time in K-3: \$17.5 million, to pay districts \$165 per first grade pupil to pay for the expansion of instructional time in grades K to 3. Districts must implement MTSS and meet other criteria to qualify.
- Sec. 35a(7) - Michigan Education Corps: \$1.0 million, for the group to replicate the Michigan Reading Corps program and demonstrate efficacy and impact.
- Sec. 35a(8) - Elementary Teacher Assessment of Reading Instruction: \$500,000, for the adoption of a certification test to ensure newly certificated elementary teachers have the skills to deliver evidence-based literacy instruction.

3. Funding Source

State school aid fund	\$23,900,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$2,500,000

Sec. 39a - FEDERAL GRANTS

1. Appropriation \$809,876,400

2. Purpose of Appropriation

To provide Federal grants to districts, ISDs, and other eligible applicants. Federal grants were previously appropriated in the Department of Education budget, but were transferred to the School Aid budget in FY 2002-03. Grants are distributed in accordance with Federal law.

3. Funding Source

Federal NCLB Grants	\$779,076,400
Federal Non-NCLB Grants	\$30,800,000

Sec. 41 - BILINGUAL EDUCATION

1. Appropriation \$1,200,000

2. Purpose of Appropriation

To provide grants to districts and ISDs offering programs of instruction for pupils of limited English-speaking ability. Reimbursement is on an equal per-pupil basis, based on the number of pupils of limited English-speaking ability in membership on the pupil membership count day. A pupil cannot be counted in the program for more than three years.

3. Funding Source

State school aid fund	\$1,200,000
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Sec. 43 – TEACHER CERTIFICATION TEST REVIEW

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$1,800,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | To provide the Department of Education with funds to update teacher certification tests to reflect current education standards, by no later than September 30, 2016. FY 2015-16 is the final year of funding for this program. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State general fund/general purpose | \$1,800,000 |

Sections 51a, 51c, 54, and 56 - SPECIAL EDUCATION

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$1,288,546,100 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | Provides payments for the required State funding percentages for special education and special education transportation, including foundation allowance payments for students in special education membership, and other special education categorical programs. | |
| | The appropriation funds the following specific allocations which are listed in order of funding priority: | |
| | A. An estimated \$251,800,000 for reimbursing intermediate ISDs 28.6138% of total approved costs of special education students, excluding costs reimbursed under Section 53a, and 70.4165% of total approved costs of special education transportation. These payments are required by the <i>Durant v. State of Michigan</i> decision and are allocated in Section 51a(2). | |
| | B. An estimated \$610,000,000 is allocated to reimburse districts for 28.6138% of total approved costs of special education, excluding costs reimbursed under Section 53a, and 70.4165% of total approved costs of special education transportation. These payments are required by the <i>Durant v. State of Michigan</i> decision and are allocated in Section 51c. | |
| | C. An estimated \$3,300,000 for foundation allowance payments for special education pupils described in Section 53a including those in institutional placements and nonspecial education pupils served by an ISD in a juvenile detention or child caring facility. These payments are allocated in Section 51a(11). | |
| | D. Up to \$10,500,000 for reimbursement of 100% of the total approved costs of special education (excluding foundation allowance payments which are made under Section 51a(11)) for pupils in institutional and community placements described in Section 53a. | |
| | E. Up to \$2,200,000 for the cost of implementing administrative rule revisions made in 1987. These allocations are made in Section 51a(6). | |
| | F. \$1,688,000 for ISDs in an amount per pupil for each pupil enrolled at the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind. These allocations are made in Section 54. | |
| | G. An estimated \$1,300,000 for payments to ensure that ISDs receive at least the amount of the FY 1996-97 allocation under Sections 52 and 58. These allocations are made in Section 51a(3). For local school districts and public school academies, this Section is for calculation purposes only, to determine discretionary payments under Section 22b. | |

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H. Up to \$37,758,100 for equalization of ISD special education millage. For FY 2014-15, reimbursement to each ISD will be at least 75.0% of what was received in FY 2013-14, with the exception of Wayne RESA, which is frozen at no more than 62.9% of the total appropriation. These allocations are made in Section 56.

Federal Funds: From the total Federal allocation, not more than \$3.5 million may be allocated by the Department of Education for competitive grants to improve special education on a statewide basis. All remaining Federal monies are distributed in an equal amount per special education-identified pupil, based on Federally required head counts of students. This allocation is found in Section 51a(5).

3. Funding Source

State school aid fund	\$919,846,100
Federal revenue	\$370,000,000

Sec. 51d - FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS

1. Appropriation

\$71,000,000

2. Purpose of Appropriation

To allocate funding for special education programs funded by Federal grants. These grants include Handicapped Infants and Toddlers, Preschool Grants, and Special Education Programs (funded with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds).

All Federal funds allocated under this section shall be distributed in accordance with Federal law.

3. Funding Source

Federal revenue	\$71,000,000
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Sec. 55 - CONDUCTIVE LEARNING CENTER STUDY

1. Appropriation

\$150,000

2. Purpose of Appropriation

To pay Michigan State University for a study of the Conductive Learning Center at Aquinas College, evaluating conductive education for children with cerebral palsy. Language states that this is the first of two years of funding.

3. Funding Source

State school aid fund	\$150,000
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Sec. 61a - CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. Appropriation

\$36,611,300

2. Purpose of Appropriation

To reimburse for the added costs of secondary-level career and technical education programs. The disbursement of funds to local school districts or secondary area vocational-technical centers occurs through an "added-cost" reimbursement process. The allocation depends on the type of program provided, the number of pupils enrolled,

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and the length of the training period. The reimbursement is limited to 75% of added costs of any program. New for FY 2015-16 is language directing the prioritization of the funding formula using specified criteria, as well as a requirement that 9th grade students are counted in all aspects of the funding formula. Also new for FY 2015-16 is language allowing a Career and Technical Education program funded under this section to provide an opportunity for adult education students participating under Sec. 107 to enroll if participation occurs outside of regular school hours.

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| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$36,611,300 |

Sec. 61b - CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGES

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$10,000,000 |
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| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
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This program is new for FY 2015-16, and its purpose is to increase the number of Michigan residents with high-quality degrees or credentials, and to increase the number of students who are college- and career-ready upon high school completion. Specifically, the funding is designed to incentivize Career and Technical Education (CTE) early/middle colleges, which are five-year high school programs in the highest five career cluster rankings in any of the 10 regional strategic plans, that will allow for a high school diploma and either an associate degree, a certification, transferable college credits, or participation in a registered apprenticeship. Funds will be distributed equal to 50% of CTE costs per full-time equated pupil times the current year enrollment of each career cluster in an eligible CTE middle college program.

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| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$10,000,000 |

Sec. 62 - INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION MILLAGE EQUALIZATION

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$9,190,000 |
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| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
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To equalize intermediate school district millage revenue for vocational education. ISDs are targeted for minimum per-mill revenue for ISD vocational education millages levied in the prior fiscal year. For an intermediate district with taxable value per pupil less than a specified level (which is \$188,100 per pupil in FY 2014-15), the State provides a payment that enables the intermediate district to receive combined State and local revenue as if the ISD had a taxable value of the specified amount. Beginning in FY 2013-14, each ISD shall receive at least 75.0% of what it received in the prior year, with the exception of Genesee ISD which is capped at no more than 38.4% of the total appropriation.

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| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$9,190,000 |

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Sec. 64b - DUAL ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$1,750,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | In its second year of funding (FY 2015-16), this section appropriates \$1.75 million for grants to districts for the purpose of making payments for the support of attendance of pupils in dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment programs. For eligible districts, grants are equal to \$10 per credit, for up to three credits, plus \$30 per pupil per successfully completed course. However, new language requires a district seeking funding to ensure that the dual enrollment college credits be accepted at any community college or State public university in Michigan. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$1,750,000 |

Sec. 65 - DETROIT AREA PRE-COLLEGE ENGINEERING PROGRAM (DAPCEP)

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$340,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | To provide funding for DAPCEP, which exposes Southeast Michigan pupils to, and motivates and prepares pupils for, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers and postsecondary education with special attention given to at-risk pupils. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$340,000 |

Sec. 67 – MICHIGAN COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK AND OUTREACH

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$3,600,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | Provides \$3.0 million for support of the College Access Network. The Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) was previously funded in the Higher Education budget at \$2.0 million. Programs funded are intended to inform students of college and career options, and to increase the number of residents with high-quality degrees or credentials. The \$3.0 million may be used for MCAN operations and services to local networks, for local college access networks, the Michigan College Advising Program, for districts that establish a college access team and implement a college-going culture, for public awareness and outreach, and for postsecondary institutions to recruit college student mentors and advisors to assist high school pupils. | |
| | The remaining \$600,000 is for a pilot outreach program to provide information on dual enrollment and other opportunities to earn postsecondary credits or certifications, and for an online career planning tool. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State general fund/general purpose | \$3,600,000 |

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Sec. 74 - BUS DRIVER SAFETY INSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL BUS INSPECTIONS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$3,315,700 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
To support bus driver safety instruction or evaluation and to reimburse districts for nonspecial education auxiliary services transportation, and to reimburse for costs associated with the inspection of school buses. State-supported colleges or universities and intermediate school districts are eligible for bus driver safety instruction reimbursement and local districts are eligible for the nonspecial education auxiliary services transportation funds. Of the total appropriation, \$1,625,000 is allocated for these purposes.

The remaining funding (\$1,690,700) is to be used for the school bus inspection program, which, prior to FY 2006-07, was appropriated in the Michigan State Police (MSP) budget. The program funds a staff person at the MSP to inspect the buses. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State school aid fund | \$3,315,700 |

Sec. 81 - INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FORMULA

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$67,108,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
To fund ISDs for general operations to comply with the requirements of the School Aid Act and the Revised School Code, and provide technical assistance to districts as authorized by the ISD board. The full amount of the appropriation is for unrestricted operational funding, and ISDs no longer have to meet specified best practices criteria to receive full funding. No increase was provided from FY 2014-15 to FY 2015-16, but the best practices earmark was rolled into base funding. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State school aid fund | \$67,108,000 |

Sec. 94 - ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$250,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
To provide funding to the Department of Education for efforts to increase the number of pupils who participate and succeed in AP and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. The funds are to cover all or part of the costs of AP or IB test fees for low-income pupils, provided the pupil pays at least \$5 toward the cost of each test. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State general fund/general purpose | \$250,000 |

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Sec. 94a - CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND INFORMATION (CEPI)

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$12,160,500 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>

To provide funding for operations and the development and implementation of a comprehensive data management and student tracking system, including a longitudinal data system. The Center should use funding to collect, coordinate, and validate data, develop model policies, improve the quality and quantity of educational data available to teachers, school administrators, parents, and the general public, and to fulfill Federal reporting requirements. \$12.0 million GF/GP is appropriated to support the operations of the Center and \$193,500 Federal funds is to support the Center and the P-20 longitudinal data system. Of the total funding, an amount determined by CEPI is earmarked for competitive grants to support collaborative efforts on the P-20 longitudinal data system. Grants will be awarded to eligible ISDs or a consortium of ISDs, and activities funded under the grant may include portal hosting, hardware and software acquisition, maintenance, enhancements, and other items. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State general fund/general purpose | \$11,967,000 |
| | Federal revenue | \$193,500 |

Sec. 98 - MICHIGAN VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$7,387,500 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>

To provide funding for the Michigan Virtual University (MVU) to operate the Michigan Virtual Learning Institute, tasked with a multiplicity of items, including: supporting and accelerating innovation in education (including research of digital education models), and analyzing the effectiveness of online learning in preparing students to be career- and college-ready; providing extensive professional development to 500 educators; establishing an internet-based platform for educators to use student-centric learning tools; establishing and maintaining a statewide catalog of online courses offered by public school, along with best practices, course reviews, and course statistics; and providing leadership for Michigan's system of digital learning education (including making policy recommendations that accelerate the expansion of effective online learning). MVU is prohibited from using more than \$1.0 million of the State funding under this section to subsidize the cost paid by districts for online courses. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State general fund/general purpose | \$7,387,500 |

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Sec. 99c - CIVICS EDUCATION

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$60,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
To provide a grant to a provider for the delivery of programs that exemplify best practices in civic education, teaching responsible participation and providing an innovative course of instruction on constitutional democracy. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State general fund/general purpose | \$60,000 |

Sec. 99h - FIRST ROBOTICS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$2,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>
To provide competitive grants to districts that provide pupils in grades 7 to 12 with expanded opportunities to improve math, science, and technology skills by participating in FIRST Robotics. Funding under this section may be spent on three categories: stipends for coaches; event registrations, travel costs, or other costs of preparing competitions; and for districts advancing to State and world championships. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u>
State school aid fund | \$2,000,000 |

Sec. 99s - MICHIGAN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (MISTEM) PROGRAMS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$9,274,300 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |

New for FY 2015-16, this section establishes the MISTEM Advisory Council with \$50,000 for administrative and travel costs (subsection 2). The Council is charged with providing recommendations designed to improve and promote innovation in STEM education and prepare students for careers in STEM.

Subsection 3 allocates \$2,750,000 school aid fund and \$5,249,300 Federal funds to provide grants to math and science centers, previously funded under Section 99.

Subsection 4 allocates \$100,000 GF/GP to the MISTEM partnership for administration of the \$375,000 GF/GP allocated to the MISTEM partnership to award competitive grants to organizations conducting student-focused, project-based programs and competitions, in STEM subjects. This was previously funded under Section 99.

Subsection 5 allocates \$250,000 School Aid Fund (SAF) for Project Lead the Way professional development, previously funded at \$330,000 under Section 99b.

Subsection 6 allocates \$250,000 SAF for grants to districts that participate in Science Olympiad. Districts must provide at least 25% of the cost of participating.

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Subsection 7 allocates \$250,000 GF/GP to the Van Andel Education Institute for the purpose of advancing and promoting science education.

3.	<u>Funding Source</u>		
	Federal revenue		\$5,249,300
	State school aid fund		\$3,250,000
	State general fund/general purpose		\$775,000

Sec. 102d - SCHOOL DATA ANALYTICAL TOOLS

1.	<u>Appropriation</u>		\$1,500,000
2.	<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<p>To provide grants to districts that enter into a licensing agreement with an approved school data analytical tool. Funds allocated will be a reimbursement for having a licensing agreement, and actual disbursement will be governed by the number of districts participating, since reimbursement is on an equal per-pupil basis. This section is new for FY 2015-16.</p>	
3.	<u>Funding Source</u>		
	State school aid fund		\$1,500,000

Sec. 104 - MEAP TESTING REIMBURSEMENTS

1.	<u>Appropriation</u>		\$50,244,400
2.	<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<p>To make payments on behalf of districts for costs associated with complying with Sections 1249, 1278a, 1278b, 1279, 1279g, and 1280b of the Revised School Code, and with PA 38 of 1970 (M-STEP testing). Prior to FY 2006-07, the costs of assessments were funded in the Department of Education budget. Of the total appropriation, \$8.5 million is allocated for the following purposes: converting existing assessments to online; providing paper and pencil test versions to districts not able to implement online tests; expanding writing assessments to additional grade levels; and, providing an increased number of constructed response questions. Also, of the total appropriation, another \$3.2 million is earmarked for the development or selection of an online reporting tool to provide student-level assessment data securely to educators, parents, and pupils immediately after tests are scored. Finally, \$5.6 million of the total appropriation is earmarked for the purpose of implementing a summative assessment system pursuant to Section 104c, and \$2.6 million of this earmark is new for FY 2015-16, intended to fund a new Kindergarten Entry Assessment and provide assessments to children in grades 1 and 2 to measure English language arts and math.</p>	
3.	<u>Funding Source</u>		
	State school aid fund		\$43,994,400
	Federal revenue		\$6,250,000

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Sec. 104d - COMPUTER ADAPTIVE TEST OR K-3 DIAGNOSTIC/SCREENING TOOLS

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$4,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | To provide grants to districts to reimburse for the purchase of a computer-adaptive test or for purchase of 1 or more diagnostic tools, screening tools, or benchmark assessments for pupils in grades K to 3 to increase reading proficiency by grade 4. Reimbursement will be on an equal per-pupil basis, based on the number of districts that purchase eligible tools and submit a request for funding under this section. This section is new for FY 2015-16. | |
| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | |
| | State school aid fund | \$4,000,000 |

Sec. 107 - ADULT EDUCATION

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | \$25,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | |
| | To provide high school completion, General Education Development (G.E.D.) test training, English as a second language, adult basic education, and job- or employment-related programs to eligible adults. An individual's eligibility depends on his or her age and whether or not the person has a high school diploma or G.E.D. as follows: | |
| | A. Persons without a high school diploma or G.E.D. must meet one of the following: | |
| | a) be at least 20 years old; or, b) be at least 16 years old, be permanently expelled from school, and have no appropriate alternative education program through the district of residence. | |
| | B. Persons with a high school diploma or G.E.D. must meet one of the following: | |
| | a) be less than 20 years old, not attending an institution of higher education, and enrolled in a job- or employment-related program through a referral by an employer; b) be enrolled in a high school completion program; c) be enrolled in an English as a second language program; or, d) is 20 years of age, enrolled in an adult basic education program, and is determined to be below Grade 9 level in reading or math, or both. | |

Funding of \$2,850 per eligible full-time adult education pupil is based 80% on enrollment and 20% on completion.

Beginning in FY 2014-15, one-third of the allocation was awarded to ISDs in each of the 10 prosperity regions identified by the Department of Education based on need (number of adults who are not high school graduates or proficient in English), and two-thirds of the allocation was awarded to ISDs based on the proportion of total funding formerly received by the adult education providers in that prosperity region in FY 2013-14. New language changed "prosperity region" to "prosperity regions and subregions".

For FY 2016-17, two-thirds of the allocation will be awarded based on need in prosperity regions and subregions, and one-third will be awarded to ISDs based on previous allocations to providers in prosperity regions and subregions. Finally, beginning in FY 2017-18, the entire allocation will be distributed to ISDs based on need in the prosperity regions and subregions. ISDs may use up to 5.0% of the award for administration.

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New language added for FY 2015-16 dovetails with language in Section 61a (CTE) that requires an adult education funding recipient to agree to pay to a CTE program the amount of funding received under this section in the proportion of CTE coursework used to satisfy adult basic education programming, as billed by programs under Sec. 61a.

For FY 2015-16, \$500,000 is earmarked for one pilot program located in a prosperity region with two or more subregions that connects adult education participants directly with employers by linking adult education, career and technical skills, and workforce development. This earmark is intended to be the first of three years of funding.

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| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | | |
| | State school aid fund | | \$25,000,000 |

Sec. 147a - MPSERS COST OFFSET

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | | \$100,000,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | | |

To make payments to districts (not ISDs) participating in MPSERS, based on each participating district's percentage of the total statewide payroll for all participating districts across the State. These payments are for the purpose of offsetting a portion of the retirement contributions owed by the district for FY 2015-16. This section first came into existence in FY 2011-12, the year prior to the statutory rate cap under PA 300 of 2012.

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| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | | |
| | State school aid fund | | \$100,000,000 |

Sec. 147c - MPSERS RATE CAP

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| 1. | <u>Appropriation</u> | | \$893,500,000 |
| 2. | <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | | |

To allocate funds to districts, ISDs, and participating libraries to remit to the Michigan Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Section 41 of the MPSERS Act. This funding is used to pay the difference between the uncapped MPSERS contribution rate (36.31% of payroll for MIP/Basic), and the capped rate that school employers will pay in FY 2015-16 (25.78% of payroll for MIP/Basic). Requires the Department of Education to publish and post an estimated MPSERS rate cap per pupil for each district.

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| 3. | <u>Funding Source</u> | | |
| | State school aid fund | | \$892,900,000 |
| | State general fund/general purpose | | \$600,000 |

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Sec. 152a - DATA REPORTING COSTS

1.	<u>Appropriation</u>	\$38,000,500
2.	<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	
	To pay the necessary costs related to the State-mandated collection, maintenance, and reporting of data to the State. The Department of Education is directed to make payments to districts and intermediate districts on an equal per-pupil basis.	
3.	<u>Funding Source</u>	
	State school aid fund	\$38,000,500

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Section Number	Description and History
6(4)	<p><u>Pupil Membership Definitions.</u> Provides for the definition of a pupil membership and lists the criteria for counting pupils in membership. Pupil membership is the term for a pupil upon which many State aid payments are based.</p> <p>Background: Since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95, the way a membership pupil is determined has changed several times. A membership pupil is determined by using what is known as a "blended count". Beginning in FY 2013-14, the blended count will use an averaging of the current-year fall pupil count with the current-year's spring pupil count (prior to this, it was the current-year fall and <i>previous-year</i> spring count). Each count is given a certain weight and then the two counts are "blended" to derive the current year's official membership count. The fall count day (known as the pupil membership count day) is the fourth Wednesday after Labor Day while the spring count day (known as the supplemental count day) is the second Wednesday in February.</p> <p>In FY 1994-95, the blended count was determined by using 50% of the current year's pupil membership count and 50% of the previous year's supplemental count. That was known as a 50/50 blend. In FY 1997-98, the blend was changed to a 60/40 blend, thus using 60% of the current year's pupil membership count and 40% of the previous year's supplemental count. In FY 1999-2000, the blended count was again changed to a 75/25 blend, followed by a change in FY 2000-01 to a blend of 80/20. In FY 2004-05, the blend returned to 75/25. In FY 2011-12, the blend was changed to 90/10, and remained that calculation for FY 2012-13. For 2013-14 and 2014-15, the blend remained 90/10, but the weighting was changed to 90% on the current-year fall and 10% on the current-school year spring. Beginning in FY 2015-16, a return to prior-year weighting was implemented, with 90% current-year fall and 10% prior-year spring.</p> <p>Also, small districts with fewer than 1,550 pupils, fewer than 4.5 pupils per square mile, and declining enrollments, may use a three-year average to determine their pupil membership, unless the district is funded under Section 22d(2).</p> <p>Pupils' participation in an online educational program of the Education Achievement System or of an Achievement School is considered regular daily attendance, and for a district, a pupil's participation in an online course (defined in Sec. 21f) is considered regular daily attendance.</p>
6b	<p><u>Nonresident Pupils.</u> Allows districts to count in membership a nonresident pupil as long as the resident district gives its permission before the end of the school year.</p> <p>Background: This section was first added in FY 1996-97 and remains unchanged.</p>
7	<p><u>Costs for School Operating Purposes.</u> Lists the types of expenditures that are allowed to be considered to be costs for operating purposes.</p> <p>Background: In FY 1996-97, this section was amended to state that costs for school operating purposes include all expenditures necessary to carry out the powers of the district under the Revised School Code. This amendment was necessary due to the revision of the School Code.</p>

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8b	<p><u>Assignment of Public School Academy District Code.</u> Requires the Department of Education to assign a district code to each PSA that is authorized under the Revised School Code within 30 days after a contract is submitted to the Department by the Public School Academy District's (PSA's) authorizing body. If the Department does not assign a code, an automatic code is given to the PSA in order for the Department to make State aid payments to the PSA.</p> <p>Background: This section was first added in FY 2003-04 in response to concerns that academies were not being assigned district codes (necessary to receive School Aid funding) in a timely manner.</p>
11a	<p><u>School Aid Stabilization Fund (SASF).</u> Creates the SASF and requires unexpended School Aid Fund revenue to be deposited into the Fund at the close of a fiscal year. Funds in the SASF must be specifically appropriated before they may be expended.</p> <p>Background: This section was first added in FY 2003-04.</p>
11h	<p><u>Amounts to Districts for Settlement of <i>Durant v State of Michigan</i>.</u> Lists the amount to be paid to each nonplaintiff district, which receives payments under <i>Durant v. State of Michigan</i>.</p> <p>Background: This section was first added in FY 1997-98 as part of the State's response to <i>Durant /</i> and remains unchanged.</p>
11i	<p><u>Borrowing Money and Issuing Bonds.</u> Allows districts to borrow from the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority in anticipation of receiving funds under Section 11g.</p> <p>Background: This section was first added in FY 1997-98 as part of the State's response to <i>Durant /</i> and remains unchanged.</p>
11k	<p><u>School Loan Revolving Fund.</u> Appropriates from the General Fund to the School Loan Revolving Fund an amount equal to the school bond loans assigned to the Michigan Finance Authority (MFA).</p> <p>Background: This section was first added in FY 2005-06 as part of the School Bond Loan Reform in 2005. This language takes the loans from the General Fund and assigns them to the MFA.</p>
13	<p><u>Apportionments and Limitations of Apportionments.</u> Requires apportionments to be made based on pupil membership and number of teachers and other professionals approved by the Superintendent employed as of the pupil membership count day, and on the taxable value and the operating millage of each district for the calendar year.</p> <p>Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95.</p>
14	<p><u>Defective Data and Duties of the Department.</u> Prohibits the Department of Education from making State aid payments if the data from an ISD or district are defective or incomplete, making it impracticable to ascertain proper apportionment to be disbursed.</p> <p>Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95.</p>

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15 **Adjusting State Aid Payments and Appropriating Overpayments.** Provides for adjustments in State aid payments to occur in the apportionment following the determination that the current apportionment is incorrect. The Department of Education may adjust payments in the following fiscal year if necessary, to correct payments from the prior fiscal year.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95. The section was amended in FY 2005-06 to appropriate an amount equal to the collection of overpayments, but not to exceed amounts available from overpayments, for obligations in excess of applicable appropriations (i.e., payables and receivables). Language was added in FY 2014-15 allowing the Department of Education to conduct audits (or direct audits by a designee) for the current fiscal year and the immediately preceding three fiscal years.

17a **Withholding Payments to Districts or ISDs.** Allows the withholding of State aid for the purpose of repaying debts upon which districts have defaulted.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged, with the exception of adding the Emergency Municipal Loan Act and the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act to the list under which aid may be withheld.

17b **Amounts to be Distributed in Installments to Districts.** Provides for school aid payments to be made in equal monthly installments.

Background: From FY 1994-95 through FY 1996-97, payments were made in nine equal monthly installments with no payments in July, August, or September. Payments were reduced for April, May, and June by one-third of the payments in the previous fiscal year under Section 20g. These reductions were necessary because districts received advanced funding called transitional payments that were intended to ease the financial burden on school districts that resulted from not receiving payments in July, August, and September that were the result of the implementation of Proposal A.

Beginning in FY 1997-98 and continuing through the current fiscal year, school aid payments are made in 11 equal monthly installments. Also, FY 1997-98 was the last year for the advance funding and the subsequent reduction in payments. Because of the switch to 11 installment payments, the reduction in payments to districts were made for April, May, June, and July and were reduced by one-fourth of the payments in the previous fiscal year under former Section 20c.

Advance payments are no longer made to districts and thus there is no longer a need to reduce payments. Simply, each school district receives 1/11 of their total State school aid payment each month from October through August. Currently, there is no September payment.

The section was amended in FY 2007-08 to allow for an advance release of funds due to a district or intermediate district, but the advance cannot be more than 30 days earlier than the established payment date for the funds. In order to receive an advance, a written request and submission of satisfactory proof of a need of a temporary and recurring nature must be submitted and approved by the Superintendent, State Budget Director, and State Treasurer.

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18 **Application of Money Received Under Act.** Describes the allowable uses of unrestricted State aid received under this Act; requires posting of annual budgets to a web site, audits of financial and pupil accounting records, submission of financial and special education data, and special reporting requirements for districts offering online learning, including per-pupil costs of operation.

Background: Beginning with FY 1994-95, this section has required annual audits, annual comprehensive financial reports, and has limited the amount of State aid that may be used for a building and site fund or a debt retirement fund to no more than 5%. This limit was changed to no more than 20% of State aid in FY 1996-97. In FY 2006-07, this was amended to require districts and ISDs to post their annual operating budgets (or amendments to such) on the web. In FY 2009-10, this was further amended specifying detailed financial information to be posted on the internet, and in FY 2010-11, many of the financial reporting requirements were eliminated for ISDs under this Act, because the School Code provides slightly different financial reporting requirements which were in conflict. The section also was amended to allow single-building financially stable, very small districts to conduct financial audits every two years, rather than annually. The language requiring reports of providers of online learning was substantially revised for FY 2013-14 and again in FY 2014-15 to attempt to standardize information remitted to the State and to make that information more usable. Beginning in FY 2014-15, districts will have only 15 days (instead of 30) in which to post to their web sites adopted budgets or revisions to budgets, and are newly required to post deficit elimination plans, to identify all credit cards maintained by the district, and to detail costs incurred for out-of-state travel. Further, financial reporting that is currently due by November 15 was moved up to a deadline of November 1, beginning with the data submitted for the 2014-15 school year. New for FY 2015-16, districts must adopt a budget that complies with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, and non-compliance may result in a 10% financial penalty.

18a **Expending of Grant Funds.** Requires grant funds to be expended by the end of the school fiscal year following the year in which they were awarded.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95.

18b **Property of Public School Academy (PSA) to be Transferred to the State.** Requires the assets of public school academies that are purchased with State funds to be transferred to the State if the public school academy ceases operations or if the PSA's contract has been revoked or terminated for any reason.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1999-2000. For FY 2013-14, language was added clarifying that one of the allowable scenarios for transferring assets would occur if a PSA's contract had expired and not been reissued. Further, the PSA corporation is required to initiate the process of transferring property to the State within 30 days of an event triggering the transfer process.

18c **Contract Between Public School Administrator and Third Party.** Exempts the State from liability for debts incurred by public school academies.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1999-2000 and remains unchanged.

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19 **Compliance with Applicable Reporting Requirements.** Districts must comply with State and Federal reporting requirements and must submit all information necessary for the preparation of the district and high school graduation report. Districts also must report educational personnel information and information on safety practices and criminal incidents. If districts fail to comply, the Department of Education is required to withhold 5% of total school aid funding. The Department also must allow a district or school to appeal a determination of school or district accountability designations. Language also indicates the intent of the Legislature to implement, not later than FY 2016-17, statewide standard reporting requirements for education data.

Background: Districts are required to provide information to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI). This section has been amended numerous times since its inception in 1988

20d **Requirements for Final Determination under Former Section 20a.** Requires the Departments of Education and Treasury to follow certain procedures for calculating total State and local revenue in 1993-94 for purposes of foundation allowances beginning in 1994-95.

Background: This section was included to provide for the implementation of Proposal A.

21b **Postsecondary Tuition.** Requires districts to pay tuition for pupils at eligible postsecondary institutions under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.

21f **Online Courses.** Establishes numerous criteria for districts to offer, enroll, and count pupils enrolling in online courses. A pupil enrolled in a district in any of grades 6 to 12 is eligible to enroll in online courses under this section. With the consent of a pupil or guardian, a pupil may enroll in up to two online courses per term, semester, or trimester offered by the district or offered in the statewide catalog of online courses maintained by the Michigan Virtual University. Further criteria are outlined in the section for eligibility of pupils and course offerings. To pay for the cost of online learning, and the district is not required to pay a course cost that exceeds 6.67% of the minimum foundation allowance.

Background: This section was first added in FY 2013-14. FY 2014-15 changes to the section removed Grade 5 from the list of eligible grades and added a notification requirement such that students must make a request for online enrollment at least one semester or term prior to taking the online course. Language also was added allowing a pupil to enroll in more than two online courses in a semester or term if the pupil has demonstrated previous success and the parent or guardian, along with the school, determines it is in the pupil's best interest. FY 2015-16 added community colleges to the list of eligible providers of online courses under this section, and required providing districts to assign a teacher of record to each pupil, and required the pupil's primary district to assign to the pupil a mentor to monitor the pupil's progress during the online course.

24b **Parents or Legal Guardian Residing in Different Districts.** Students may enroll in a district in which either of the child's parents or legal guardian resides regardless of custody.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1996-97 and remains unchanged.

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25e **Enrollment of Pupil after Fall Count Day.** Requires CEPI to use a pupil transfer application process to allow a district, for a pupil transferring from one district or ISD into another, to enroll that pupil after the fall count day and to count that pupil in membership for the portion of the year (after the fall count day and before the spring count day) that the new district educates the student. Requires the Department of Education to adjust the membership calculation of the district that first enrolled the student and the district that enrolled the student after the fall count day an amount equal to 1/105 of an FTE for each day enrolled and in attendance at the new district between the fall and spring count days.

Background: This section was first added in FY 2013-14 and replaced a previous section (section 25) that was first added in FY 1996-97 to require resident districts to reimburse educating districts or ISDs for educating pupils in the resident district who transfer to an alternative education program operated by the district or ISD after the count date. The old section was amended in FY 1999-2000 to clarify that the reimbursement requirement applies to students being counted in membership by another local or intermediate district. It was further amended in FY 2004-05 to comply with additions in the Revised School Code related to enrollment in strict discipline academies. The most recent changes in FY 2012-13 amended the old section to address prorated membership calculation for student transfers to any district or ISD after the count day. The new section 25e makes the process more universal in nature. For FY 2015-16, CEPI is required to determine the number of students who transferred in and out of the State between the count days, and to provide a report of those data, along with exploring benefits and obstacles to developing a pupil enrollment process for students who transfer in or out of State between the count days.

26 **Renaissance Zones.** Requires a district or ISD receiving funds pursuant to the TIFA Act, the Local Developing Financing Act, the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, or the Corridor Improvement Act to have its funds received under Sections 22b, 56, or 62 reduced by the amount of the added local money.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A.

39 **Priority to Receive Michigan School Readiness Program Funds.** Sets the per-pupil allowance for School Readiness and describes how eligible applicants (ISDs or consortia of ISDs) will be prioritized to receive School Readiness funds.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95. The per-pupil amount (based on a half-day slot) in FY 1994-95 was \$3,000 and was increased to \$3,100 in FY 1997-98 and increased once again in FY 2000-01 to \$3,300. For FY 2010-11 through FY 2012-13, the per-pupil amount was \$3,400, rising to \$3,625 beginning in FY 2013-14.

Beginning in FY 2005-06, the section also allowed for a district providing a full-day program to count a full-day as two half-day slots and receive funding equivalent to two half-day slots for each child enrolled in a full-day program. The section was amended in FY 2009-10 to consolidate what was previously in Sections 37 (eligibility and application process) and 38 (funding formula). The section also was amended to modify the funding formula such that districts would no longer see potentially wide variations in individual funding, even in the absence of large changes in State funding. Beginning in FY 2011-12, districts no longer receive direct funding; instead, ISDs or consortia of ISDs act as fiscal agents.

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51b **Compliance with Article 3 of the Revised School Code.** Requires districts and ISDs to comply with Article 3 of the Revised School Code (which governs Special Education) in order to receive State aid funds.

Background: This section was added in FY 1996-97 and remains unchanged.

52 **Limit on Special Education Reimbursement.** States that reimbursement for certain necessary costs of special education programs and services shall be made under Sec. 51(1).

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95. Originally, the reimbursement was not to exceed 75% of the added costs of operating special education programs except for the added costs of certain special education programs. The section was amended in FY 1995-96 to limit the reimbursement to 75% of the total approved costs of operating special education programs except for the added costs of certain programs and to revise the list of programs exempted from the 75% limit. There have been no further changes since FY 1995-96.

58 **Special Education Transportation Services.** Requires reimbursement under Section 51a for special education transportation services to be based on data reported by districts and ISDs for the current school year.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95.

76 **Transporting Nonpublic School Students.** Requires districts to use foundation allowance funds to transport nonpublic school students if original funding was calculated as part of their base.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.

77 **Transporting Nonresident High School Pupils.** Requires an educating district that is educating all of the high school pupils who are counted in membership in another district pursuant to an agreement to provide transportation to and from school for normal curricular activities for those high school pupils, if providing transportation for its own resident high school pupils.

Background: New for FY 2015-16, this language pertains to Albion and Marshall.

91a **Cessation of a Pilot Intermediate District Schools of Choice Program.** Requires districts to continue enrolling pupils enrolled in a district under a pilot intermediate district schools of choice program (former Section 91).

Background: This section was first added in FY 1995-96 and remains unchanged.

91c **Participation in Interscholastic Competition.** Prohibits pupils enrolled in a district other than the district of residence under a pilot intermediate district schools of choice program (former Section 91) to participate in interscholastic athletic competition for one semester.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1995-96 and remains unchanged.

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101 **Eligibility to Receive State Aid.** Describes specific requirements districts must meet in order to receive State aid, or face financial penalties. Requirements include submitting twice annually the number of pupils enrolled in the district, providing at least 1,098 hours of instruction and an allowance for six days of emergency situations to be counted as instruction, and exceptions to the hours requirement per approval from the Department of Education are provided. Beginning in FY 2014-15, the minimum number of days of pupil instruction is 175, an increase from the 170 requirement in place for FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14. Beginning in FY 2016-17, the required minimum number of days is increased to 180. (Language allows collective bargaining agreements that were in place prior to the enactment of the increase in instructional days to expire before enforcing the new requirements.)

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95. It was amended in FY 1995-96 to add the provision that 75% of the students enrolled must attend to count as a day of instruction (or face financial penalties) and lays out the guidelines for hour requirements for districts. It was amended in FY 2000-01 to lock in the minimum number of hours of instruction at 1,098 and to allow districts to count up to 51 hours of teacher professional development time as hours of pupil instruction. In FY 2006-07, the professional development hour's provision was lowered from 51 to 38 (and it was removed entirely beginning with FY 2014-15). In FY 2010-11, a minimum number of days of instruction was reinstated: 165 days for FYs 2010-11 and 2011-12, increasing to 170 days thereafter, and additional increases in days have since been added.

102 **Deficit Budgets.** Prohibits deficit budgets and requires districts to set up a plan with the Department of Education to eliminate projected deficits, and post that plan on the district's website. The Department is required to prepare a report on deficit districts by March 1 each year and submit the report to numerous entities. The Department also is required to submit quarterly interim reports concerning the districts' progress, and the State Superintendent is required to present those reports to the K-12 School Aid/Education appropriations subcommittees.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95. The section was amended in FY 2010-11 to clarify that a district that ends one fiscal year not in deficit, but adopts a deficit budget for the upcoming year, is subject to the same regulations as districts already in deficit. In FY 2012-13 it was amended again to require a district to post its deficit elimination plan to its website, and to require quarterly interim reports from the Department of Education.

104b **Michigan Merit Examination (MME).** Provides for districts to administer State assessments under Section 1279 or the Michigan Merit Examination, consisting of a college entrance test, work skills test, and the M-STEP, to pupils in grade 11. Also details the timelines, purposes, and requirements of the MME.

Background: This section was added in FY 2004-05 to implement the MME, an augmented ACT test to be given to all pupils in Grade 11. The section was amended in FY 2008-09 to mirror changes in the MME. Changes for FY 2014-15 included specifying that the test has to include one or more writing components (instead of not requiring more than one extended writing sample) and requiring the exam to administered during the last 12 weeks of the district's school year. Changes for FY 2015-16 include that the college assessment be used by the majority of colleges and universities in Michigan for entrance purposes, and that it may (not shall) include one or more writing components.

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104c	<p><u>Michigan Assessments.</u> Provides for districts to administer State assessments described in this section and requires the Department of Education to develop for use in the spring of 2014-15 new MEAP assessments in English language arts and mathematics that are aligned with State standards. Further requires the Department to implement beginning in 2015-16 a summative assessment system that is proven valid and reliable that also meets numerous requirements laid out in the section, including being no more than nine hours in length. The Department is required to issue a request for proposals for the summative assessment not later than September 1, 2014.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 2014-15. The name was changed for FY 2015-16 to the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP), and the test was broadened to include the grade 11 MME as well as a new kindergarten entry assessment and math and language arts assessments for students in grades 1 and 2, designed to improve early literacy.</p>
105	<p><u>Schools of Choice Within an ISD.</u> Allows students to attend another school district within the same ISD if the school district elects to take students from another school district. Sets specific requirements and procedures for schools that open up to choice within an ISD.</p> <p>Background: This section was first added in FY 1996-97.</p>
105c	<p><u>Schools of Choice Among Contiguous ISDs.</u> Allows students to attend another school district located in an ISD that is contiguous to their ISD if the receiving school district elects to take students from another school district. Sets the same reporting requirements and procedures as Section 105. For special education students, the two school districts must work out payment agreements prior to accepting the student.</p> <p>Background: This section was first added in FY 1999-2000.</p>
106	<p><u>Pupils Not Counted in Membership.</u> Prohibits pupils enrolled in a public school from being counted in membership where teaching costs are fully subsidized by Federal or State funds.</p> <p>Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.</p>
109	<p><u>Pupil Requiring Hospitalization or Confinement at Home.</u> Requires districts to provide instruction to pupils who require hospitalization or confinement at home for more than five school days.</p> <p>Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95, within minor changes in FY 2011-12 to incorporate electronic information sharing.</p>
111	<p><u>Tuition Rates.</u> Describes the requirements for determining tuition rates for nonresident pupils. The rate must be uniform within each category of tuition pupils; but, for non K-12 districts, for a pupil enrolled in a grade not offered by the resident district, the tuition rate charged to the resident district cannot exceed the greater of the foundation allowance of the resident district or the educating district.</p> <p>Background: This section was last amended in FY 1997-98 and remains unchanged today.</p>
112	<p><u>Prohibits Charging Tuition for Full-Day Kindergarten.</u> Prohibits a district from charging tuition or a fee for full-day kindergarten for a pupil enrolled in the district.</p> <p>Background: This section was added in FY 1997-98 and remains unchanged today.</p>

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118	<p><u>Payment of State Aid Conditions (re: Tuition Pupils).</u> Prohibits payment of State aid unless a district has paid the agreed-upon tuition payments for pupils educated outside of the district's boundaries.</p> <p>Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.</p>
121	<p><u>Valuation of District and Adjustments.</u> States the valuation of a whole or fractional district shall be the total taxable value of the property on the ad valorem tax roll. Adjustments to taxable value are made for State Tax Tribunal decisions, court decisions, local board of review adjustments, lands deeded to the State, and requirements of the School Aid Act.</p> <p>Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and was amended in FY 2006-07 to include the value of property used to calculate the State payment in lieu of taxes on State-purchased property.</p>
122	<p><u>Deducting Valuation of Property from Valuation of District.</u> Provides that the valuation of property assessed under Public Act 189 of 1953 be deducted from the total valuation of the property if school taxes levied are not collected.</p> <p>Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.</p>
124	<p><u>Adjustments for a District's Property Value.</u> Allows that if at least 5% of taxes collected are under protest, the district can deduct the amount for purposes of calculating local revenue. If at least 5% of the valuations of the district are not paid by a single bankrupt debtor, the total valuation for the district shall be reduced by that amount.</p> <p>Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.</p>
147	<p><u>Allocations to the Public School Employees' Retirement System.</u> Provides the estimated payroll contribution rate assigned to districts and intermediate districts. By February 28, the MPSERS Board must notify districts and ISDs of the estimated contribution rate for the upcoming fiscal year. Districts and intermediate districts must pay to the retirement system an amount equal to the rate multiplied by the district's or ISD's payroll.</p> <p>Background: This section was amended in FY 2010-11 with an estimated payroll contribution rate for that fiscal year of 19.41%, and including a section with language allowing for the rate to be reduced if reforms to the MPSERS are enacted.</p> <p>In FY 2011-12 this section was amended to accommodate the changes to MPSERS for those employed before and after July 1, 2010. This changed the estimated payroll contribution to 14.73% and 15.96% for pension in FY 2011-12, for those employed before July 1, 2010, and those employed on or after that date, respectively. It also provided for an estimated payroll contribution of 8.50% for retiree health care in FY 2011-12 for those employed both before July 1, 2010, and those employed on or after that date.</p>

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In FY 2012-13 this section was amended to change the estimated payroll contribution to 17.39% and 18.62% for pension in FY 2012-13, for those employed before July 1, 2010, and those employed on or after that date, respectively. It also provided for an estimated payroll contribution of 8.75% for retiree health care in FY 2012-13 for those employed both before July 1, 2010, and those employed on or after that date. These rates were to be used unless a different contribution rate was applied by ORS pursuant to SB 1070 (96th Legislature).

Beginning in FY 2013-14, the rates are broken down into the total uncapped rate, and the capped amount paid by the employer. For employees hired before 7/1/10, the total rate is 29.35%, with 24.79% paid by the employer. For employees hired on or after 7/1/10, the total rate is 29.12%, with 24.56% paid by the employer. For employees hired on or after 7/1/10 but who chose the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 28.19%, with 23.63% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 9/4/12, who chose defined contribution and participate in the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 25.52%, with 20.96% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 7/1/10 who chose defined contribution but retained health care coverage, the total rate is 26.45%, with 21.89% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 7/1/0 who chose defined contribution and the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 25.52%, with 20.96% paid by the employer. For employees first hired before 7/1/10 who chose the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 28.42%, with 23.86% paid by the employer. The School Aid Fund pays the differences between the rates.

For FY 2014-15, the rates are as follows: for employees hired before 7/1/10, the total rate is 33.41%, with 25.78% paid by the employer. For employees hired on or after 7/1/10, the total rate is 32.33%, with 24.70% paid by the employer. For employees hired on or after 7/1/10 but who chose the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 31.82%, with 24.19% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 9/4/12, who chose defined contribution and participate in the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 28.59%, with 20.96% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 7/1/10 who chose defined contribution but retained health care coverage, the total rate is 29.10%, with 21.47% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 7/1/0 who chose defined contribution and the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 28.59%, with 20.96% paid by the employer. For employees first hired before 7/1/10 who chose the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 32.90%, with 25.27% paid by the employer. The School Aid Fund pays the differences between the rates under Section 147c.

For FY 2015-16, the rates are as follows: for employees hired before 7/1/10, the total rate is 36.31%, with 25.78% paid by the employer. For employees hired on or after 7/1/10, the total rate is 35.09%, with 24.56% paid by the employer. For employees hired on or after 7/1/10 but who chose the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 34.66%, with 24.13% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 9/4/12, who chose defined contribution and participate in the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 31.49%, with 20.96% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 7/1/10 who chose defined contribution but retained health care coverage, the total rate is 31.92%, with 21.39% paid by the employer. For employees first hired on or after 7/1/0 who chose defined contribution and the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 31.49%, with 20.96% paid by the employer. For employees first hired before 7/1/10 who chose the personal healthcare fund, the total rate is 35.88%, with 25.35% paid by the employer. The School Aid Fund pays the differences between the rates under Section 147c, and the amortization period is 23 years for FY 2015-16.

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147b **MPSERS Retirement Obligation Reform Reserve Fund.** Creates this fund as a separate account within the State School Aid Fund. Money in the Fund may not be expended without a specific appropriation, and does not lapse to the General Fund at the end of a fiscal year but remains in the Fund. If employee contributions for retiree health care prescribed under Section 43e of the MPSERS Act (PA 300 of 1980) are found constitutional, those escrowed funds shall be deposited into the MPSERS Reform Reserve Fund.

Background: This section was first added in FY 2011-12 with an appropriation of \$133.0 million, and a second appropriation in FY 2012-13 of \$41.0 million, for total State appropriations in the fund of \$174.0 million. In addition, the escrowed monies (if found constitutional) are in excess of \$500.0 million. For FY 2013-14, a total of \$156.0 million is withdrawn from the Fund and used to help pay the cost of the MPSERS rate cap (the difference between the total uncapped rate and the capped amount each employer pays to the retirement system), and for FY 2014-15, the remaining \$18.0 million of State funding is used to support the rate cap costs.

151 **Statement of Taxable Value and Duty of Tax Tribunal.** Requires the treasurer of each county to furnish a statement of the taxable value of each district by August 1 of each year, and by May 1, report revisions to the prior year taxable values. The Tax Tribunal, by the 10th day of each month, must report to the Department of Education changes in taxable values other than those reported by county treasurers, caused by Tax Tribunal decisions.

Background: This section was last amended in FY 2008-09 to reflect changes in tax increment financing acts.

152 **Reporting Requirements.** Requires districts to submit certain reports to the Department of Education or to the Center for Educational Performance and Information by the first Monday in November to receive funding.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95.

153 **Furnishing Information to Fiscal Agencies.** Requires each district and ISD to furnish to the legislative fiscal agencies information the agencies require relative to the expenditure of funds appropriated and allocated under the School Aid Act.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95.

161 **School Official or Board Member Responsibility.** States that a school official or board member who knowingly violates the provisions of the School Aid Act is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for up to 90 days, a fine of up to \$1,500, or both.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged, with the exception of clarifying in FY 2014-15 that the penalty is in addition to all other financial penalties otherwise specified.

161a **False Report of a Crime under Section 6(6)(f).** Allows a court to order a district intentionally falsely claiming that a nonresident pupil is enrolled under Section 6(6)(f) to repay the resident district an amount equal to the resident district's foundation allowance.

Background: This was added in FY 1999-2000 and amended for a technicality in FY 2006-07.

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162 **Failure to File Reports.** States that a district that fails through the negligence of school officials to file reports required by the School Aid Act will forfeit a day's worth of State aid for each day the reports are late.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.

163 **Teacher Certification Requirements.** Except as otherwise allowed in the Revised School Code, this section requires districts to hire certified teachers and counselors. Districts will lose funding for each noncertificated teacher hired. States that if a school official knowingly continues to employ a noncertificated teacher, the official is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for up to 90 days, a fine of up to \$1,500, or both.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95, but was amended in FY 1996-97 to remove administrators and business officials from the list (since certification for these individuals is no longer required by law) and amended in FY 2007-08 to remove adult education officials from the list (now, they, too, need certification). Clarifying language was added in FY 2014-15 to state that the penalty is in addition to all other financial penalties otherwise specified. FY 2015-16 added language prohibiting a district from hiring a noncertificated educator to administer instructional programs in an elementary or secondary school, or in an adult basic education or high school completion program, unless that educator is fulfilling applicable continuing education requirements.

163a **Enrollment of Homeless Children.** Requires districts to enroll homeless children residing in the district.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.

164 **Expenditures for Cars and Chauffeurs.** Prohibits districts from expending State aid for cars for board members, and chauffeurs for board members and administrators.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95, and was amended in FY 1996-97 to also prohibit districts from purchasing, leasing, and renting cars for board members.

164a **Unused Vacation or Personal Leave.** Prohibits a district or ISD from providing a school administrator a payment in lieu of unused vacation or personal leave for the purpose of increasing the school administrator's retirement benefits.

Background: This section was added in FY 1994-95 and has not been changed since.

164b **Payment or Reimbursement of Board Member Expenses.** Provides that payments of expenses by board members must be in compliance with Section 1254 of the Revised School Code. Additionally, records of payments must be open to the public.

Background: This section was added in FY 1996-97 and remains unchanged today.

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164c **Purchase of Foreign Goods and Services.** Prohibits a district or ISD from purchasing foreign goods and services if American goods or services are available, competitively priced, and comparable in quality. Preference should be given to Michigan-made products.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1995-96, and amended for the reference to Michigan-made products in FY 2005-06. It was again amended to give preference to goods and services provided by Michigan businesses owned and operated by veterans.

164d **Discriminatory Rules.** Prohibits districts from implementing policy or practices that discriminate against personnel solely because they have graduated from or are enrolled in a particular State university, and prohibits counselors from advising a pupil against certain State universities for reasons other than the suitability of the educational offerings for that pupil.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1995-96 and remains unchanged.

164e **Discrimination Against Student Teachers.** Prohibits discrimination against a student teacher because the State university in which the person is enrolled serves as the authorizing body for one or more public school academies.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1995-96 and remains unchanged.

164f **Procurement of Diesel Fuel.** Allows a district, PSA, or ISD to procure up to 25% of its fuel budget by entering into a swap, hedge, derivative, or similar agreement.

Background: This section was first added in FY 2014-15.

165 **Shared Time Agreement.** Requires an individual or entity receiving payment from participating in a contractual shared time agreement to reimburse the district or ISD the full payment if memberships attributable to that agreement are subsequently disallowed by the Department of Education.

Background: This section was added in FY 1998-99 and remains unchanged today.

166 **Distributing Family Planning Drugs and Devices.** Prohibits districts from distributing drugs or devices related to family planning, or making referrals for abortions. A penalty of 5% of total State aid is included here.

Background: This section has been in place since FY 1994-95.

166a **Requirements Related to Sex Education.** States the requirements related to sex education.

Background: This section has been in place since FY 1994-95.

166b **Enrollment in Nonpublic School or Home School.** Allows a nonpublic student to enroll in any courses offered by the district or ISD. State aid is provided for noncore curriculum courses.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and was amended in FY 1998-99 to add language for specific guidelines as to what can be counted as a part-time student for reimbursement for State aid. Other amendments have been added throughout the years to continue defining the parameters of this program, including allowing charter schools to educate nonpublic or home schooled students.

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166d **Cyber Schools.** Prohibits a school of excellence that is a cyber school, or an educational management organization with which the cyber school has a contract, shall not require an employee to sign an agreement that he or she will not disclose salary or other compensation information. If a violation of this prohibition occurs, the school must forfeit 2% of its State aid.

Background: This section was first added in FY 2010-11.

166e **Competitive Bid Process.** Requires Detroit public schools to use competitive bidding for materials, supplies, equipment, building construction, and repair contracts in excess of \$15,000.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1997-98 and remains unchanged.

167 **Immunization Process.** Requires districts to report the immunization status of pupils in grades K through 12 to their local health department. If a district does not have records or waivers on file for at least 90% of its pupils, the Department of Education shall withhold 5% of State aid.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95.

168 **Access to Records and Audits.** Requires districts to give the Michigan Department of Education access to certain records and to audit certain records.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged, with the exception of language added in FY 2014-15 allowing audits for any of the three immediately preceding fiscal years

168a **Removing Asbestos.** Prohibits removal of asbestos unless its removal is required under P.A. 51 of 1993.

Background: This section has been in place since the implementation of Proposal A in FY 1994-95 and remains unchanged.

169 **Advertisement by Public School Academies.** Requires public school academies to advertise that the academy is enrolling students and the procedures for applying for enrollment, in order to receive State aid.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1996-97 and remains unchanged.

169a **Information About the Schools for the Deaf and Blind.** Upon determination of the pupil's status, requires information to be provided to parents of deaf and blind children. A board member or employee of the district shall not interfere with the right or ability of the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind to provide information about their residential program.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1996-97 and remains unchanged.

169b **Board Member Conflicts of Interest.** Prohibits school board members from voting on any contract in which the board member has a conflict of interest.

Background: This section was first added in FY 1996-97 and remains unchanged.