



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LANSING

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY  
LT. GOVERNOR

January 15, 2015

Michigan Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled Senate Bill 423, which calls on the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) to contract for a statewide public resource allocation study.

The first subsection of the new statute added by SB 423 sets forth a number of legislative findings that purport to describe the existing law governing public education in Michigan, as interpreted by Michigan courts. These findings do not alter the existing law or establish any new substantive rules of law. Therefore, they are not binding on DTMB's implementation of the study.

For the same reason, the legislative findings set forth in SB 423 do not change the extent or nature of the state's constitutional obligation to provide for a system of free public education. Accordingly, the Michigan Supreme Court's interpretation of the state's constitutional obligation remains controlling.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder  
Governor