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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: State Aid Supplemental Legislation, Public Act 116 of 2014 (House Bill 4295 of 2013)
Changes to Days and Hours Requirements
Changes to Pupil Membership Transfers – Strict Discipline Academies

The Governor recently signed House Bill 4295 into law with immediate effect as PA 116 of 2014. This legislation allows districts, with a day threshold of 175 days or greater, to reduce their day threshold to 174 days (when the district provides at least 1098 hours of instruction) for the 2013-14 school year only. Under the current law, the day threshold increases to 175 days or the number of days provided by the district during 2009-10 if greater for the 2014-15 school year.

PA 116 of 2014 may be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/billenrolled/House/pdf/2013-HNB-4295.pdf>.

Summary of Changes to the Days and Hours Requirements

Days:

For 2013-14, the revised language affects districts with a day requirement of 175 days or greater, providing the following language:

(3)(ii) "For 2013-2014 only, if a district is scheduled to provide more than 174 days of instruction, the district shall provide at least 174 days of instruction and 1,098 hours of pupil instruction."

All other districts will remain at their current level for the 2013-14 school year.

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Under current law for 2014-15, the base day requirement increases to 175 days (or the number provide in 2009-10 if greater) unless the district had a collective bargaining agreement that was in place as of June 13, 2013, that provides at least 170 days and 1098 hours of instructional time. In the case of the collective bargaining agreement, the district may remain at the stated number of days until the agreement expires.

Professional Development Hours:

For 2014-15, districts are no longer allowed to include up to 38 professional development hours in the calculation of instructional hours unless the district had a collective bargaining agreement that was in place as of June 13, 2013, in which case, the district may continue reporting the stated number of professional development hours (up to 38) until the collective bargaining agreement expires.

Attendance Requirement:

For 2013-14, the attendance requirement remains at 75% for days included in the original calendar year. However, this requirement is reduced to 60% for rescheduled (make-up) instructional days that are added to the end of the original calendar.

When reporting the attendance for instructional days that have been added to the end of the original calendar, districts will only provide information for dates where attendance fell below 60%.

Summary of Changes to the Pupil Membership Transfers

Section 25f:

For 2013-14, this legislation provides for reimbursement of instructional services provided by a strict discipline academy (SDA) throughout the entire school year. This allows SDAs to receive state aid funding adjustments based on the formula in 25f (4) which reads as follows:

'The amount of the payment to a strict discipline academy under this Section shall be an amount equal to the difference between the product of 1/180 of the per-pupil payment as calculated under Section 20 for the strict discipline academy multiplied by the number of days of pupil attendance reported under subsection (3)(b) minus the product of the per-pupil payment as calculated under Section 20 for the strict discipline academy multiplied by the pupils in membership at the strict discipline academy as calculated under Section 6 and as adjusted by Section 25e.'

cc: Michigan Education Alliance