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Introduced by Senator Hansen

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 149**

AN ACT to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools, the intermediate school districts, community colleges, and public universities of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 6, 11, 17c, 18, 23a, 24c, 31a, 31j, 32d, 35a, 35b, 39a, 99h, 99u, 101, 265, 297c, 297h, and 297i (MCL 388.1606, 388.1611, 388.1617c, 388.1618, 388.1623a, 388.1624c, 388.1631a, 388.1631j, 388.1632d, 388.1635a, 388.1635b, 388.1639a, 388.1699h, 388.1699u, 388.1701, 388.1865, 388.1897c, 388.1897h, and 388.1897i), section 6 as amended by 2018 PA 266, sections 11, 18, 24c, 31a, 31j, 32d, 35a, 39a, 99h, 99u, and 265 as amended and sections 17c and 35b as added by 2018 PA 265, sections 23a and 101 as amended by 2016 PA 249, and sections 297c, 297h, and 297i as added by 2018 PA 227, and by adding sections 31n, 61f, 61g, 61h, 74a, 99w, 99x, 99y, and 104f.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 6. (1) “Center program” means a program operated by a district or by an intermediate district for special education pupils from several districts in programs for pupils with autism spectrum disorder, pupils with severe cognitive impairment, pupils with moderate cognitive impairment, pupils with severe multiple impairments, pupils with hearing impairment, pupils with visual impairment, and pupils with physical impairment or other health impairment. Programs for pupils with emotional impairment housed in buildings that do not serve regular education pupils also qualify. Unless otherwise approved by the department, a center program either shall serve all constituent districts within an intermediate district or shall serve several districts with less than 50% of the pupils residing in the operating district. In addition, special education center program pupils placed part-time in noncenter programs to comply with the least restrictive environment provisions of section 1412 of the individuals with disabilities education act, 20 USC 1412, may be considered center program pupils for pupil accounting purposes for the time scheduled in either a center program or a noncenter program.

(2) “District and high school graduation rate” means the annual completion and pupil dropout rate that is calculated by the center pursuant to nationally recognized standards.

(3) “District and high school graduation report” means a report of the number of pupils, excluding adult education participants, in the district for the immediately preceding school year, adjusted for those pupils who have transferred into or out of the district or high school, who leave high school with a diploma or other credential of equal status.

(4) “Membership”, except as otherwise provided in this article, means for a district, a public school academy, or an intermediate district the sum of the product of .90 times the number of full-time equated pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance on the pupil membership count day for the current school year, plus the product of .10 times the final audited count from the supplemental count day for the immediately preceding school

year. A district's, public school academy's, or intermediate district's membership shall be adjusted as provided under section 25e for pupils who enroll after the pupil membership count day in a strict discipline academy operating under sections 1311b to 1311m of the revised school code, MCL 380.1311b to 380.1311m. However, for a district that is a community district, "membership" means the sum of the product of .90 times the number of full-time equated pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance in the community district on the pupil membership count day for the current school year, plus the product of .10 times the sum of the final audited count from the supplemental count day of pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance in the community district for the immediately preceding school year plus the final audited count from the supplemental count day of pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance in the education achievement system for the immediately preceding school year. All pupil counts used in this subsection are as determined by the department and calculated by adding the number of pupils registered for attendance plus pupils received by transfer and minus pupils lost as defined by rules promulgated by the superintendent, and as corrected by a subsequent department audit. The amount of the foundation allowance for a pupil in membership is determined under section 20. In making the calculation of membership, all of the following, as applicable, apply to determining the membership of a district, a public school academy, or an intermediate district:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, and pursuant to subsection (6), a pupil shall be counted in membership in the pupil's educating district or districts. An individual pupil shall not be counted for more than a total of 1.0 full-time equated membership.

(b) If a pupil is educated in a district other than the pupil's district of residence, if the pupil is not being educated as part of a cooperative education program, if the pupil's district of residence does not give the educating district its approval to count the pupil in membership in the educating district, and if the pupil is not covered by an exception specified in subsection (6) to the requirement that the educating district must have the approval of the pupil's district of residence to count the pupil in membership, the pupil shall not be counted in membership in any district.

(c) A special education pupil educated by the intermediate district shall be counted in membership in the intermediate district.

(d) A pupil placed by a court or state agency in an on-grounds program of a juvenile detention facility, a child caring institution, or a mental health institution, or a pupil funded under section 53a, shall be counted in membership in the district or intermediate district approved by the department to operate the program.

(e) A pupil enrolled in the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind shall be counted in membership in the pupil's intermediate district of residence.

(f) A pupil enrolled in a career and technical education program supported by a millage levied over an area larger than a single district or in an area vocational-technical education program established pursuant to section 690 of the revised school code, MCL 380.690, shall be counted only in the pupil's district of residence.

(g) A pupil enrolled in a public school academy shall be counted in membership in the public school academy.

(h) For the purposes of this section and section 6a, for a cyber school, as defined in section 551 of the revised school code, MCL 380.551, that is in compliance with section 553a of the revised school code, MCL 380.553a, a pupil's participation in the cyber school's educational program is considered regular daily attendance, and for a district or public school academy, a pupil's participation in a virtual course as defined in section 21f is considered regular daily attendance. For the purposes of this subdivision, for a pupil enrolled in a cyber school and utilizing sequential learning, participation means that term as defined in the pupil accounting manual, section 5-o-d: requirements for counting pupils in membership-subsection 10.

(i) For a new district or public school academy beginning its operation after December 31, 1994, membership for the first 2 full or partial fiscal years of operation shall be determined as follows:

(i) If operations begin before the pupil membership count day for the fiscal year, membership is the average number of full-time equated pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance on the pupil membership count day for the current school year and on the supplemental count day for the current school year, as determined by the department and calculated by adding the number of pupils registered for attendance on the pupil membership count day plus pupils received by transfer and minus pupils lost as defined by rules promulgated by the superintendent, and as corrected by a subsequent department audit, plus the final audited count from the supplemental count day for the current school year, and dividing that sum by 2.

(ii) If operations begin after the pupil membership count day for the fiscal year and not later than the supplemental count day for the fiscal year, membership is the final audited count of the number of full-time equated pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance on the supplemental count day for the current school year.

(j) If a district is the authorizing body for a public school academy, then, in the first school year in which pupils are counted in membership on the pupil membership count day in the public school academy, the determination of the district's membership shall exclude from the district's pupil count for the immediately preceding supplemental count day any pupils who are counted in the public school academy on that first pupil membership count day who were also counted in the district on the immediately preceding supplemental count day.

(k) For an extended school year program approved by the superintendent, a pupil enrolled, but not scheduled to be in regular daily attendance, on a pupil membership count day, shall be counted in membership.

(l) To be counted in membership, a pupil shall meet the minimum age requirement to be eligible to attend school under section 1147 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1147, or shall be enrolled under subsection (3) of that section, and shall be less than 20 years of age on September 1 of the school year except as follows:

(i) A special education pupil who is enrolled and receiving instruction in a special education program or service approved by the department, who does not have a high school diploma, and who is less than 26 years of age as of September 1 of the current school year shall be counted in membership.

(ii) A pupil who is determined by the department to meet all of the following may be counted in membership:

(A) Is enrolled in a public school academy or an alternative education high school diploma program, that is primarily focused on educating pupils with extreme barriers to education, such as being homeless as defined under 42 USC 11302.

(B) Had dropped out of school.

(C) Is less than 22 years of age as of September 1 of the current school year.

(iii) If a child does not meet the minimum age requirement to be eligible to attend school for that school year under section 1147 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1147, but will be 5 years of age not later than December 1 of that school year, the district may count the child in membership for that school year if the parent or legal guardian has notified the district in writing that he or she intends to enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year.

(m) An individual who has achieved a high school diploma shall not be counted in membership. An individual who has achieved a high school equivalency certificate shall not be counted in membership unless the individual is a student with a disability as defined in R 340.1702 of the Michigan Administrative Code. An individual participating in a job training program funded under former section 107a or a jobs program funded under former section 107b, administered by the department of talent and economic development, or participating in any successor of either of those 2 programs, shall not be counted in membership.

(n) If a pupil counted in membership in a public school academy is also educated by a district or intermediate district as part of a cooperative education program, the pupil shall be counted in membership only in the public school academy unless a written agreement signed by all parties designates the party or parties in which the pupil shall be counted in membership, and the instructional time scheduled for the pupil in the district or intermediate district shall be included in the full-time equated membership determination under subdivision (q) and section 101. However, for pupils receiving instruction in both a public school academy and in a district or intermediate district but not as a part of a cooperative education program, the following apply:

(i) If the public school academy provides instruction for at least 1/2 of the class hours required under section 101, the public school academy shall receive as its prorated share of the full-time equated membership for each of those pupils an amount equal to 1 times the product of the hours of instruction the public school academy provides divided by the number of hours required under section 101 for full-time equivalency, and the remainder of the full-time membership for each of those pupils shall be allocated to the district or intermediate district providing the remainder of the hours of instruction.

(ii) If the public school academy provides instruction for less than 1/2 of the class hours required under section 101, the district or intermediate district providing the remainder of the hours of instruction shall receive as its prorated share of the full-time equated membership for each of those pupils an amount equal to 1 times the product of the hours of instruction the district or intermediate district provides divided by the number of hours required under section 101 for full-time equivalency, and the remainder of the full-time membership for each of those pupils shall be allocated to the public school academy.

(o) An individual less than 16 years of age as of September 1 of the current school year who is being educated in an alternative education program shall not be counted in membership if there are also adult education participants being educated in the same program or classroom.

(p) The department shall give a uniform interpretation of full-time and part-time memberships.

(q) The number of class hours used to calculate full-time equated memberships shall be consistent with section 101. In determining full-time equated memberships for pupils who are enrolled in a postsecondary institution or for pupils engaged in an internship or work experience under section 1279h of the revised school code, MCL 380.1279h, a pupil shall not be considered to be less than a full-time equated pupil solely because of the effect of his or her postsecondary enrollment or engagement in the internship or work experience, including necessary travel time, on the number of class hours provided by the district to the pupil.

(r) Full-time equated memberships for pupils in kindergarten shall be determined by dividing the number of instructional hours scheduled and provided per year per kindergarten pupil by the same number used for determining full-time equated memberships for pupils in grades 1 to 12. However, to the extent allowable under federal law, for a district or public school academy that provides evidence satisfactory to the department that it used federal title I money in the 2 immediately preceding school fiscal years to fund full-time kindergarten, full-time equated memberships for

pupils in kindergarten shall be determined by dividing the number of class hours scheduled and provided per year per kindergarten pupil by a number equal to 1/2 the number used for determining full-time equated memberships for pupils in grades 1 to 12. The change in the counting of full-time equated memberships for pupils in kindergarten that took effect for 2012-2013 is not a mandate.

(s) For a district or a public school academy that has pupils enrolled in a grade level that was not offered by the district or public school academy in the immediately preceding school year, the number of pupils enrolled in that grade level to be counted in membership is the average of the number of those pupils enrolled and in regular daily attendance on the pupil membership count day and the supplemental count day of the current school year, as determined by the department. Membership shall be calculated by adding the number of pupils registered for attendance in that grade level on the pupil membership count day plus pupils received by transfer and minus pupils lost as defined by rules promulgated by the superintendent, and as corrected by subsequent department audit, plus the final audited count from the supplemental count day for the current school year, and dividing that sum by 2.

(t) A pupil enrolled in a cooperative education program may be counted in membership in the pupil's district of residence with the written approval of all parties to the cooperative agreement.

(u) If, as a result of a disciplinary action, a district determines through the district's alternative or disciplinary education program that the best instructional placement for a pupil is in the pupil's home or otherwise apart from the general school population, if that placement is authorized in writing by the district superintendent and district alternative or disciplinary education supervisor, and if the district provides appropriate instruction as described in this subdivision to the pupil at the pupil's home or otherwise apart from the general school population, the district may count the pupil in membership on a pro rata basis, with the proration based on the number of hours of instruction the district actually provides to the pupil divided by the number of hours required under section 101 for full-time equivalency. For the purposes of this subdivision, a district shall be considered to be providing appropriate instruction if all of the following are met:

(i) The district provides at least 2 nonconsecutive hours of instruction per week to the pupil at the pupil's home or otherwise apart from the general school population under the supervision of a certificated teacher.

(ii) The district provides instructional materials, resources, and supplies that are comparable to those otherwise provided in the district's alternative education program.

(iii) Course content is comparable to that in the district's alternative education program.

(iv) Credit earned is awarded to the pupil and placed on the pupil's transcript.

(v) If a pupil was enrolled in a public school academy on the pupil membership count day, if the public school academy's contract with its authorizing body is revoked or the public school academy otherwise ceases to operate, and if the pupil enrolls in a district within 45 days after the pupil membership count day, the department shall adjust the district's pupil count for the pupil membership count day to include the pupil in the count.

(w) For a public school academy that has been in operation for at least 2 years and that suspended operations for at least 1 semester and is resuming operations, membership is the sum of the product of .90 times the number of full-time equated pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance on the first pupil membership count day or supplemental count day, whichever is first, occurring after operations resume, plus the product of .10 times the final audited count from the most recent pupil membership count day or supplemental count day that occurred before suspending operations, as determined by the superintendent.

(x) If a district's membership for a particular fiscal year, as otherwise calculated under this subsection, would be less than 1,550 pupils and the district has 4.5 or fewer pupils per square mile, as determined by the department, and if the district does not receive funding under section 22d(2), the district's membership shall be considered to be the membership figure calculated under this subdivision. If a district educates and counts in its membership pupils in grades 9 to 12 who reside in a contiguous district that does not operate grades 9 to 12 and if 1 or both of the affected districts request the department to use the determination allowed under this sentence, the department shall include the square mileage of both districts in determining the number of pupils per square mile for each of the districts for the purposes of this subdivision. The membership figure calculated under this subdivision is the greater of the following:

(i) The average of the district's membership for the 3-fiscal-year period ending with that fiscal year, calculated by adding the district's actual membership for each of those 3 fiscal years, as otherwise calculated under this subsection, and dividing the sum of those 3 membership figures by 3.

(ii) The district's actual membership for that fiscal year as otherwise calculated under this subsection.

(y) Full-time equated memberships for special education pupils who are not enrolled in kindergarten but are enrolled in a classroom program under R 340.1754 of the Michigan Administrative Code shall be determined by dividing the number of class hours scheduled and provided per year by 450. Full-time equated memberships for special education pupils who are not enrolled in kindergarten but are receiving early childhood special education services under R 340.1755 or R 340.1862 of the Michigan Administrative Code shall be determined by dividing the number of hours of service scheduled and provided per year per-pupil by 180.

(z) A pupil of a district that begins its school year after Labor Day who is enrolled in an intermediate district program that begins before Labor Day shall not be considered to be less than a full-time pupil solely due to instructional time scheduled but not attended by the pupil before Labor Day.

(aa) For the first year in which a pupil is counted in membership on the pupil membership count day in a middle college program, the membership is the average of the full-time equated membership on the pupil membership count day and on the supplemental count day for the current school year, as determined by the department. If a pupil described in this subdivision was counted in membership by the operating district on the immediately preceding supplemental count day, the pupil shall be excluded from the district's immediately preceding supplemental count for the purposes of determining the district's membership.

(bb) A district or public school academy that educates a pupil who attends a United States Olympic Education Center may count the pupil in membership regardless of whether or not the pupil is a resident of this state.

(cc) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's district of residence pursuant to section 1148(2) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1148, shall be counted in the educating district.

(dd) For a pupil enrolled in a dropout recovery program that meets the requirements of section 23a, the pupil shall be counted as 1/12 of a full-time equated membership for each month that the district operating the program reports that the pupil was enrolled in the program and was in full attendance. However, if the special membership counting provisions under this subdivision and the operation of the other membership counting provisions under this subsection result in a pupil being counted as more than 1.0 FTE in a fiscal year, the payment made for the pupil under sections 22a and 22b shall not be based on more than 1.0 FTE for that pupil, and any portion of an FTE for that pupil that exceeds 1.0 shall instead be paid under section 25g. The district operating the program shall report to the center the number of pupils who were enrolled in the program and were in full attendance for a month not later than 30 days after the end of the month. A district shall not report a pupil as being in full attendance for a month unless both of the following are met:

(i) A personalized learning plan is in place on or before the first school day of the month for the first month the pupil participates in the program.

(ii) The pupil meets the district's definition under section 23a of satisfactory monthly progress for that month or, if the pupil does not meet that definition of satisfactory monthly progress for that month, the pupil did meet that definition of satisfactory monthly progress in the immediately preceding month and appropriate interventions are implemented within 10 school days after it is determined that the pupil does not meet that definition of satisfactory monthly progress.

(ee) A pupil participating in a virtual course under section 21f shall be counted in membership in the district enrolling the pupil.

(ff) If a public school academy that is not in its first or second year of operation closes at the end of a school year and does not reopen for the next school year, the department shall adjust the membership count of the district or other public school academy in which a former pupil of the closed public school academy enrolls and is in regular daily attendance for the next school year to ensure that the district or other public school academy receives the same amount of membership aid for the pupil as if the pupil were counted in the district or other public school academy on the supplemental count day of the preceding school year.

(gg) If a special education pupil is expelled under section 1311 or 1311a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1311 and 380.1311a, and is not in attendance on the pupil membership count day because of the expulsion, and if the pupil remains enrolled in the district and resumes regular daily attendance during that school year, the district's membership shall be adjusted to count the pupil in membership as if he or she had been in attendance on the pupil membership count day.

(hh) A pupil enrolled in a community district shall be counted in membership in the community district.

(ii) A part-time pupil enrolled in a nonpublic school in grades K to 12 in accordance with section 166b shall not be counted as more than 0.75 of a full-time equated membership.

(jj) A district that borders another state or a public school academy that operates at least grades 9 to 12 and is located within 20 miles of a border with another state may count in membership a pupil who is enrolled in a course at a college or university that is located in the bordering state and within 20 miles of the border with this state if all of the following are met:

(i) The pupil would meet the definition of an eligible student under the postsecondary enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, if the course were an eligible course under that act.

(ii) The course in which the pupil is enrolled would meet the definition of an eligible course under the postsecondary enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, if the course were provided by an eligible postsecondary institution under that act.

(iii) The department determines that the college or university is an institution that, in the other state, fulfills a function comparable to a state university or community college, as those terms are defined in section 3 of the postsecondary enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.513, or is an independent nonprofit degree-granting college or university.

(iv) The district or public school academy pays for a portion of the pupil's tuition at the college or university in an amount equal to the eligible charges that the district or public school academy would pay to an eligible postsecondary institution under the postsecondary enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, as if the course were an eligible course under that act.

(v) The district or public school academy awards high school credit to a pupil who successfully completes a course as described in this subdivision.

(kk) A pupil enrolled in a middle college program may be counted for more than a total of 1.0 full-time equated membership if the pupil is enrolled in more than the minimum number of instructional days and hours required under section 101 and the pupil is expected to complete the 5-year program with both a high school diploma and at least 60 transferable college credits or is expected to earn an associate's degree in fewer than 5 years.

(ll) If a district's or public school academy's membership for a particular fiscal year, as otherwise calculated under this subsection, includes pupils counted in membership who are enrolled under section 166b, all of the following apply for the purposes of this subdivision:

(i) If the district's or public school academy's membership for pupils counted under section 166b equals or exceeds 5% of the district's or public school academy's membership for pupils not counted in membership under section 166b in the immediately preceding fiscal year, then the growth in the district's or public school academy's membership for pupils counted under section 166b must not exceed 10%.

(ii) If the district's or public school academy's membership for pupils counted under section 166b is less than 5% of the district's or public school academy's membership for pupils not counted in membership under section 166b in the immediately preceding fiscal year, then the district's or public school academy's membership for pupils counted under section 166b must not exceed the greater of the following:

(A) 5% of the district's or public school academy's membership for pupils not counted in membership under section 166b.

(B) 10% more than the district's or public school academy's membership for pupils counted under section 166b in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(iii) If 1 or more districts consolidate or are parties to an annexation, then the calculations under subdivisions (i) and (ii) must be applied to the combined total membership for pupils counted in those districts for the fiscal year immediately preceding the consolidation or annexation.

(mm) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, if a district, intermediate district, or public school academy charges tuition for a pupil that resided out of state in the immediately preceding school year, the pupil shall not be counted in membership in the district, intermediate district, or public school academy.

(5) "Public school academy" means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, MCL 380.5.

(6) "Pupil" means an individual in membership in a public school. A district must have the approval of the pupil's district of residence to count the pupil in membership, except approval by the pupil's district of residence is not required for any of the following:

(a) A nonpublic part-time pupil enrolled in grades K to 12 in accordance with section 166b.

(b) A pupil receiving 1/2 or less of his or her instruction in a district other than the pupil's district of residence.

(c) A pupil enrolled in a public school academy.

(d) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's district of residence under an intermediate district schools of choice pilot program as described in section 91a or former section 91 if the intermediate district and its constituent districts have been exempted from section 105.

(e) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's district of residence if the pupil is enrolled in accordance with section 105 or 105c.

(f) A pupil who has made an official written complaint or whose parent or legal guardian has made an official written complaint to law enforcement officials and to school officials of the pupil's district of residence that the pupil has been the victim of a criminal sexual assault or other serious assault, if the official complaint either indicates that the assault occurred at school or that the assault was committed by 1 or more other pupils enrolled in the school the pupil would otherwise attend in the district of residence or by an employee of the district of residence. A person who intentionally makes a false report of a crime to law enforcement officials for the purposes of this subdivision is subject to section 411a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.411a, which provides criminal penalties for that conduct. As used in this subdivision:

(i) "At school" means in a classroom, elsewhere on school premises, on a school bus or other school-related vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event whether or not it is held on school premises.

(ii) "Serious assault" means an act that constitutes a felony violation of chapter XI of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81 to 750.90h, or that constitutes an assault and infliction of serious or aggravated injury under section 81a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81a.

(g) A pupil whose district of residence changed after the pupil membership count day and before the supplemental count day and who continues to be enrolled on the supplemental count day as a nonresident in the district in which he or she was enrolled as a resident on the pupil membership count day of the same school year.

(h) A pupil enrolled in an alternative education program operated by a district other than his or her district of residence who meets 1 or more of the following:

(i) The pupil has been suspended or expelled from his or her district of residence for any reason, including, but not limited to, a suspension or expulsion under section 1310, 1311, or 1311a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1310, 380.1311, and 380.1311a.

(ii) The pupil had previously dropped out of school.

(iii) The pupil is pregnant or is a parent.

(iv) The pupil has been referred to the program by a court.

(i) A pupil enrolled in the Michigan Virtual School, for the pupil's enrollment in the Michigan Virtual School.

(j) A pupil who is the child of a person who works at the district or who is the child of a person who worked at the district as of the time the pupil first enrolled in the district but who no longer works at the district due to a workforce reduction. As used in this subdivision, "child" includes an adopted child, stepchild, or legal ward.

(k) An expelled pupil who has been denied reinstatement by the expelling district and is reinstated by another school board under section 1311 or 1311a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1311 and 380.1311a.

(l) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's district of residence in a middle college program if the pupil's district of residence and the enrolling district are both constituent districts of the same intermediate district.

(m) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's district of residence who attends a United States Olympic Education Center.

(n) A pupil enrolled in a district other than the pupil's district of residence pursuant to section 1148(2) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1148.

(o) A pupil who enrolls in a district other than the pupil's district of residence as a result of the pupil's school not making adequate yearly progress under the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110, or the every student succeeds act, Public Law 114-95.

However, except for pupils enrolled in the youth challenge program at the site at which the youth challenge program operated for 2015-2016, if a district educates pupils who reside in another district and if the primary instructional site for those pupils is established by the educating district after 2009-2010 and is located within the boundaries of that other district, the educating district must have the approval of that other district to count those pupils in membership.

(7) "Pupil membership count day" of a district or intermediate district means:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the first Wednesday in October each school year or, for a district or building in which school is not in session on that Wednesday due to conditions not within the control of school authorities, with the approval of the superintendent, the immediately following day on which school is in session in the district or building.

(b) For a district or intermediate district maintaining school during the entire school year, the following days:

(i) Fourth Wednesday in July.

(ii) First Wednesday in October.

(iii) Second Wednesday in February.

(iv) Fourth Wednesday in April.

(8) "Pupils in grades K to 12 actually enrolled and in regular daily attendance" means pupils in grades K to 12 in attendance and receiving instruction in all classes for which they are enrolled on the pupil membership count day or the supplemental count day, as applicable. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a pupil who is absent from any of the classes in which the pupil is enrolled on the pupil membership count day or supplemental count day and who does not attend each of those classes during the 10 consecutive school days immediately following the pupil membership count day or supplemental count day, except for a pupil who has been excused by the district, shall not be counted as 1.0 full-time equated membership. A pupil who is excused from attendance on the pupil membership count day or supplemental count day and who fails to attend each of the classes in which the pupil is enrolled within 30 calendar days after the pupil membership count day or supplemental count day shall not be counted as 1.0 full-time equated membership. In addition, a pupil who was enrolled and in attendance in a district, intermediate district, or public school academy before the pupil membership count day or supplemental count day of a particular year but was expelled or suspended on the pupil membership count day or supplemental count day shall only be counted as 1.0 full-time equated membership if the pupil resumed attendance in the district, intermediate district, or public school academy within 45 days after the pupil membership count day or supplemental count day of that particular year. Pupils not counted as 1.0 full-time equated membership due to an absence from a class shall be counted as a prorated membership for the classes the pupil attended. For purposes of this subsection, "class" means a period of time in 1 day when pupils and a certificated teacher,

a teacher engaged to teach under section 1233b of the revised school code, MCL 380.1233b, or an individual working under a valid substitute permit, authorization, or approval issued by the department, are together and instruction is taking place.

(9) “Rule” means a rule promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(10) “The revised school code” means the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

(11) “School district of the first class”, “first class school district”, and “district of the first class” mean, for the purposes of this article only, a district that had at least 40,000 pupils in membership for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(12) “School fiscal year” means a fiscal year that commences July 1 and continues through June 30.

(13) “State board” means the state board of education.

(14) “Superintendent”, unless the context clearly refers to a district or intermediate district superintendent, means the superintendent of public instruction described in section 3 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.

(15) “Supplemental count day” means the day on which the supplemental pupil count is conducted under section 6a.

(16) “Tuition pupil” means a pupil of school age attending school in a district other than the pupil’s district of residence for whom tuition may be charged to the district of residence. Tuition pupil does not include a pupil who is a special education pupil, a pupil described in subsection (6)(c) to (o), or a pupil whose parent or guardian voluntarily enrolls the pupil in a district that is not the pupil’s district of residence. A pupil’s district of residence shall not require a high school tuition pupil, as provided under section 111, to attend another school district after the pupil has been assigned to a school district.

(17) “State school aid fund” means the state school aid fund established in section 11 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

(18) “Taxable value” means the taxable value of property as determined under section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a.

(19) “Textbook” means a book, electronic book, or other instructional print or electronic resource that is selected and approved by the governing board of a district and that contains a presentation of principles of a subject, or that is a literary work relevant to the study of a subject required for the use of classroom pupils, or another type of course material that forms the basis of classroom instruction.

(20) “Total state aid” or “total state school aid” means the total combined amount of all funds due to a district, intermediate district, or other entity under this article.

Sec. 11. (1) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, there is appropriated for the public schools of this state and certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of \$12,682,127,200.00 from the state school aid fund, the sum of \$78,500,000.00 from the general fund, an amount not to exceed \$72,000,000.00 from the community district education trust fund created under section 12 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.262, an amount not to exceed \$23,100,000.00 from the MPERS retirement obligation reform reserve fund, and an amount not to exceed \$100.00 from the water emergency reserve fund. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, there is appropriated for the public schools of this state and certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of \$12,876,825,200.00 from the state school aid fund, the sum of \$87,920,000.00 from the general fund, an amount not to exceed \$72,000,000.00 from the community district education trust fund created under section 12 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.262, an amount not to exceed \$31,900,000.00 from the MPERS retirement obligation reform reserve fund, an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 from the school mental health and support services fund created under section 31m, and an amount not to exceed \$100.00 from the water emergency reserve fund. In addition, all available federal funds are appropriated each fiscal year for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2019.

(2) The appropriations under this section shall be allocated as provided in this article. Money appropriated under this section from the general fund shall be expended to fund the purposes of this article before the expenditure of money appropriated under this section from the state school aid fund.

(3) Any general fund allocations under this article that are not expended by the end of the state fiscal year are transferred to the school aid stabilization fund created under section 11a.

Sec. 17c. (1) Except as otherwise provided under this article, the department shall do both of the following for funds appropriated under this article for grants distributed by the department to districts, intermediate districts, and eligible entities:

(a) Not later than September 1 of each fiscal year, open the grant application for funds appropriated for the subsequent fiscal year. The department shall also provide to districts, intermediate districts, and eligible entities, and post on its publicly accessible website, the grant application and award process schedule and the list of state grants and contracts available in the subsequent fiscal year.

(b) Not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, publish grant awards for funds appropriated in that fiscal year.

(2) Information for grants awarded from funds appropriated under this article must be placed on the state board agenda in August of the preceding fiscal year. However, this subsection does not apply to grants awarded, directly or indirectly, from federal funds or federal grants.

Sec. 18. (1) Except as provided in another section of this article, each district or other entity shall apply the money received by the district or entity under this article to salaries and other compensation of teachers and other employees, tuition, transportation, lighting, heating, ventilation, water service, the purchase of textbooks, other supplies, and any other school operating expenditures defined in section 7. However, not more than 20% of the total amount received by a district under sections 22a and 22b or received by an intermediate district under section 81 may be transferred by the board to either the capital projects fund or to the debt retirement fund for debt service. The money shall not be applied or taken for a purpose other than as provided in this section. The department shall determine the reasonableness of expenditures and may withhold from a recipient of funds under this article the apportionment otherwise due upon a violation by the recipient.

(2) A district or intermediate district shall adopt an annual budget in a manner that complies with the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a. Within 15 days after a district board adopts its annual operating budget for the following school fiscal year, or after a district board adopts a subsequent revision to that budget, the district shall make all of the following available through a link on its website homepage, or may make the information available through a link on its intermediate district's website homepage, in a form and manner prescribed by the department:

(a) The annual operating budget and subsequent budget revisions.

(b) Using data that have already been collected and submitted to the department, a summary of district expenditures for the most recent fiscal year for which they are available, expressed in the following 2 visual displays:

(i) A chart of personnel expenditures, broken into the following subcategories:

(A) Salaries and wages.

(B) Employee benefit costs, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, vision, life, disability, and long-term care benefits.

(C) Retirement benefit costs.

(D) All other personnel costs.

(ii) A chart of all district expenditures, broken into the following subcategories:

(A) Instruction.

(B) Support services.

(C) Business and administration.

(D) Operations and maintenance.

(c) Links to all of the following:

(i) The current collective bargaining agreement for each bargaining unit.

(ii) Each health care benefits plan, including, but not limited to, medical, dental, vision, disability, long-term care, or any other type of benefits that would constitute health care services, offered to any bargaining unit or employee in the district.

(iii) The audit report of the audit conducted under subsection (4) for the most recent fiscal year for which it is available.

(iv) The bids required under section 5 of the public employees health benefit act, 2007 PA 106, MCL 124.75.

(v) The district's written policy governing procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment.

(vi) The district's written policy establishing specific categories of reimbursable expenses, as described in section 1254(2) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1254.

(vii) Either the district's accounts payable check register for the most recent school fiscal year or a statement of the total amount of expenses incurred by board members or employees of the district that were reimbursed by the district for the most recent school fiscal year.

(d) The total salary and a description and cost of each fringe benefit included in the compensation package for the superintendent of the district and for each employee of the district whose salary exceeds \$100,000.00.

(e) The annual amount spent on dues paid to associations.

(f) The annual amount spent on lobbying or lobbying services. As used in this subdivision, "lobbying" means that term as defined in section 5 of 1978 PA 472, MCL 4.415.

(g) Any deficit elimination plan or enhanced deficit elimination plan the district was required to submit under the revised school code.

(h) Identification of all credit cards maintained by the district as district credit cards, the identity of all individuals authorized to use each of those credit cards, the credit limit on each credit card, and the dollar limit, if any, for each individual's authorized use of the credit card.

(i) Costs incurred for each instance of out-of-state travel by the school administrator of the district that is fully or partially paid for by the district and the details of each of those instances of out-of-state travel, including at least identification of each individual on the trip, destination, and purpose.

(3) For the information required under subsection (2)(a), (2)(b)(i), and (2)(c), an intermediate district shall provide the same information in the same manner as required for a district under subsection (2).

(4) For the purposes of determining the reasonableness of expenditures, whether a district or intermediate district has received the proper amount of funds under this article, and whether a violation of this article has occurred, all of the following apply:

(a) The department shall require that each district and intermediate district have an audit of the district's or intermediate district's financial and pupil accounting records conducted at least annually, and at such other times as determined by the department, at the expense of the district or intermediate district, as applicable. The audits must be performed by a certified public accountant or by the intermediate district superintendent, as may be required by the department, or in the case of a district of the first class by a certified public accountant, the intermediate superintendent, or the auditor general of the city. A district or intermediate district shall retain these records for the current fiscal year and from at least the 3 immediately preceding fiscal years.

(b) If a district operates in a single building with fewer than 700 full-time equated pupils, if the district has stable membership, and if the error rate of the immediately preceding 2 pupil accounting field audits of the district is less than 2%, the district may have a pupil accounting field audit conducted biennially but must continue to have desk audits for each pupil count. The auditor must document compliance with the audit cycle in the pupil auditing manual. As used in this subdivision, "stable membership" means that the district's membership for the current fiscal year varies from the district's membership for the immediately preceding fiscal year by less than 5%.

(c) A district's or intermediate district's annual financial audit shall include an analysis of the financial and pupil accounting data used as the basis for distribution of state school aid.

(d) The pupil and financial accounting records and reports, audits, and management letters are subject to requirements established in the auditing and accounting manuals approved and published by the department.

(e) All of the following shall be done not later than November 1 each year for reporting the prior fiscal year data:

(i) A district shall file the annual financial audit reports with the intermediate district and the department.

(ii) The intermediate district shall file the annual financial audit reports for the intermediate district with the department.

(iii) The intermediate district shall enter the pupil membership audit reports for its constituent districts and for the intermediate district, for the pupil membership count day and supplemental count day, in the Michigan student data system.

(f) The annual financial audit reports and pupil accounting procedures reports shall be available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(g) Not later than January 31 of each year, the department shall notify the state budget director and the legislative appropriations subcommittees responsible for review of the school aid budget of districts and intermediate districts that have not filed an annual financial audit and pupil accounting procedures report required under this section for the school year ending in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(5) By November 1 each fiscal year, each district and intermediate district shall submit to the center, in a manner prescribed by the center, annual comprehensive financial data consistent with the district's or intermediate district's audited financial statements and consistent with accounting manuals and charts of accounts approved and published by the department. For an intermediate district, the report shall also contain the website address where the department can access the report required under section 620 of the revised school code, MCL 380.620. The department shall ensure that the prescribed Michigan public school accounting manual chart of accounts includes standard conventions to distinguish expenditures by allowable fund function and object. The functions shall include at minimum categories for instruction, pupil support, instructional staff support, general administration, school administration, business administration, transportation, facilities operation and maintenance, facilities acquisition, and debt service; and shall include object classifications of salary, benefits, including categories for active employee health expenditures, purchased services, supplies, capital outlay, and other. Districts shall report the required level of detail consistent with the manual as part of the comprehensive annual financial report.

(6) By September 30 of each year, each district and intermediate district shall file with the center the special education actual cost report, known as “SE-4096”, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the center. An intermediate district shall certify the audit of a district’s report.

(7) By October 7 of each year, each district and intermediate district shall file with the center the audited transportation expenditure report, known as “SE-4094”, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the center. An intermediate district shall certify the audit of a district’s report.

(8) The department shall review its pupil accounting and pupil auditing manuals at least annually and shall periodically update those manuals to reflect changes in this article.

(9) If a district that is a public school academy purchases property using money received under this article, the public school academy shall retain ownership of the property unless the public school academy sells the property at fair market value.

(10) If a district or intermediate district does not comply with subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), and (12), or if the department determines that the financial data required under subsection (5) are not consistent with audited financial statements, the department shall withhold all state school aid due to the district or intermediate district under this article, beginning with the next payment due to the district or intermediate district, until the district or intermediate district complies with subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), and (12). If the district or intermediate district does not comply with subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), and (12) by the end of the fiscal year, the district or intermediate district forfeits the amount withheld.

(11) If a district or intermediate district does not comply with subsection (2), the department may withhold up to 10% of the total state school aid due to the district or intermediate district under this article, beginning with the next payment due to the district or intermediate district, until the district or intermediate district complies with subsection (2). If the district or intermediate district does not comply with subsection (2) by the end of the fiscal year, the district or intermediate district forfeits the amount withheld.

(12) By November 1 of each year, if a district or intermediate district offers virtual learning under section 21f, or for a school of excellence that is a cyber school, as defined in section 551 of the revised school code, MCL 380.551, the district or intermediate district shall submit to the department a report that details the per-pupil costs of operating the virtual learning by vendor type and virtual learning model. The report shall include information concerning the operation of virtual learning for the immediately preceding school fiscal year, including information concerning summer programming. Information must be collected in a form and manner determined by the department and must be collected in the most efficient manner possible to reduce the administrative burden on reporting entities.

(13) By March 31 of each year, the department shall submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on state school aid, the state budget director, and the house and senate fiscal agencies a report summarizing the per-pupil costs by vendor type of virtual courses available under section 21f and virtual courses provided by a school of excellence that is a cyber school, as defined in section 551 of the revised school code, MCL 380.551.

(14) As used in subsections (12) and (13), “vendor type” means the following:

(a) Virtual courses provided by the Michigan Virtual University.

(b) Virtual courses provided by a school of excellence that is a cyber school, as defined in section 551 of the revised school code, MCL 380.551.

(c) Virtual courses provided by third party vendors not affiliated with a Michigan public school.

(d) Virtual courses created and offered by a district or intermediate district.

(15) An allocation to a district or another entity under this article is contingent upon the district’s or entity’s compliance with this section.

(16) Beginning October 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the senate and house subcommittees on school aid and to the senate and house standing committees on education an itemized list of allocations under this article to any association or consortium consisting of associations in the immediately preceding fiscal year. The report shall detail the recipient or recipients, the amount allocated, and the purpose for which the funds were distributed.

Sec. 23a. (1) A dropout recovery program operated by a district qualifies for the special membership counting provisions of section 6(4)(dd) and the hours and day of pupil instruction exemption under section 101(12) if the dropout recovery program meets all of the following:

(a) Enrolls only eligible pupils.

(b) Provides an advocate or teacher of record, or both. An advocate may serve in that role for more than 1 pupil but no more than 50 pupils. An advocate or teacher of record may be employed by the district or may be provided by an education management organization that is partnering with the district. Before an individual is assigned to be an advocate or teacher of record for a pupil in the dropout recovery program, the district shall comply with sections 1230 and 1230a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1230 and 380.1230a, with respect to that individual.

(c) Develops a written learning plan.

(d) Monitors the pupil’s progress against the written learning plan.

(e) Requires each pupil to make satisfactory monthly progress, as defined by the district under subsection (2).

(f) Reports the pupil's progress results to the partner district at least monthly.

(g) The program may be operated on or off a district school campus, but may be operated using distance learning online only if the program provides a computer and Internet access for each eligible pupil participating in the program.

(h) Is operated throughout the entire calendar year.

(i) If the district partners with an education management organization for the program, the education management organization has a dropout recovery program partnership relationship with at least 1 other district.

(2) A district operating a dropout recovery program under this section shall adopt a definition of satisfactory monthly progress that is consistent with the definition of that term under subsection (3).

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Advocate" means an adult available to meet in person with assigned pupils, as needed, to conduct social interventions, to proctor final examinations, and to provide academic and social support to pupils enrolled in the district's dropout recovery program.

(b) "Education management organization" means a private provider that operates 1 or more other dropout recovery programs that meet the requirements of this section in partnership with 1 or more districts.

(c) "Eligible pupil" means a pupil who has been expelled from school under the mandatory expulsion provisions in section 1311 or 1311a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1311 and 380.1311a, a pupil who has been suspended or expelled from school under a local policy, a pupil who is referred by a court, a pupil who is pregnant or is a parent, a pupil who was previously a dropout, or a pupil who is determined by the district to be at risk of dropping out.

(d) "Satisfactory monthly progress" means an amount of progress that is measurable on a monthly basis and that, if continued for a full 12 months, would result in the same amount of academic credit being awarded to the pupil as would be awarded to a general education pupil completing a full school year. Satisfactory monthly progress may include a lesser required amount of progress for the first 2 months a pupil participates in the program.

(e) "Teacher of record" means a teacher who holds a valid Michigan teaching certificate; who, if applicable, is endorsed in the subject area and grade of the course; and is responsible for providing instruction, determining instructional methods for each pupil, diagnosing learning needs, assessing pupil learning, prescribing intervention strategies, reporting outcomes, and evaluating the effects of instruction and support strategies. Until February 1, 2020, if the district partners with an education management organization for the program, the teacher of record may be employed by or contracted through the education management organization.

(f) "Written learning plan" means a written plan developed in conjunction with the advocate that includes the plan start and end dates, courses to be taken, credit to be earned for each course, teacher of record for each course, and advocate name and contact information.

Sec. 24c. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,545,400.00 for 2018-2019 for payments to districts for pupils who are enrolled in a nationally administered community-based education and youth mentoring program, known as the youth challenge program, that is administered by the department of military and veterans affairs. Both of the following apply to a district receiving payments under this section:

(a) The district shall contract with the department of military and veterans affairs to ensure that all funding allocated under this section is utilized by the district and the department of military and veterans affairs for the youth challenge program.

(b) The district may retain for its administrative expenses an amount not to exceed 3% of the amount of the payment the district receives under this section.

(2) In addition to the funds allocated under subsection (1), from the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 for 2018-2019 to a district for pupils who enrolled in the youth challenge program but dropped out before the pupil membership count day. The district shall use these funds to support the youth challenge program.

Sec. 31a. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$528,207,300.00 for payments to eligible districts and eligible public school academies for the purposes of ensuring that pupils are proficient in English language arts by the end of grade 3, that pupils are proficient in mathematics by the end of grade 8, that pupils are attending school regularly, that high school graduates are career and college ready, and for the purposes under subsections (7) and (8).

(2) For a district that has combined state and local revenue per membership pupil under sections 20 and 20m that is greater than the basic foundation allowance under section 20 for the current fiscal year, the allocation under this section shall be an amount equal to 30% of the allocation for which it would otherwise be eligible under this section before any proration under subsection (14).

(3) For a district or public school academy to be eligible to receive funding under this section, other than funding under subsection (7) or (8), the district or public school academy, for grades K to 12, shall comply with the requirements under section 1280f of the revised school code, MCL 380.1280f, and shall use resources to address early literacy and numeracy, and for at least grades K to 12 or, if the district or public school academy does not operate all of grades K to 12, for all of the grades it operates, must implement a multi-tiered system of supports that is an evidence-based framework that uses data-driven problem solving to integrate academic and behavioral instruction and that uses intervention delivered to all pupils in varying intensities based on pupil needs. The multi-tiered system of supports described in this subsection must provide at least all of the following essential components:

- (a) Team-based leadership.
- (b) A tiered delivery system.
- (c) Selection and implementation of instruction, interventions, and supports.
- (d) A comprehensive screening and assessment system.
- (e) Continuous data-based decision making.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an eligible district or eligible public school academy shall receive under this section for each membership pupil in the district or public school academy who is determined to be economically disadvantaged, as reported to the center in the form and manner prescribed by the center not later than the fifth Wednesday after the pupil membership count day of the immediately preceding fiscal year, an amount per pupil equal to 11.5% of the statewide weighted average foundation allowance. However, a public school academy that began operations as a public school academy after the pupil membership count day of the immediately preceding school year shall receive under this section for each membership pupil in the public school academy, who is determined to be economically disadvantaged, as reported to the center in the form and manner prescribed by the center not later than the fifth Wednesday after the pupil membership count day of the current fiscal year, an amount per pupil equal to 11.5% of the statewide weighted average foundation allowance.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a district or public school academy receiving funding under this section shall use that money only to provide instructional programs and direct noninstructional services, including, but not limited to, medical, mental health, or counseling services, for at-risk pupils; for school health clinics; and for the purposes of subsection (6), (7), or (8). In addition, a district that is a school district of the first class or a district or public school academy in which at least 50% of the pupils in membership were determined to be economically disadvantaged in the immediately preceding state fiscal year, as determined and reported as described in subsection (4), may use not more than 20% of the funds it receives under this section for school security. A district or public school academy shall not use any of that money for administrative costs. The instruction or direct noninstructional services provided under this section may be conducted before or after regular school hours or by adding extra school days to the school year. Funds spent on school security under this subsection must be counted toward required spending under subsection (16)(c).

(6) A district or public school academy that receives funds under this section and that operates a school breakfast program under section 1272a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1272a, shall use from the funds received under this section an amount, not to exceed \$10.00 per pupil for whom the district or public school academy receives funds under this section, necessary to pay for costs associated with the operation of the school breakfast program.

(7) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$6,057,300.00 to support primary health care services provided to children and adolescents up to age 21. These funds shall be expended in a form and manner determined jointly by the department and the department of health and human services. If any funds allocated under this subsection are not used for the purposes of this subsection for the fiscal year in which they are allocated, those unused funds shall be used that fiscal year to avoid or minimize any proration that would otherwise be required under subsection (14) for that fiscal year.

(8) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$5,150,000.00 for the state portion of the hearing and vision screenings as described in section 9301 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.9301. A local public health department shall pay at least 50% of the total cost of the screenings. The frequency of the screenings shall be as required under R 325.13091 to R 325.13096 and R 325.3271 to R 325.3276 of the Michigan Administrative Code. Funds shall be awarded in a form and manner approved jointly by the department and the department of health and human services. Notwithstanding section 17b, payments to eligible entities under this subsection shall be paid on a schedule determined by the department.

(9) Each district or public school academy receiving funds under this section shall submit to the department by July 15 of each fiscal year a report, in the form and manner prescribed by the department, that includes a brief description of each program conducted or services performed by the district or public school academy using funds under this section, the amount of funds under this section allocated to each of those programs or services, the total number of at-risk pupils served by each of those programs or services, and the data necessary for the department and the department of health and human services to verify matching funds for the temporary assistance for needy families program. In prescribing the form and manner of the report, the department shall ensure that districts are allowed to expend funds received under this section on any activities that are permissible under this section. If a district or public

school academy does not comply with this subsection, the department shall withhold an amount equal to the August payment due under this section until the district or public school academy complies with this subsection. If the district or public school academy does not comply with this subsection by the end of the state fiscal year, the withheld funds shall be forfeited to the school aid fund.

(10) In order to receive funds under this section, a district or public school academy shall allow access for the department or the department's designee to audit all records related to the program for which it receives those funds. The district or public school academy shall reimburse the state for all disallowances found in the audit.

(11) Subject to subsections (6), (7), and (8), for schools in which more than 40% of pupils are identified as at-risk, a district or public school academy may use the funds it receives under this section to implement schoolwide reforms that are guided by the district's comprehensive needs assessment and are included in the district improvement plan. Schoolwide reforms must include parent and community supports, activities, and services, that may include the pathways to potential program created by the department of health and human services or the communities in schools program.

(12) A district or public school academy that receives funds under this section may use up to 5% of those funds to provide research-based professional development and to implement a coaching model that supports the multi-tiered system of supports framework. Professional development may be provided to district and school leadership and teachers and must be aligned to professional learning standards; integrated into district, school building, and classroom practices; and solely related to the following:

(a) Implementing the multi-tiered system of supports required in subsection (3) with fidelity and utilizing the data from that system to inform curriculum and instruction.

(b) Implementing section 1280f of the revised school code, MCL 380.1280f, as required under subsection (3), with fidelity.

(13) A district or public school academy that receives funds under this section may use funds received under this section to support instructional or behavioral coaches. Funds used for this purpose are not subject to the cap under subsection (12).

(14) If necessary, and before any proration required under section 296, the department shall prorate payments under this section, except payments under subsection (7), (8), or (17), by reducing the amount of the allocation as otherwise calculated under this section by an equal percentage per district.

(15) If a district is dissolved pursuant to section 12 of the revised school code, MCL 380.12, the intermediate district to which the dissolved school district was constituent shall determine the estimated number of pupils that are economically disadvantaged and that are enrolled in each of the other districts within the intermediate district and provide that estimate to the department for the purposes of distributing funds under this section within 60 days after the school district is declared dissolved.

(16) Beginning in 2019-2020, if a district or public school academy does not demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that at least 50% of at-risk pupils are proficient in English language arts by the end of grade 3 as measured by the state assessment for the immediately preceding school year or have achieved at least 1 year's growth in English language arts during grade 3 as measured by a local benchmark assessment for the immediately preceding school year, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that at least 50% of at-risk pupils are proficient in mathematics by the end of grade 8 as measured by the state assessment for the immediately preceding school year or have achieved at least 1 year's growth in mathematics during grade 8 as measured by a local benchmark assessment for the immediately preceding school year, and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department improvement over each of the 3 immediately preceding school years in the percentage of at-risk pupils that are career- and college-ready as determined by proficiency on the English language arts, mathematics, and science content area assessments on the grade 11 summative assessment under section 1279g(2)(a) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1279g, the district or public school academy shall ensure all of the following:

(a) The district or public school academy shall determine the proportion of at-risk pupils in grade 3 that represents the number of at-risk pupils in grade 3 that are not proficient in English language arts by the end of grade 3 or that did not achieve at least 1 year's growth in English language arts during grade 3, and the district or public school academy shall expend that same proportion multiplied by 1/3 of its total at-risk funds under this section on tutoring and other methods of improving grade 3 English language arts proficiency or growth.

(b) The district or public school academy shall determine the proportion of at-risk pupils in grade 8 that represents the number of at-risk pupils in grade 8 that are not proficient in mathematics by the end of grade 8 or that did not achieve at least 1 year's growth in mathematics during grade 8, and the district or public school academy shall expend that same proportion multiplied by 1/3 of its total at-risk funds under this section on tutoring and other methods of improving grade 8 mathematics proficiency or growth.

(c) The district or public school academy shall determine the proportion of at-risk pupils in grade 11 that represents the number of at-risk pupils in grade 11 that are not career- and college-ready as measured by the student's score on the English language arts, mathematics, and science content area assessments on the grade 11 summative assessment under section 1279g(2)(a) of the revised school code, MCL 380.1279g, and the district or public school academy shall expend that same proportion multiplied by 1/3 of its total at-risk funds under this section on tutoring and other activities to improve scores on the college entrance examination portion of the Michigan merit examination.

(17) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000.00 for payments to districts and public school academies that otherwise received an allocation under this section in 2018-2019 and that allocation was less than the district's or public school academy's allocation under this section in 2017-2018. The allocation for each district or public school academy under this subsection is an amount equal to its allocation under this section in 2017-2018 minus its allocation as otherwise calculated under this section for 2018-2019. If necessary, and before any proration required under section 296, the department shall prorate payments under this subsection by reducing the amount of the allocation as otherwise calculated under this subsection by an equal percentage per district or public school academy.

(18) A district or public school academy that receives funds under this section may use funds received under this section to provide an anti-bullying or crisis intervention program.

(19) The department shall collaborate with the department of health and human services to prioritize assigning Pathways to Potential Success coaches to elementary schools that have a high percentage of pupils in grades K to 3 who are not proficient in English language arts, based upon state assessments for pupils in those grades.

(20) As used in this section:

(a) "At-risk pupil" means a pupil in grades K to 12 for whom the district has documentation that the pupil meets any of the following criteria:

(i) The pupil is economically disadvantaged.

(ii) The pupil is an English language learner.

(iii) The pupil is chronically absent as defined by and reported to the center.

(iv) The pupil is a victim of child abuse or neglect.

(v) The pupil is a pregnant teenager or teenage parent.

(vi) The pupil has a family history of school failure, incarceration, or substance abuse.

(vii) The pupil is an immigrant who has immigrated within the immediately preceding 3 years.

(viii) The pupil did not complete high school in 4 years and is still continuing in school as identified in the Michigan cohort graduation and dropout report.

(ix) For pupils for whom the results of the state summative assessment have been received, is a pupil who did not achieve proficiency on the English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies content area assessment.

(x) Is a pupil who is at risk of not meeting the district's or public school academy's core academic curricular objectives in English language arts or mathematics, as demonstrated on local assessments.

(b) "Economically disadvantaged" means a pupil who has been determined eligible for free or reduced-price meals as determined under the Richard B. Russell national school lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769j; who is in a household receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program or temporary assistance for needy families assistance; or who is homeless, migrant, or in foster care, as reported to the center.

(c) "English language learner" means limited English proficient pupils who speak a language other than English as their primary language and have difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding English as reported to the center.

(d) "Statewide weighted average foundation allowance" means the number that is calculated by adding together the result of each district's or public school academy's foundation allowance or per pupil payment calculated under section 20 multiplied by the number of pupils in membership in that district or public school academy, and then dividing that total by the statewide number of pupils in membership. For the purposes of this calculation, a district's foundation allowance shall not exceed the basic foundation allowance under section 20 for the current state fiscal year.

Sec. 31j. (1) From the general fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$575,000.00 for 2018-2019 for a pilot project to support districts in the purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables as described in this section.

(2) The department shall provide funding in an amount equal to \$125,000.00 per region to districts in prosperity regions 2, 4, 6, and 9 for the pilot project described under this section. In addition, the department shall provide funding in an amount equal to \$75,000.00 to districts in prosperity region 8 for the pilot project described under this section. From the funding to districts in subsection (1), funding retained by prosperity regions that administer the project shall not exceed 10%, and funding retained by the department for administration shall not exceed 6%. A prosperity region may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the department or another prosperity region, or both, to administer the project. If the department administers the project for a prosperity region, the department may retain up to 10% of that prosperity region's funding for administration.

(3) The department shall develop and implement a competitive grant program for districts within the identified prosperity regions to assist in paying for the costs incurred by the district to purchase or increase purchases of whole or minimally processed fruits, vegetables, and legumes grown in this state. The maximum amount that may be drawn

down on a grant to a district shall be based on the number of meals served by the school district during the previous school year under the Richard B. Russell national school lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769j. The department shall collaborate with the Michigan department of agriculture and rural development to provide training to newly participating schools and electronic information on Michigan agriculture.

(4) The goals of the pilot project include improving daily nutrition and eating habits for children through the school settings while investing in Michigan's agricultural and related food business economy.

(5) A district that receives a grant under this section shall use those funds for the costs incurred by the school district to purchase whole or minimally processed fruits, vegetables, and legumes that meet all of the following:

(a) Are purchased on or after the date the district received notification from the department of the amount to be distributed to the district under this subsection, including purchases made to launch meals in September 2018 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

(b) Are grown in this state and, if minimally processed, are also processed in this state.

(c) Are used for meals that are served as part of the United States Department of Agriculture's child nutrition programs.

(6) For Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes that satisfy the requirements of subsection (5), matching reimbursements shall be made in an amount not to exceed 10 cents for every school meal that is served as part of the United States Department of Agriculture's child nutrition programs and that uses Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes.

(7) A district that receives a grant for reimbursement under this section shall use the grant to purchase whole or minimally processed fruits, vegetables, and legumes that are grown in this state and, if minimally processed, are also processed in this state.

(8) In awarding grants under this section, the department shall work in conjunction with prosperity region offices, in consultation with Michigan-based farm to school resource organizations, to develop scoring criteria that assess an applicant's ability to procure Michigan-grown products, prepare and menu Michigan-grown products, promote and market Michigan-grown products, and submit letters of intent from districts on plans for educational activities that promote the goals of the program.

(9) The department shall give preference to districts that propose educational activities that meet 1 or more of the following: promote healthy food activities; have clear educational objectives; involve parents or the community; connect to a school's farm-to-school procurement activities; and market and promote the program, leading to increased pupil knowledge and consumption of Michigan-grown products. Applications with robust marketing and promotional activities shall receive stronger weighting and consideration.

(10) In awarding grants, the department shall also consider all of the following: the percentage of children who qualify for free or reduced price school meals under the Richard B. Russell national school lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769j; the variety of school sizes and geographic locations within the identified prosperity regions; and existing or future collaboration opportunities between more than 1 district in a prosperity region.

(11) As a condition of receiving a grant under this section, a district shall provide or direct its vendors to provide to prosperity region offices copies of monthly receipts that show the quantity of different Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes purchased, the amount of money spent on each of these products, the name and Michigan location of the farm that grew the products, and the methods or plans to market and promote the program. The district shall also provide to the prosperity region monthly lunch numbers and lunch participation rates, and calendars or monthly menus noting when and how Michigan-grown products were used in meals. The district and school food service director or directors also shall agree to respond to brief online surveys and to provide a report that shows the percentage relationship of Michigan spending compared to total food spending. Not later than March 1, 2019, each prosperity region office, either on its own or in conjunction with another prosperity region, shall submit a report to the department on expected outcomes and related measurements for economic development and children's nutrition and readiness to learn based on progress so far. The report shall include at least all of the following:

(a) The extent to which farmers and related businesses, including distributors and processors, see an increase in market opportunities and income generation through sales of Michigan or local products to districts. All of the following apply for purposes of this subdivision:

(i) The data used to determine the amount of this increase shall be the total dollar amount of Michigan or local fruits, vegetables, and legumes purchased by schools, along with the number of different types of products purchased; school food purchasing trends identified along with products that are of new and growing interest among food service directors; the number of businesses impacted; and the percentage of total food budget spent on Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes.

(ii) The prosperity region office shall use purchasing data collected for the project and surveys of school food service directors on the impact and success of the project as the source for the data described in subparagraph (i).

(b) The ability to which pupils can access a variety of healthy Michigan-grown foods through schools and increase their consumption of those foods. All of the following apply for purposes of this subdivision:

(i) The data used to determine whether this subparagraph is met shall be the number of pupils exposed to Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes at schools; the variety of products served; new items taste-tested or placed on menus; and the increase in pupil willingness to try new local, healthy foods.

(ii) The prosperity region office shall use purchasing data collected for the project, meal count and enrollment numbers, school menu calendars, and surveys of school food service directors as the source for the data described in subparagraph (i).

(12) The department shall compile the reports provided by prosperity region offices under subsection (11) into 1 legislative report. The department shall provide this report not later than April 1, 2019 to the house and senate subcommittees responsible for school aid, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.

Sec. 31n. (1) From the school mental health and support services fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 for the purposes of this section an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 and from the general fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 for the purposes of this section an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00. Not later than February 15, 2019, the department and the department of health and human services shall establish a program to distribute this funding to add licensed behavioral health providers for general education pupils, and shall seek federal Medicaid match funding for all eligible mental health and support services.

(2) Not later than February 15, 2019, the department and the department of health and human services shall create an advisory council and define goals for implementation of programs funded under this section, and shall provide feedback on that implementation. At a minimum, the advisory council shall include representatives of state associations representing school health, school mental health, school counseling, education, health care, and other organizations, representatives from the department and the department of health and human services, and a representative from the school safety task force created under Executive Order No. 2018-5. The department and department of health and human services, working with the advisory council, shall determine an approach to increase capacity for mental health and support services in schools for general education pupils, and shall determine where that increase in capacity qualifies for federal Medicaid match funding.

(3) The advisory council shall develop a fiduciary agent checklist for intermediate districts to facilitate development of a plan to submit to the department and to the department of health and human services. The department and department of health and human services shall determine the requirements and format for intermediate districts to submit a plan for possible funding under subsection (5). Applications for funding for this program shall be made available to districts and intermediate districts not later than March 1, 2019, and funding shall be awarded not later than April 1, 2019.

(4) Not later than January 1, 2019, the department of health and human services shall seek to amend the state Medicaid plan or obtain appropriate Medicaid waivers as necessary for the purpose of generating additional Medicaid match funding for school mental health and support services for general education pupils. It is the intent of the legislature that a successful state plan amendment or other Medicaid match mechanisms will result in additional federal Medicaid match funding for both the new funding allocated under this section and for any expenses already incurred by districts and intermediate districts for mental health and support services for general education pupils.

(5) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 to be distributed to the existing network of child and adolescent health centers to place a licensed master's level behavioral health provider in schools that do not currently have services available to general education students. Existing child and adolescent health centers receiving funding under this subsection shall provide a commitment to maintain services and implement all available federal Medicaid match methodologies. The department of health and human services shall use all existing or additional federal Medicaid match opportunities to maximize funding allocated under this subsection. Funds under this subsection shall be provided to existing child and adolescent health centers in the same proportion that funding under section 31a(7) is provided to child and adolescent health centers located and operating in those districts.

(6) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$16,500,000.00 to be distributed to intermediate districts for the provision of mental health and support services to general education students. From the funds allocated under this subsection, the department shall distribute \$294,500.00 to each intermediate district that submits a plan approved by the department and the department of health and human services. The department and department of health and human services shall work cooperatively in providing oversight and assistance to intermediate districts during the plan submission process and shall monitor the program upon implementation. An intermediate district shall use funds awarded under this subsection to provide funding to its constituent districts, including public school academies that are considered to be constituent districts under section 705(7) of the revised school code, MCL 380.705, for the provision of mental health and support services to general education students. In addition to the criteria identified under subsection (7), an intermediate district shall consider geography, cost, or other challenges when awarding funding to its constituent districts. If funding awarded to an intermediate district remains

after funds are provided by the intermediate district to its constituent districts, the intermediate district may hire or contract for experts to provide mental health and support services to general education students residing within the boundaries of the intermediate district.

(7) A district requesting funds under this section from the intermediate district in which it is located shall submit an application for funding for the provision of mental health and support services to general education pupils. A district receiving funding from the application process described in this subsection shall provide services to nonpublic students upon request. An intermediate district shall not discriminate against an application submitted by a public school academy simply on the basis of the applicant being a public school academy. Grant applications shall be approved based on the following criteria:

(a) The district's commitment to maintain mental health and support services delivered by licensed providers into future fiscal years.

(b) The district's commitment to implement all federal Medicaid match methodologies and provide a local match of at least 20%.

(c) The district's commitment to adhere to any local funding requirements determined by the department and the department of health and human services.

(d) The extent of the district's existing partnerships with community health care providers or the ability of the district to establish such partnerships.

(e) The district's documentation of need, including gaps in current mental health and support services for the general education population.

(f) The district's submission of a formal plan of action identifying the number of schools and students to be served.

(g) Whether the district will participate in ongoing trainings.

(h) Whether the district will submit an annual report to the state.

(i) Whether the district demonstrates a willingness to work with the state to establish program and service delivery benchmarks.

(j) Whether the district has developed a school safety plan or is in the process of developing a school safety plan.

(k) Any other requirements determined by the department or the department of health and human services.

(8) Funding under this section, including any federal Medicaid funds that are generated, shall not be used to supplant existing services.

(9) Both of the following are allocated for 2018-2019 to the department of health and human services from the general fund money allocated under subsection (1):

(a) An amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of upgrading technology and systems infrastructure and other administrative requirements to support the programs funded under this section.

(b) An amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the purpose of administering the programs under this section and working on generating additional Medicaid funds as a result of programs funded under this section.

(10) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to intermediate districts on an equal per intermediate district basis for the purpose of administering programs funded under this section.

(11) The department and the department of health and human services shall work with the advisory council to develop proposed measurements of outcomes and performance. Those measurements shall include, at a minimum, the number of pupils served, the number of schools served, and where those pupils and schools were located. The department and the department of health and human services shall compile data necessary to measure outcomes and performance, and districts and intermediate districts receiving funding under this section shall provide data requested by the department and department of health and human services for the measurement of outcomes and performance. The department and department of health and human services shall provide a report not later than December 1, 2019 and by December 1 annually thereafter to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on school aid and health and human services, and to the house and senate fiscal agencies. At a minimum, the report shall include measurements of outcomes and performance, proposals to increase efficacy and usefulness, proposals to increase performance, and proposals to expand coverage.

(12) From the funds allocated in subsection (1), there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.00 for the behavioral health team pilot program. The department shall award funds under this subsection to intermediate school districts to create school-based behavioral health assessment teams utilizing a "train the trainer" model of training that focuses on providing age-appropriate interventions, identifying behaviors that suggest a pupil may be struggling with mental health challenges, providing treatment and support of the pupil, and using disciplinary interventions and the criminal justice system as methods of last resort. The intermediate district may hire or contract with experts to provide training to intermediate district staff so that it may provide similar training for staff of the constituent districts. The department shall award the entire \$8,000,000.00 allocated under this subsection by allocating an equal dollar amount to each intermediate district that has its application approved under subsection (13).

(13) An intermediate district shall apply for funds under subsection (12) in a form and manner determined by the department. The application shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) A detailed plan on how the intermediate district will work with constituent districts to identify a behavioral health assessment team within each school to be trained under this pilot. The plan shall demonstrate that a behavioral health assessment team must consist of, but is not limited to, all of the following individuals:

- (i) School administrators and teachers.
- (ii) An individual whose primary purpose is ensuring safety in a school.
- (iii) Pathways to potential workers, if the school participates in the pathways to potential program.
- (iv) Local mental health agency representatives.
- (v) Local law enforcement agency personnel.
- (vi) If appropriate under the model being used, a pupil.

(b) Identification of a behavioral health assessment training implementation plan that shall include a description of how results of the training will be incorporated into administrative policies and a comprehensive school safety plan, including into a multi-tiered system of support.

(14) The funds allocated under this section for 2018-2019 are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2018-2019 are carried forward into 2019-2020. The purpose of the work project is to continue to provide funding for the expansion of mental health and support services for general education students. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2022.

Sec. 32d. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 11, there is allocated to eligible intermediate districts and consortia of intermediate districts for great start readiness programs an amount not to exceed \$244,600,000.00 for 2018-2019. Funds allocated under this section for great start readiness programs shall be used to provide part-day, school-day, or GSRP/Head Start blended comprehensive free compensatory classroom programs designed to improve the readiness and subsequent achievement of educationally disadvantaged children who meet the participant eligibility and prioritization guidelines as defined by the department. For a child to be eligible to participate in a program under this section, the child shall be at least 4, but less than 5, years of age as of September 1 of the school year in which the program is offered and shall meet those eligibility and prioritization guidelines. A child who is not 4 years of age as of September 1, but who will be 4 years of age not later than December 1, is eligible to participate if the child's parent or legal guardian seeks a waiver from the September 1 eligibility date by submitting a request for enrollment in a program to the responsible intermediate district, if the program has capacity on or after September 1 of the school year, and if the child meets eligibility and prioritization guidelines.

(2) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), an amount not to exceed \$242,600,000.00 is allocated to intermediate districts or consortia of intermediate districts based on the formula in section 39. An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts receiving funding under this section shall act as the fiduciary for the great start readiness programs. In order to be eligible to receive funds allocated under this subsection from an intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts, a district, a consortium of districts, or a public or private for-profit or nonprofit legal entity or agency shall comply with this section and section 39.

(3) In addition to the allocation under subsection (1), from the general fund money appropriated under section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for 2018-2019 for a competitive grant to continue a longitudinal evaluation of children who have participated in great start readiness programs.

(4) To be eligible for funding under this section, a program shall prepare children for success in school through comprehensive part-day, school-day, or GSRP/Head Start blended programs that contain all of the following program components, as determined by the department:

(a) Participation in a collaborative recruitment and enrollment process to assure that each child is enrolled in the program most appropriate to his or her needs and to maximize the use of federal, state, and local funds.

(b) An age-appropriate educational curriculum that is in compliance with the early childhood standards of quality for prekindergarten children adopted by the state board, including, at least, the Connect4Learning curriculum.

(c) Nutritional services for all program participants supported by federal, state, and local resources as applicable.

(d) Physical and dental health and developmental screening services for all program participants.

(e) Referral services for families of program participants to community social service agencies, including mental health services, as appropriate.

(f) Active and continuous involvement of the parents or guardians of the program participants.

(g) A plan to conduct and report annual great start readiness program evaluations and continuous improvement plans using criteria approved by the department.

(h) Participation in a school readiness advisory committee convened as a workgroup of the great start collaborative that provides for the involvement of classroom teachers, parents or guardians of program participants, and community,

volunteer, and social service agencies and organizations, as appropriate. The advisory committee annually shall review and make recommendations regarding the program components listed in this subsection. The advisory committee also shall make recommendations to the great start collaborative regarding other community services designed to improve all children's school readiness.

(i) The ongoing articulation of the kindergarten and first grade programs offered by the program provider.

(j) Participation in this state's great start to quality process with a rating of at least 3 stars.

(5) An application for funding under this section shall provide for the following, in a form and manner determined by the department:

(a) Ensure compliance with all program components described in subsection (4).

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, ensure that at least 90% of the children participating in an eligible great start readiness program for whom the intermediate district is receiving funds under this section are children who live with families with a household income that is equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty level. If the intermediate district determines that all eligible children are being served and that there are no children on the waiting list who live with families with a household income that is equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty level, the intermediate district may then enroll children who live with families with a household income that is equal to or less than 300% of the federal poverty level. The enrollment process shall consider income and risk factors, such that children determined with higher need are enrolled before children with lesser need. For purposes of this subdivision, all age-eligible children served in foster care or who are experiencing homelessness or who have individualized education plans recommending placement in an inclusive preschool setting shall be considered to live with families with household income equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty level regardless of actual family income and shall be prioritized for enrollment within the lowest quintile.

(c) Ensure that the applicant only uses qualified personnel for this program, as follows:

(i) Teachers possessing proper training. A lead teacher must have a valid teaching certificate with an early childhood (ZA or ZS) endorsement or a bachelor's or higher degree in child development or early childhood education with specialization in preschool teaching. However, if an applicant demonstrates to the department that it is unable to fully comply with this subparagraph after making reasonable efforts to comply, teachers who have significant but incomplete training in early childhood education or child development may be used if the applicant provides to the department, and the department approves, a plan for each teacher to come into compliance with the standards in this subparagraph. A teacher's compliance plan must be completed within 2 years of the date of employment. Progress toward completion of the compliance plan shall consist of at least 2 courses per calendar year.

(ii) Paraprofessionals possessing proper training in early childhood education, including an associate's degree in early childhood education or child development or the equivalent, or a child development associate (CDA) credential. However, if an applicant demonstrates to the department that it is unable to fully comply with this subparagraph after making reasonable efforts to comply, the applicant may use paraprofessionals who have completed at least 1 course that earns college credit in early childhood education or child development if the applicant provides to the department, and the department approves, a plan for each paraprofessional to come into compliance with the standards in this subparagraph. A paraprofessional's compliance plan must be completed within 2 years of the date of employment. Progress toward completion of the compliance plan shall consist of at least 2 courses or 60 clock hours of training per calendar year.

(d) Include a program budget that contains only those costs that are not reimbursed or reimbursable by federal funding, that are clearly and directly attributable to the great start readiness program, and that would not be incurred if the program were not being offered. Eligible costs include transportation costs. The program budget shall indicate the extent to which these funds will supplement other federal, state, local, or private funds. Funds received under this section shall not be used to supplant any federal funds received by the applicant to serve children eligible for a federally funded preschool program that has the capacity to serve those children.

(6) For a grant recipient that enrolls pupils in a school-day program funded under this section, each child enrolled in the school-day program shall be counted as described in section 39 for purposes of determining the amount of the grant award.

(7) For a grant recipient that enrolls pupils in a GSRP/Head Start blended program, the grant recipient shall ensure that all Head Start and GSRP policies and regulations are applied to the blended slots, with adherence to the highest standard from either program, to the extent allowable under federal law.

(8) An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts receiving a grant under this section shall designate an early childhood coordinator, and may provide services directly or may contract with 1 or more districts or public or private for-profit or nonprofit providers that meet all requirements of subsections (4) and (5).

(9) An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts may retain for administrative services provided by the intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts an amount not to exceed 4% of the grant amount. Expenses incurred by subrecipients engaged by the intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts for directly running portions of the program shall be considered program costs or a contracted program fee for service.

(10) An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts may expend not more than 2% of the total grant amount for outreach, recruiting, and public awareness of the program.

(11) Each grant recipient shall enroll children identified under subsection (5)(b) according to how far the child's household income is below 250% of the federal poverty level by ranking each applicant child's household income from lowest to highest and dividing the applicant children into quintiles based on how far the child's household income is below 250% of the federal poverty level, and then enrolling children in the quintile with the lowest household income before enrolling children in the quintile with the next lowest household income until slots are completely filled. If the grant recipient determines that all eligible children are being served and that there are no children on the waiting list who live with families with a household income that is equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty level, the grant recipient may then enroll children who live with families with a household income that is equal to or less than 300% of the federal poverty level. The enrollment process shall consider income and risk factors, such that children determined with higher need are enrolled before children with lesser need. For purposes of this subdivision, all age-eligible children served in foster care or who are experiencing homelessness or who have individualized education plans recommending placement in an inclusive preschool setting shall be considered to live with families with household income equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty level regardless of actual family income and shall be prioritized for enrollment within the lowest quintile.

(12) An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts receiving a grant under this section shall allow parents of eligible children who are residents of the intermediate district or within the consortium to choose a program operated by or contracted with another intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts and shall enter into a written agreement regarding payment, in a manner prescribed by the department.

(13) An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts receiving a grant under this section shall conduct a local process to contract with interested and eligible public and private for-profit and nonprofit community-based providers that meet all requirements of subsection (4) for at least 30% of its total allocation. For the purposes of this 30% allocation, an intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts may count children served by a Head Start grantee or delegate in a blended Head Start and great start readiness school-day program. Children served in a program funded only through Head Start shall not be counted toward this 30% allocation. The intermediate district or consortium shall report to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, a detailed list of community-based providers by provider type, including private for-profit, private nonprofit, community college or university, Head Start grantee or delegate, and district or intermediate district, and the number and proportion of its total allocation allocated to each provider as subrecipient. If the intermediate district or consortium is not able to contract for at least 30% of its total allocation, the grant recipient shall notify the department and, if the department verifies that the intermediate district or consortium attempted to contract for at least 30% of its total allocation and was not able to do so, then the intermediate district or consortium may retain and use all of its allocation as provided under this section. To be able to use this exemption, the intermediate district or consortium shall demonstrate to the department that the intermediate district or consortium increased the percentage of its total allocation for which it contracts with a community-based provider and the intermediate district or consortium shall submit evidence satisfactory to the department, and the department must be able to verify this evidence, demonstrating that the intermediate district or consortium took measures to contract for at least 30% of its total allocation as required under this subsection, including, but not limited to, at least all of the following measures:

(a) The intermediate district or consortium notified each nonparticipating licensed child care center located in the service area of the intermediate district or consortium regarding the center's eligibility to participate, in a manner prescribed by the department.

(b) The intermediate district or consortium provided to each nonparticipating licensed child care center located in the service area of the intermediate district or consortium information regarding great start readiness program requirements and a description of the application and selection process for community-based providers.

(c) The intermediate district or consortium provided to the public and to participating families a list of community-based great start readiness program subrecipients with a great start to quality rating of at least 3 stars.

(14) If an intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts receiving a grant under this section fails to submit satisfactory evidence to demonstrate its effort to contract for at least 30% of its total allocation, as required under subsection (13), the department shall reduce the allocation to the intermediate district or consortium by a percentage equal to the difference between the percentage of an intermediate district's or consortium's total allocation awarded to community-based providers and 30% of its total allocation.

(15) In order to assist intermediate districts and consortia in complying with the requirement to contract with community-based providers for at least 30% of their total allocation, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Ensure that a great start resource center or the department provides each intermediate district or consortium receiving a grant under this section with the contact information for each licensed child care center located in the service area of the intermediate district or consortium by March 1 of each year.

(b) Provide, or ensure that an organization with which the department contracts provides, a community-based provider with a validated great start to quality rating within 90 days of the provider's having submitted a request and self-assessment.

(c) Ensure that all intermediate district, district, community college or university, Head Start grantee or delegate, private for-profit, and private nonprofit providers are subject to a single great start to quality rating system. The rating system shall ensure that regulators process all prospective providers at the same pace on a first-come, first-served basis and shall not allow 1 type of provider to receive a great start to quality rating ahead of any other type of provider.

(d) Not later than December 1 of each year, compile the results of the information reported by each intermediate district or consortium under subsection (13) and report to the legislature a list by intermediate district or consortium with the number and percentage of each intermediate district's or consortium's total allocation allocated to community-based providers by provider type, including private for-profit, private nonprofit, community college or university, Head Start grantee or delegate, and district or intermediate district.

(16) A recipient of funds under this section shall report to the center in a form and manner prescribed by the center the information necessary to derive the number of children participating in the program who meet the program eligibility criteria under subsection (5)(b), the number of eligible children not participating in the program and on a waitlist, and the total number of children participating in the program by various demographic groups and eligibility factors necessary to analyze equitable and priority access to services for the purposes of subsection (3).

(17) As used in this section:

(a) "GSRP/Head Start blended program" means a part-day program funded under this section and a Head Start program, which are combined for a school-day program.

(b) "Part-day program" means a program that operates at least 4 days per week, 30 weeks per year, for at least 3 hours of teacher-child contact time per day but for fewer hours of teacher-child contact time per day than a school-day program.

(c) "School-day program" means a program that operates for at least the same length of day as a district's first grade program for a minimum of 4 days per week, 30 weeks per year. A classroom that offers a school-day program must enroll all children for the school day to be considered a school-day program.

(18) An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts receiving funds under this section shall establish and charge tuition according to a sliding scale of tuition rates based upon household income for children participating in an eligible great start readiness program who live with families with a household income that is more than 250% of the federal poverty level to be used by all of its providers, as approved by the department.

(19) From the amount appropriated in subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for reimbursement of transportation costs for children attending great start readiness programs funded under this section. To receive reimbursement under this subsection, not later than November 1, 2018, a program funded under this section that provides transportation shall submit to the intermediate district that is the fiscal agent for the program a projected transportation budget. The amount of the reimbursement for transportation under this subsection shall be no more than the projected transportation budget or \$300.00 multiplied by the number of children funded for the program under this section. If the amount allocated under this subsection is insufficient to fully reimburse the transportation costs for all programs that provide transportation and submit the required information, the reimbursement shall be prorated in an equal amount per child funded. Payments shall be made to the intermediate district that is the fiscal agent for each program, and the intermediate district shall then reimburse the program provider for transportation costs as prescribed under this subsection.

(20) Subject to, and from the funds allocated under, subsection (19), the department shall reimburse a program for transportation costs related to parent- or guardian-accompanied transportation provided by transportation service companies, buses, or other public transportation services. To be eligible for reimbursement under this subsection, a program must submit to the intermediate district or consortia of intermediate districts all of the following:

(a) The names of families provided with transportation support along with a documented reason for the need for transportation support and the type of transportation provided.

(b) Financial documentation of actual transportation costs incurred by the program, including, but not limited to, receipts and mileage reports, as determined by the department.

(c) Any other documentation or information determined necessary by the department.

(21) The department shall implement a process to review and approve age-appropriate comprehensive classroom level quality assessments for GSRP grantees that support the early childhood standards of quality for prekindergarten children adopted by the state board. The department shall make available to intermediate districts at least 2 classroom level quality assessments that were approved in 2018.

(22) An intermediate district that is a GSRP grantee may approve the use of a supplemental curriculum that aligns with and enhances the age-appropriate educational curriculum in the classroom. If the department objects to the use of a supplemental curriculum approved by an intermediate district, the superintendent of public instruction shall establish

a review committee independent of the department. The review committee shall meet within 60 days of the department registering its objection in writing and provide a final determination on the validity of the objection within 60 days of the review committee's first meeting.

(23) The department shall implement a process to evaluate and approve age-appropriate educational curricula that are in compliance with the early childhood standards of quality for prekindergarten children adopted by the state board.

(24) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for payments to intermediate districts or consortia of intermediate districts for professional development and training materials for educators in programs implementing new curricula in 2019-2020.

(25) A great start readiness program or a GSRP/Head Start blended program funded under this section shall be permitted to utilize AmeriCorps Pre-K Reading Corps members in classrooms implementing research-based early literacy intervention strategies.

Sec. 35a. (1) From the appropriations in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 for the purposes of this section an amount not to exceed \$27,900,000.00 from the state school aid fund and an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 from the general fund. The superintendent shall designate staff or contracted employees funded under this section as critical shortage. Programs funded under this section are intended to ensure that this state will be in the top 10 most improved states in grade 4 reading proficiency by the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and will be in the top 10 states overall in grade 4 reading proficiency by 2025.

(2) A district that receives funds under subsection (5) may spend up to 5% of those funds for professional development for educators in a department-approved research-based training program related to current state literacy standards for pupils in grades K to 3. The professional development shall also include training in the use of screening and diagnostic tools, progress monitoring, and intervention methods used to address barriers to learning and delays in learning that are diagnosed through the use of these tools.

(3) A district that receives funds under subsection (5) may use up to 5% of those funds to administer department-approved screening and diagnostic tools to monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills of pupils in grades K to 3 and to support research-based professional development for educators in administering screening and diagnostic tools and in data interpretation of the results obtained through the use of those tools for the purpose of implementing a multi-tiered system of support to improve reading proficiency among pupils in grades K to 3. A department-approved screening and diagnostic tool administered by a district using funding under this section must include all of the following components: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and comprehension. Further, all of the following sub-skills must be assessed within each of these components:

- (a) Phonemic awareness - segmentation, blending, and sound manipulation (deletion and substitution).
- (b) Phonics - decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling).
- (c) Fluency - reading rate, accuracy, and expression.
- (d) Comprehension - making meaning of text.

(4) From the allocations under subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 for the purpose of providing early literacy coaches at intermediate districts to assist teachers in developing and implementing instructional strategies for pupils in grades K to 3 so that pupils are reading at grade level by the end of grade 3. All of the following apply to funding under this subsection:

(a) The department shall develop an application process consistent with the provisions of this subsection. An application shall provide assurances that literacy coaches funded under this subsection are knowledgeable about at least the following:

- (i) Current state literacy standards for pupils in grades K to 3.
- (ii) Implementing an instructional delivery model based on frequent use of formative, screening, and diagnostic tools, known as a multi-tiered system of support, to determine individual progress for pupils in grades K to 3 so that pupils are reading at grade level by the end of grade 3.

(iii) The use of data from diagnostic tools to determine the necessary additional supports and interventions needed by individual pupils in grades K to 3 in order to be reading at grade level.

(b) From the allocation under this subsection, the department shall award grants to intermediate districts for the support of early literacy coaches. An intermediate district must provide matching funds for at least 50% of the grant amount awarded to support the cost of the literacy coach. The department shall provide this funding in the following manner:

(i) Each intermediate district shall be awarded grant funding to support the cost of 1 early literacy coach in an equal amount per early literacy coach, not to exceed \$75,000.00.

(ii) After distribution of the grant funding under subparagraph (i), the department shall distribute the remainder of grant funding for additional early literacy coaches in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 per early literacy coach. The number of funded early literacy coaches for each intermediate district shall be based on the percentage of the total

statewide number of pupils in grades K to 3 who meet the income eligibility standards for the federal free and reduced-price lunch programs who are enrolled in districts in the intermediate district. For each additional early literacy coach funded under this subparagraph, the department shall not make an award to an intermediate district under this subparagraph in an amount that is less than the amount necessary to pay 1/2 of the total cost of that additional early literacy coach.

(5) From the allocations under subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$19,900,000.00 for 2018-2019 to districts that provide additional instructional time to those pupils in grades K to 3 who have been identified by using department-approved screening and diagnostic tools as needing additional supports and interventions in order to be reading at grade level by the end of grade 3. Additional instructional time may be provided before, during, and after regular school hours or as part of a year-round balanced school calendar. All of the following apply to funding under this subsection:

(a) In order to be eligible to receive funding, a district shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that the district has done all of the following:

(i) Implemented a multi-tiered system of support instructional delivery model that is an evidence-based model that uses data-driven problem solving to integrate academic and behavioral instruction and that uses intervention delivered to all pupils in varying intensities based on pupil needs. The multi-tiered system of supports must provide at least all of the following essential components:

- (A) Team-based leadership.
- (B) A tiered delivery system.
- (C) Selection and implementation of instruction, interventions, and supports.
- (D) A comprehensive screening and assessment system.
- (E) Continuous data-based decision making.

(ii) Used department-approved research-based diagnostic tools to identify individual pupils in need of additional instructional time.

(iii) Used a reading instruction method that focuses on the 5 fundamental building blocks of reading: phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension and content knowledge.

(iv) Provided teachers of pupils in grades K to 3 with research-based professional development in diagnostic data interpretation.

(v) Complied with the requirements under section 1280f of the revised school code, MCL 380.1280f.

(b) Funding allocated under this subsection shall be distributed to eligible districts on an equal per-first-grade-pupil basis.

(c) If the funds allocated under this subsection are insufficient to fully fund the payments under this subsection, payments under this subsection shall be prorated on an equal per-pupil basis based on grade 1 pupils.

(6) Not later than September 1, 2019, a district that receives funding under this section, in conjunction with the Michigan data hub network, if possible, shall provide to the department a report that includes at least both of the following, in a form and manner prescribed by the department:

(a) For pupils in grades K to 3, the pupils, schools, and grades served with funds under this section and the categories of services provided.

(b) For pupils in grades K to 3, pupil proficiency and growth data that allows analysis both in the aggregate and by each of the following subgroups, as applicable:

- (i) School.
- (ii) Grade level.
- (iii) Gender.
- (iv) Race.
- (v) Ethnicity.
- (vi) Economically disadvantaged status.
- (vii) Disability.
- (viii) Pupils identified as having reading deficiencies.

(7) From the general fund money allocated in subsection (1), the department shall allocate the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 to the Michigan Education Corps for the PreK Reading Corps, the K3 Reading Corps, and the Math Corps. All of the following apply to funding under this subsection:

(a) By September 1 of the current fiscal year, the Michigan Education Corps shall provide a report concerning its use of the funding to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state school aid, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the senate and house caucus policy offices on outcomes and performance measures of the Michigan

Education Corps, including, but not limited to, the degree to which the Michigan Education Corps's replication of the Michigan PreK Reading Corps, K3 Reading Corps, and Math Corps programs is demonstrating sufficient efficacy and impact. The report must include data pertaining to at least all of the following:

(i) The current impact of the programs on this state in terms of numbers of children and schools receiving support. This portion of the report shall specify the number of children tutored, including dosage and completion, and the demographics of those children.

(ii) Whether the assessments and interventions are implemented with fidelity. This portion of the report shall include details on the total number of assessments and interventions completed and the range, mean, and standard deviation.

(iii) Whether the literacy or math improvement of children participating in the programs is consistent with expectations. This portion of the report shall detail at least all of the following:

(A) Growth rate by grade or age level, in comparison to targeted growth rate.

(B) Average linear growth rates.

(C) Exit rates.

(D) Percentage of children who exit who also meet or exceed spring benchmarks.

(iv) The impact of the programs on organizations and stakeholders, including, but not limited to, school administrators, internal coaches, and AmeriCorps members.

(b) If the department determines that the Michigan Education Corps has misused the funds allocated under this subsection, the Michigan Education Corps shall reimburse this state for the amount of state funding misused.

(c) The department may not reserve any portion of the allocation provided under this subsection for an evaluation of the Michigan Education Corps, the Michigan Education Corps' funding, or the Michigan Education Corps' programming unless agreed to in writing by the Michigan Education Corps. The department shall award the entire \$3,000,000.00 allocated under this subsection to the Michigan Education Corps and shall not condition the awarding of this funding on the implementation of an independent evaluation.

(8) From the general fund money allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for 2018-2019 for a grant to an eligible program that has a goal to slow or prevent the K to 4 summer reading slide among all pupils enrolled in grades K to 4, particularly those from economically disadvantaged households. Funds allocated under this subsection are grant funds and must be distributed by the department. A program is eligible if it meets at least all of the following:

(a) The program's objective is to deliver a bilingual, in-home, individualized summer reading program consisting of self-selected, independent reading level books to K to 4 pupils each week during the summer.

(b) Is evaluated quantitatively and qualitatively using pre- and post-standardized test score comparison and parent and school surveys specific to each district.

(c) Incorporates at least weekly interactive parental and family engagement during the summer.

(d) Builds on pedagogical and literacy principles to scaffold fluency to improve reading comprehension with pupil exercises.

(e) Provides at least 4, and up to 9, student-selected new books to read and keep.

(f) Collects, analyzes, and reports detailed data on parental engagement, books read, and spring-to-fall reading scores.

(g) Follows the department's top 10 in 10 goals and strategies, with an emphasis on goals 4 and 5.

(h) Focuses on in-home program delivery through weekly mailings.

(i) Provides summary data to the legislature and to the department for all pupils served by the program after each summer.

(9) From the state school aid fund money allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 to an intermediate district in which the combined total number of pupils in membership of all of its constituent districts is the fewest among all intermediate districts. All of the following apply to the funding under this subsection:

(a) Funding under this subsection must be used by the intermediate district, in partnership with an association that represents intermediate district administrators in this state, to implement both of the following:

(i) Literacy essentials teacher and principal training modules.

(ii) Face-to-face and online professional learning of literacy essentials teacher and principal training modules for literacy coaches, principals, and teachers.

(b) Not later than September 1 of each year, the intermediate district described in this subsection, in consultation with grant recipients, shall submit a report to the chairs of the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state school aid and the chairs of the senate and house standing committees responsible for education legislation. The report described under this subdivision must include student achievement results in English language arts and survey results with feedback from parents and teachers regarding the initiatives implemented under this subsection.

(10) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments made under subsection (9) shall be made not later than March 1, 2019.

Sec. 35b. (1) From the general fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for a grant to be distributed by the department to the Children's Choice Initiative to create a pilot program to use a multisensory structured language education method to improve reading proficiency rates and to comply with section 1280f of the revised school code, MCL 380.1280f.

(2) Grant funds awarded under this section must be expended for the following purposes:

(a) Professional development including training staff and tutors in a multisensory, sequential, systematic education approach.

(b) Additional instructional time before, during, or after school for pupils in grades K to 3 identified as having an early literacy delay or reading deficiency using a multisensory, sequential, systematic education approach.

(3) Not later than December 1, 2020, an entity that receives grant funds under this section shall report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on school aid, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on all of the following for the grant funds awarded under this section:

(a) The number of staff and tutors trained.

(b) The number of pupils in grades K to 3 identified as having an early literacy delay or reading deficiency served.

(c) The number of hours of added instructional time provided to pupils served.

(d) Pupil reading proficiency and growth data of pupils served necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Sec. 39a. (1) From the federal funds appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 to districts, intermediate districts, and other eligible entities all available federal funding, estimated at \$730,600,000.00 for the federal programs under the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110, or the every student succeeds act, Public Law 114-95. These funds are allocated as follows:

(a) An amount estimated at \$1,200,000.00 for 2018-2019 to provide students with drug- and violence-prevention programs and to implement strategies to improve school safety, funded from DED-OESE, drug-free schools and communities funds.

(b) An amount estimated at \$100,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 for the purpose of preparing, training, and recruiting high-quality teachers and class size reduction, funded from DED-OESE, improving teacher quality funds.

(c) An amount estimated at \$11,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 for programs to teach English to limited English proficient (LEP) children, funded from DED-OESE, language acquisition state grant funds.

(d) An amount estimated at \$2,800,000.00 for 2018-2019 for rural and low income schools, funded from DED-OESE, rural and low income school funds.

(e) An amount estimated at \$535,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 to provide supplemental programs to enable educationally disadvantaged children to meet challenging academic standards, funded from DED-OESE, title I, disadvantaged children funds.

(f) An amount estimated at \$9,200,000.00 for 2018-2019 for the purpose of identifying and serving migrant children, funded from DED-OESE, title I, migrant education funds.

(g) An amount estimated at \$39,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 for the purpose of providing high-quality extended learning opportunities, after school and during the summer, for children in low-performing schools, funded from DED-OESE, twenty-first century community learning center funds.

(h) An amount estimated at \$12,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 to help support local school improvement efforts, funded from DED-OESE, title I, local school improvement grants.

(i) An amount estimated at \$15,400,000.00 for 2018-2019 to improve the academic achievement of students, funded from DED-OESE, title IV, student support and academic enrichment grants.

(j) An amount estimated at \$5,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 for the remaining balance of the amount appropriated under the former section 32r, for federal funding awarded to this state under sections 14005, 14006, and 14013 of title XIV of the American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, for the race to the top early learning challenge grant.

(2) From the federal funds appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 to districts, intermediate districts, and other eligible entities all available federal funding, estimated at \$51,200,000.00 for 2018-2019 for the following programs that are funded by federal grants:

(a) An amount estimated at \$100,000.00 for 2018-2019 for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome education grants, funded from HHS - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS funding.

(b) An amount estimated at \$1,900,000.00 for 2018-2019 to provide services to homeless children and youth, funded from DED-OVAE, homeless children and youth funds.

(c) An amount estimated at \$4,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 to provide mental health, substance abuse, or violence prevention services to students, funded from HHS-SAMHSA.

(d) An amount estimated at \$24,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 for providing career and technical education services to pupils, funded from DED-OVAE, basic grants to states.

(e) An amount estimated at \$14,000,000.00 for 2018-2019 for the Michigan charter school subgrant program, funded from DED-OII, public charter schools program funds.

(f) An amount estimated at \$7,200,000.00 for 2018-2019 for the purpose of promoting and expanding high-quality preschool services, funded from HHS-OCC, preschool development funds.

(3) All federal funds allocated under this section shall be distributed in accordance with federal law and with flexibility provisions outlined in Public Law 107-116, and in the education flexibility partnership act of 1999, Public Law 106-25. Notwithstanding section 17b, payments of federal funds to districts, intermediate districts, and other eligible entities under this section shall be paid on a schedule determined by the department.

(4) For the purposes of applying for federal grants appropriated under this article, the department shall allow an intermediate district to submit a consortium application on behalf of 2 or more districts with the agreement of those districts as appropriate according to federal rules and guidelines.

(5) For the purposes of funding federal title I grants under this article, in addition to any other federal grants for which a strict discipline academy is eligible, the department shall allocate to strict discipline academies out of title I, part A funds equal to what a strict discipline academy would have received if included and calculated under title I, part D, or what it would receive under the formula allocation under title I, part A, whichever is greater.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "DED" means the United States Department of Education.

(b) "DED-OESE" means the DED Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(c) "DED-OII" means the DED Office of Innovation and Improvement.

(d) "DED-OVAE" means the DED Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

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

(f) "HHS-OCC" means the HHS Office of Child Care.

(g) "HHS-SAMHSA" means the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Sec. 61f. (1) From the funds appropriated under section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for 2018-2019 for a grant to support a program that is an innovative retention and completion program designed to create a seamless educational and career pathway support structure and that does at least all of the following:

(a) Creates a pipeline from kindergarten to a college credential.

(b) Provides coaching at all levels of K-12 education to foster an environment that educates pupils on the availability and positive outcomes from postsecondary education.

(c) Introduces career clusters to elementary school pupils, career pathways to middle school pupils, and develops pupil success plans for high school pupils.

(d) Provides family literacy sessions.

(e) Provides a summer bridge program to ensure seamless transition from high school to postsecondary educational opportunities.

(f) Introduces K-12 pupils to college and career opportunities at postsecondary campuses and bridges those pupils into the respective postsecondary institutions for coursework.

(g) Creates a partnership between area districts, a community college, and a public university to serve pupils in the program.

(h) Synchronizes families and pupils to assess and understand their knowledge of how to be successful in school and work.

(2) The department shall distribute the funds awarded under subsection (1) not later than February 15, 2019 to Mott Community College to implement the program under this section. Funds allocated under this section may be used for salaries and benefits, supply and programming costs, and gap scholarships.

Sec. 61g. (1) From the funds appropriated under section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a grant to an eligible intermediate district for the expansion of programs for high-demand future jobs as prescribed under this section.

(2) An intermediate district is eligible for funds under this section if the intermediate district meets all of the following:

(a) The total combined memberships of its constituent districts is at least 20,000 and not more than 30,000.

(b) The intermediate district is located in prosperity region 6.

(c) The intermediate district agrees to provide a 100% match of the funding it receives under this section.

(3) An intermediate district that receives funds under this section shall use the funds for start-up costs, including the purchase of tools, equipment, hardware, software, furniture, and supplies for energy technology and cybersecurity programs.

(4) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments made under this section shall be made not later than March 1, 2019.

Sec. 61h. (1) From the funds allocated under section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for 2018-2019 to an eligible intermediate district to act as the fiscal agent in support of the statewide virtual reality training initiative described in subsection (2). An intermediate district is eligible for funding under this section if it meets both of the following:

(a) The combined total membership of its constituent districts is at least 10,000 and not more than 11,000.

(b) The intermediate district is located in prosperity region 6.

(2) The statewide virtual reality training initiative supported by funding under this section is a collaborative effort between private and public sector groups to provide training opportunities in targeted areas, and shall do all of the following:

(a) Focus on skilled trades, nursing, law enforcement, and life skills for the developmentally challenged.

(b) Bring together intermediate districts, private sector labor and management, and state resources to provide a unique experience using virtual reality to expose potential employees to career opportunities and provide cutting-edge training for existing employees.

(c) Partner with a small business start-up company focused on using virtual reality in the areas of education and training to develop custom content.

(d) Create a talent development track.

(3) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments made under this section shall be provided to an eligible intermediate district not later than March 1, 2019.

Sec. 74a. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$810,000.00 for 2018-2019 to an eligible intermediate district to implement a statewide school bus driver safety program.

(2) An intermediate district is eligible to receive funds under this section if the intermediate district meets all of the following:

(a) The total combined membership of its constituent districts is at least 7,000 and not more than 8,000.

(b) The intermediate district is located in prosperity region 4.

(c) The intermediate district consists of 2 formerly independent intermediate districts that consolidated into 1 intermediate district.

(3) A statewide school bus driver safety program funded under this section must provide transportation staff training on how to respond to acts of violence by using the model known as Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (A.L.I.C.E.) for school buses.

(4) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments made under this section shall be provided to an eligible intermediate district not later than March 1, 2019.

Sec. 99h. (1) From the state school aid fund appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for 2017-2018 and an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.00 for 2018-2019 for competitive grants to districts and intermediate districts, and from the general fund appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 each fiscal year for 2017-2018 and for 2018-2019 for competitive grants to nonpublic schools that provide pupils in grades K to 12 with expanded opportunities to improve mathematics, science, and technology skills by participating in events hosted by a science and technology development program known as FIRST (for inspiration and recognition of science and technology) Robotics, including JR FIRST Lego League, FIRST Lego League, FIRST Tech challenge, and FIRST Robotics competition, or, beginning in 2018-2019, other competitive robotics programs, including those hosted by the Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation. Programs funded under this section are intended to increase the number of pupils demonstrating proficiency in science and mathematics on the state assessments and to increase the number of pupils who are college- and career-ready upon high school graduation. Notwithstanding section 17b, grant payments to districts, nonpublic schools, and intermediate districts under this section shall be paid on a schedule determined by the department. The department shall set maximum grant awards for each different level of competition in a manner that both maximizes the number of teams that will be able to receive funds and expands the geographical distribution of teams.

(2) A district, nonpublic school, or intermediate district applying for a grant under this section shall submit an application in a form and manner determined by the department. To be eligible for a grant, a district, nonpublic school, or intermediate district shall demonstrate in its application that the district, nonpublic school, or intermediate district has established a partnership for the purposes of the robotics program with at least 1 sponsor, business entity, higher education institution, or technical school, shall submit a spending plan, and shall pay at least 25% of the cost of the robotics program.

(3) The department shall distribute the grant funding under this section for the following purposes:

(a) Grants to districts, nonpublic schools, or intermediate districts to pay for stipends not to exceed \$1,500.00 for 1 coach per team.

(b) Grants to districts, nonpublic schools, or intermediate districts for event registrations, materials, travel costs, and other expenses associated with the preparation for and attendance at robotics events and competitions. Each grant recipient shall provide a local match from other private or local funds for the funds received under this subdivision equal to at least 50% of the costs of participating in an event.

(c) Grants to districts, nonpublic schools, or intermediate districts for awards to teams that advance to the state and world championship competitions. The department shall determine an equal amount per team for those teams that advance to the state championship and a second equal award amount to those teams that advance to the world championship.

(4) A nonpublic school that receives a grant under this section may use the funds for either robotics or Science Olympiad programs.

(5) To be eligible to receive funds under this section, a nonpublic school must be a nonpublic school registered with the department and must meet all applicable state reporting requirements for nonpublic schools.

(6) The funds allocated under this section for 2017-2018 are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2017-2018 are carried forward into 2018-2019. The purpose of the work project is to continue support of FIRST Robotics and must not be used to support other robotics competitions. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2020.

Sec. 99u. (1) From the general fund appropriation under section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 to purchase statewide access to an online mathematics tool that meets all of the following:

(a) Provides students statewide with complete access to mathematics support aligned with state standards through a program that has all of the following elements:

(i) Student motivation.

(ii) Valid and reliable assessments.

(iii) Personalized learning pathways.

(iv) Highly qualified, live teachers available all day and all year.

(v) Twenty-four-hour reporting.

(vi) Content built for rigorous mathematics.

(b) Has a record of improving student mathematics scores in at least 5 other states.

(c) Received funding under this section in 2017-2018.

(2) A grantee that receives funding under this section shall comply with the requirements of section 19b.

(3) In addition to the funds allocated under subsection (1), from the general fund appropriation in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for a software-based solution designed to teach Spanish language literacy to students in pre-kindergarten through first grade. A program funded under this subsection shall be a grant to the eligible provider that promotes bilingualism and biliteracy, and is based on research that shows how students who become proficient readers in their first language have an easier time making the transition to reading proficiency in a second language. A provider of programming under subsection (1) is the eligible provider of programming under this subsection.

(4) In addition to the funds allocated under subsection (1), from the general fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for a pilot program to provide explicit, targeted literacy instruction within an individualized learning path that continually adjusts to a pupil's needs. A program funded under this subsection shall be a grant to the eligible provider that promotes literacy by teaching critical language and literacy concepts such as reading and listening comprehension, basic vocabulary, academic language, grammar, phonological awareness, phonics, and fluency. A pilot program funded under this subsection shall cover both the remainder of 2018-2019 and also the entire 2019-2020 school year. A provider of programming under subsection (1) is the eligible provider of programming under this subsection.

(5) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments made under this section shall be made not later than March 1, 2019.

Sec. 99w. (1) From the general fund money appropriated under section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for 2018-2019 to facilitate a culture of health and physical activity as part of daily life. Funding under this section shall be a grant to the Michigan Fitness Foundation to work with the department to invest in a physical education curriculum. Funding under this section may support staff, evaluation, assessment, technology, meetings, training, travel, materials, and other administrative expenses in support of an updated physical education curriculum. Funding under this section may be used as matching dollars to qualify for federal and private resources to support physical education.

(2) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments made under this section shall be made not later than March 1, 2019.

Sec. 99x. (1) From the general fund money appropriated under section 11, there is allocated for 2018-2019 an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for Teach for America to host a summer training institute in the city of Detroit, recruit teachers into a master teacher fellowship, and retain a committed alumni community. A program funded under this section must provide coaching and professional development, with the goal to produce highly effective teachers that move pupils beyond their growth benchmarks.

(2) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments made under this section shall be made not later than March 1, 2019.

Sec. 99y. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for 2018-2019 to an eligible district to provide pupils with a STEM and entrepreneurship pilot program. To be eligible, a district must have a membership that is greater than 40,000.

(2) An eligible district must use the funds allocated under this section to implement a pilot program that meets all of the following:

(a) Provides a STEM enrichment program with a focus on technology and entrepreneurship for pupils in grades 4 to 8.

(b) Provides self-paced, pupil-centered programming designed to create in-school, after-school, and out-of-school experiences.

(c) Includes a built-in curriculum and lesson plans with support provided by trained mentors.

(3) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments made under this section shall be made not later than March 1, 2019.

Sec. 101. (1) To be eligible to receive state aid under this article, not later than the fifth Wednesday after the pupil membership count day and not later than the fifth Wednesday after the supplemental count day, each district superintendent shall submit to the center and the intermediate superintendent, in the form and manner prescribed by the center, the number of pupils enrolled and in regular daily attendance in the district as of the pupil membership count day and as of the supplemental count day, as applicable, for the current school year. In addition, a district maintaining school during the entire year, as provided under section 1561 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1561, shall submit to the center and the intermediate superintendent, in the form and manner prescribed by the center, the number of pupils enrolled and in regular daily attendance in the district for the current school year pursuant to rules promulgated by the superintendent. Not later than the sixth Wednesday after the pupil membership count day and not later than the sixth Wednesday after the supplemental count day, the district shall certify the data in a form and manner prescribed by the center and file the certified data with the intermediate superintendent. If a district fails to submit and certify the attendance data, as required under this subsection, the center shall notify the department and state aid due to be distributed under this article shall be withheld from the defaulting district immediately, beginning with the next payment after the failure and continuing with each payment until the district complies with this subsection. If a district does not comply with this subsection by the end of the fiscal year, the district forfeits the amount withheld. A person who willfully falsifies a figure or statement in the certified and sworn copy of enrollment shall be punished in the manner prescribed by section 161.

(2) To be eligible to receive state aid under this article, not later than the twenty-fourth Wednesday after the pupil membership count day and not later than the twenty-fourth Wednesday after the supplemental count day, an intermediate district shall submit to the center, in a form and manner prescribed by the center, the audited enrollment and attendance data for the pupils of its constituent districts and of the intermediate district. If an intermediate district fails to submit the audited data as required under this subsection, state aid due to be distributed under this article shall be withheld from the defaulting intermediate district immediately, beginning with the next payment after the failure and continuing with each payment until the intermediate district complies with this subsection. If an intermediate district does not comply with this subsection by the end of the fiscal year, the intermediate district forfeits the amount withheld.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (11) and (12), all of the following apply to the provision of pupil instruction:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each district shall provide at least 1,098 hours and, beginning in 2010-2011, the required minimum number of days of pupil instruction. Beginning in 2014-2015, the required minimum number of days of pupil instruction is 175. However, all of the following apply to these requirements:

(i) If a collective bargaining agreement that provides a complete school calendar was in effect for employees of a district as of July 1, 2013, and if that school calendar is not in compliance with this subsection, then this subsection does not apply to that district until after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement. If a district entered into a collective bargaining agreement on or after July 1, 2013 and if that collective bargaining agreement did not provide for at least 175 days of pupil instruction beginning in 2014-2015, then the department shall withhold from the district's total state school aid an amount equal to 5% of the funding the district receives in 2014-2015 under sections 22a and 22b.

(ii) A district may apply for a waiver under subsection (9) from the requirements of this subdivision.

(b) Beginning in 2016-2017, the required minimum number of days of pupil instruction is 180. If a collective bargaining agreement that provides a complete school calendar was in effect for employees of a district as of the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision, and if that school calendar is not in compliance with this subdivision, then this subdivision does not apply to that district until after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement. A district may apply for a waiver under subsection (9) from the requirements of this subdivision.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this article, a district failing to comply with the required minimum hours and days of pupil instruction under this subsection shall forfeit from its total state aid allocation an amount determined by applying a ratio of the number of hours or days the district was in noncompliance in relation to the required minimum number of hours and days under this subsection. Not later than August 1, the board of each district shall either certify to the department that the district was in full compliance with this section regarding the number of hours and days of pupil instruction in the previous school year, or report to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the center, each instance of noncompliance. If the district did not provide at least the required minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction under this subsection, the deduction of state aid shall be made in the following fiscal year from the first payment of state school aid. A district is not subject to forfeiture of funds under this subsection for a fiscal year in which a forfeiture was already imposed under subsection (6).

(d) Hours or days lost because of strikes or teachers' conferences shall not be counted as hours or days of pupil instruction.

(e) If a collective bargaining agreement that provides a complete school calendar is in effect for employees of a district as of October 19, 2009, and if that school calendar is not in compliance with this subsection, then this subsection does not apply to that district until after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (g) and (h), a district not having at least 75% of the district's membership in attendance on any day of pupil instruction shall receive state aid in that proportion of 1/180 that the actual percent of attendance bears to the specified percentage.

(g) If a district adds 1 or more days of pupil instruction to the end of its instructional calendar for a school year to comply with subdivision (a) because the district otherwise would fail to provide the required minimum number of days of pupil instruction even after the operation of subsection (4) due to conditions not within the control of school authorities, then subdivision (f) does not apply for any day of pupil instruction that is added to the end of the instructional calendar. Instead, for any of those days, if the district does not have at least 60% of the district's membership in attendance on that day, the district shall receive state aid in that proportion of 1/180 that the actual percentage of attendance bears to the specified percentage. For any day of pupil instruction added to the instructional calendar as described in this subdivision, the district shall report to the department the percentage of the district's membership that is in attendance, in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

(h) At the request of a district that operates a department-approved alternative education program and that does not provide instruction for pupils in all of grades K to 12, the superintendent shall grant a waiver from the requirements of subdivision (f). The waiver shall indicate that an eligible district is subject to the proration provisions of subdivision (f) only if the district does not have at least 50% of the district's membership in attendance on any day of pupil instruction. In order to be eligible for this waiver, a district must maintain records to substantiate its compliance with the following requirements:

(i) The district offers the minimum hours of pupil instruction as required under this section.

(ii) For each enrolled pupil, the district uses appropriate academic assessments to develop an individual education plan that leads to a high school diploma.

(iii) The district tests each pupil to determine academic progress at regular intervals and records the results of those tests in that pupil's individual education plan.

(i) All of the following apply to a waiver granted under subdivision (h):

(i) If the waiver is for a blended model of delivery, a waiver that is granted for the 2011-2012 fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year remains in effect unless it is revoked by the superintendent.

(ii) If the waiver is for a 100% online model of delivery and the educational program for which the waiver is granted makes educational services available to pupils for a minimum of at least 1,098 hours during a school year and ensures that each pupil participates in the educational program for at least 1,098 hours during a school year, a waiver that is granted for the 2011-2012 fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year remains in effect unless it is revoked by the superintendent.

(iii) A waiver that is not a waiver described in subparagraph (i) or (ii) is valid for 1 fiscal year and must be renewed annually to remain in effect.

(j) The superintendent shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this subsection.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the first 6 days or the equivalent number of hours for which pupil instruction is not provided because of conditions not within the control of school authorities, such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, utility power unavailability, water or sewer failure, or health conditions as defined by the city, county, or state health authorities, shall be counted as hours and days of pupil instruction. With the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, the department shall count as hours and days of pupil instruction for a fiscal year not more than 3 additional days or the equivalent number of additional hours for which pupil instruction is not provided in a district due to unusual and extenuating occurrences resulting from conditions not within the control of school authorities such as those conditions described in this subsection. Subsequent such hours or days shall not be counted as hours or days of pupil instruction.

(5) A district shall not forfeit part of its state aid appropriation because it adopts or has in existence an alternative scheduling program for pupils in kindergarten if the program provides at least the number of hours required under subsection (3) for a full-time equated membership for a pupil in kindergarten as provided under section 6(4).

(6) In addition to any other penalty or forfeiture under this section, if at any time the department determines that 1 or more of the following have occurred in a district, the district shall forfeit in the current fiscal year beginning in the next payment to be calculated by the department a proportion of the funds due to the district under this article that is equal to the proportion below the required minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction under subsection (3), as specified in the following:

(a) The district fails to operate its schools for at least the required minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction under subsection (3) in a school year, including hours and days counted under subsection (4).

(b) The board of the district takes formal action not to operate its schools for at least the required minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction under subsection (3) in a school year, including hours and days counted under subsection (4).

(7) In providing the minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction required under subsection (3), a district shall use the following guidelines, and a district shall maintain records to substantiate its compliance with the following guidelines:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a pupil must be scheduled for at least the required minimum number of hours of instruction, excluding study halls, or at least the sum of 90 hours plus the required minimum number of hours of instruction, including up to 2 study halls.

(b) The time a pupil is assigned to any tutorial activity in a block schedule may be considered instructional time, unless that time is determined in an audit to be a study hall period.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, a pupil in grades 9 to 12 for whom a reduced schedule is determined to be in the individual pupil's best educational interest must be scheduled for a number of hours equal to at least 80% of the required minimum number of hours of pupil instruction to be considered a full-time equivalent pupil. A pupil in grades 9 to 12 who is scheduled in a 4-block schedule may receive a reduced schedule under this subsection if the pupil is scheduled for a number of hours equal to at least 75% of the required minimum number of hours of pupil instruction to be considered a full-time equivalent pupil.

(d) If a pupil in grades 9 to 12 who is enrolled in a cooperative education program or a special education pupil cannot receive the required minimum number of hours of pupil instruction solely because of travel time between instructional sites during the school day, that travel time, up to a maximum of 3 hours per school week, shall be considered to be pupil instruction time for the purpose of determining whether the pupil is receiving the required minimum number of hours of pupil instruction. However, if a district demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the travel time limitation under this subdivision would create undue costs or hardship to the district, the department may consider more travel time to be pupil instruction time for this purpose.

(e) In grades 7 through 12, instructional time that is part of a junior reserve officer training corps (JROTC) program shall be considered to be pupil instruction time regardless of whether the instructor is a certificated teacher if all of the following are met:

(i) The instructor has met all of the requirements established by the United States Department of Defense and the applicable branch of the armed services for serving as an instructor in the junior reserve officer training corps program.

(ii) The board of the district or intermediate district employing or assigning the instructor complies with the requirements of sections 1230 and 1230a of the revised school code, MCL 380.1230 and 380.1230a, with respect to the instructor to the same extent as if employing the instructor as a regular classroom teacher.

(8) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (11) and (12), the department shall apply the guidelines under subsection (7) in calculating the full-time equivalency of pupils.

(9) Upon application by the district for a particular fiscal year, the superintendent shall waive for a district the minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction requirement of subsection (3) for a department-approved alternative education program or another innovative program approved by the department, including a 4-day school week. If a district applies for and receives a waiver under this subsection and complies with the terms of the waiver, the district is not subject to forfeiture under this section for the specific program covered by the waiver. If the district does not comply with the terms of the waiver, the amount of the forfeiture shall be calculated based upon a comparison of the number of hours and days of pupil instruction actually provided to the minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction required under subsection (3). Pupils enrolled in a department-approved alternative education program under this subsection shall be reported to the center in a form and manner determined by the center. All of the following apply to a waiver granted under this subsection:

(a) If the waiver is for a blended model of delivery, a waiver that is granted for the 2011-2012 fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year remains in effect unless it is revoked by the superintendent.

(b) If the waiver is for a 100% online model of delivery and the educational program for which the waiver is granted makes educational services available to pupils for a minimum of at least 1,098 hours during a school year and ensures that each pupil is on track for course completion at proficiency level, a waiver that is granted for the 2011-2012 fiscal year or a subsequent fiscal year remains in effect unless it is revoked by the superintendent.

(c) A waiver that is not a waiver described in subdivision (a) or (b) is valid for 1 fiscal year and must be renewed annually to remain in effect.

(d) For 2018-2019 only, the department shall grant a waiver to a district that applies for a waiver for a blended model of delivery after the department's application deadline if the district meets the other requirements for a waiver under this subsection.

(10) Until 2014-2015, a district may count up to 38 hours of qualifying professional development for teachers as hours of pupil instruction. However, if a collective bargaining agreement that provides for the counting of up to 38 hours of qualifying professional development for teachers as pupil instruction is in effect for employees of a district as of July 1, 2013, then until the school year that begins after the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement a district may count up to the contractually specified number of hours of qualifying professional development for teachers as hours of pupil instruction. Professional development provided online is allowable and encouraged, as long as the instruction has been approved by the district. The department shall issue a list of approved online professional development providers, which shall include the Michigan Virtual School. As used in this subsection, "qualifying professional development" means professional development that is focused on 1 or more of the following:

(a) Achieving or improving adequate yearly progress as defined under the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

(b) Achieving accreditation or improving a school's accreditation status under section 1280 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1280.

(c) Achieving highly qualified teacher status as defined under the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-110.

(d) Integrating technology into classroom instruction.

(e) Maintaining teacher certification.

(11) Subsections (3) and (8) do not apply to a school of excellence that is a cyber school, as defined in section 551 of the revised school code, MCL 380.551, and is in compliance with section 553a of the revised school code, MCL 380.553a.

(12) Subsections (3) and (8) do not apply to eligible pupils enrolled in a dropout recovery program that meets the requirements of section 23a. As used in this subsection, "eligible pupil" means that term as defined in section 23a.

(13) Beginning in 2013, at least every 2 years the superintendent shall review the waiver standards set forth in the pupil accounting and auditing manuals to ensure that the waiver standards and waiver process continue to be appropriate and responsive to changing trends in online learning. The superintendent shall solicit and consider input from stakeholders as part of this review.

Sec. 104f. (1) From the general fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the implementation of an assessment digital literacy preparation pilot project for pupils enrolled in grades K to 8 for 2018-2019. The department shall ensure that a pilot project funded under this subsection satisfies all of the following:

(a) Is available to districts in the 2019-2020 school year.

(b) Focuses on ensuring pupils have the necessary skills required for state online assessments by assessing pupil digital literacy skill levels and providing teachers with a digital curriculum targeted at areas of determined weakness.

(c) Allows pupils to engage with the digital curriculum in an independent or teacher-facilitated modality.

(d) Includes training and professional development for teachers.

(e) Is implemented in at least 100 districts that operate grades K to 8 and that represent a diverse geography and socio-economic demographic.

(2) Funding under subsection (1) shall be allocated to a district that did not receive funding under former section 104e for 2017-2018 and operates at least grades K to 8 and has a partnership with a third party that is experienced in the assessment of digital literacy and the preparation of digital literacy skills and has demonstrable experience serving districts in this state and local education agencies in 10 other states. The district, along with its third-party partner, shall provide a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on school aid and the house and senate fiscal agencies on the efficacy and usefulness of the assessment digital literacy preparation pilot project no later than April 1, 2020.

(3) Notwithstanding section 17b, payments under subsection (1) shall be made not later than March 1, 2019 in a manner determined by the department.

Sec. 265. (1) Payments under section 265a for performance funding for fiscal years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 shall only be made to a public university that certifies to the state budget director by August 31, 2018 that its board did not adopt an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students after September 1, 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year and that its board will not adopt an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students for the 2018-2019 academic year that is greater than 3.8% or \$490.00, whichever is greater. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Fee" means any board-authorized fee that will be paid by more than 1/2 of all resident undergraduate students at least once during their enrollment at a public university, as described in the higher education institutional data inventory (HEIDI) user manual. A university increasing a fee that applies to a specific subset of students or courses shall provide sufficient information to prove that the increase applied to that subset will not cause the increase in the average amount of board-authorized total tuition and fees paid by resident undergraduate students in the 2018-2019 academic year to exceed the limit established in this subsection.

(b) "Tuition and fee rate" means the average of full-time rates paid by a majority of students in each undergraduate class, based on an unweighted average of the rates authorized by the university board and actually charged to students, deducting any uniformly rebated or refunded amounts, for the 2 semesters with the highest levels of full-time equated resident undergraduate enrollment during the academic year, as described in the higher education institutional data inventory (HEIDI) user manual.

(2) The state budget director shall implement uniform reporting requirements to ensure that a public university receiving a payment under section 265a for performance funding has satisfied the tuition restraint requirements of this section. The state budget director shall have the sole authority to determine if a public university has met the requirements of this section. Information reported by a public university to the state budget director under this subsection shall also be reported to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education and the house and senate fiscal agencies.

(3) Universities that exceed the tuition and fee rate cap described in subsection (1) shall not receive a planning or construction authorization for a state-funded capital outlay project in fiscal year 2019-2020, fiscal year 2020-2021, or fiscal year 2021-2022.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the legislature may at any time adjust appropriations for a university that adopts an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students that exceeds the rate cap established in subsection (1).

Sec. 297c. (1) From the appropriation in section 297, there is allocated for 2017-2018 an amount not to exceed \$25,500,000.00 for the Michigan talent pledge scholarship program administered by the department of treasury.

(2) From the allocation in subsection (1), there is allocated for 2017-2018 an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00 to be used for the purpose of assisting low-income individuals with the cost of obtaining a qualifying degree or credential in high-demand fields. The funds must be used to fund scholarships and stipends for eligible individuals over 4 years. Awards shall be in the following amounts:

(a) \$750.00 scholarship award for individuals enrolled in an eligible program that leads to a 1-year credential, in addition to a \$250.00 stipend paid to the individual.

(b) \$500.00 scholarship award each year for 2 years for individuals enrolled in an eligible program that leads to a 2-year credential, in addition to a \$250.00 stipend each year paid to the individual.

(3) To be eligible for a scholarship grant under this section, an individual shall meet all of the following:

(a) Except for an individual under the age of 18, possess a high school diploma, recognized equivalency, or recognized equivalency certificate.

(b) Be a resident of this state and a citizen of the United States of America.

(c) File the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA), annually.

(d) Have an annual income at the time of application that is at or below 133% of the federal poverty guidelines published annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

(e) Be enrolled in a qualifying program at an eligible postsecondary institution.

(f) Apply for a grant in a form and manner prescribed by the department of treasury.

(g) Maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5, if the institution utilizes a standard grading model, or, if the institution utilizes a competency-based grading model during his or her time enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution, make sufficient progress through the curriculum to complete the program.

(h) Is between the ages of 16 and 45 at the time of application.

(4) A postsecondary institution is eligible under this section if the postsecondary institution is a public or private nonprofit college or university, junior college, community college, or private training provider that grants degrees or certificates and is located in this state and provides proof, in a form and manner prescribed by the department of treasury, in cooperation with the department of talent and economic development, that it has implemented a talent guarantee for the relevant qualifying program under subsection (5). For the purposes of this subsection, "talent guarantee" means a process by which the institution will provide relevant training in the relevant field at no cost to a graduate who successfully completes a qualifying program under subsection (5), if the graduate is unable to find or keep a job in the relevant field at a relevant level due to a lack of technical skills. Institutions are encouraged to work with their local Michigan works agencies to implement this guarantee.

(5) A program must meet all of the following to be a qualifying program under this section:

(a) Completion of the program must result in a credential in a qualifying high-demand field.

(b) The program is intended to be completed in no more than 1 year for an award under subsection (2)(a), or no more than 2 years for an award under subsection (2)(b).

(c) The program utilizes a competency-based instructional model.

(6) The department of treasury shall develop an application and eligibility determination process that will provide the highest level of participation and ensure that all requirements of the program are met.

(7) The department of treasury shall provide payment on behalf of an individual eligible under subsection (3) for the scholarship award amounts described in subsection (2)(a) and (b). The department of treasury shall reimburse the eligible postsecondary institution no later than 30 days after the start of the fiscal year. Subject to subsection (8), the department of treasury shall only accept standard per-credit hour tuition billings and shall reject billings that are excessive or outside of the guidelines for the type of educational institution. For the stipend amounts under subsection (2)(a) and (b), the department of treasury shall collaborate with eligible postsecondary institutions to ensure that a prorated amount of the stipend is forwarded to the student following each regular meeting with a coach, mentor, or counselor as an incentive for the student to meet with the coach, mentor, or counselor.

(8) For the department of treasury to pay a scholarship award on behalf of an individual eligible under subsection (3), at least 1 of the following must apply:

(a) For individuals enrolled at a community college in this state, the individual is charged the current in-district tuition and mandatory fees.

(b) For individuals enrolled at a public university in this state, the individual is charged the lower division resident tuition and mandatory fees for the current year.

(c) For individuals enrolled at an independent, nonprofit degree-granting college or university in this state or a federal tribally controlled community college in this state, the mandatory fees and per-credit payment charged to the individual do not exceed the average community college in-district per-credit tuition rate as reported on August 1 of the immediately preceding academic year.

(9) The department of treasury shall collaborate with the center to use the P-20 longitudinal data system to report the number of students who are engaged in and have completed a program using an award granted under this section.

(10) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is allocated for 2017-2018 an amount not to exceed \$2,440,000.00 for grants to community colleges, universities, or private nonprofit colleges for the purpose of providing coaches to students who receive scholarship awards under this section. The coaches funded under this subsection shall provide intense mentoring and advising to recipients of scholarships under this section, focusing on ensuring that students complete programs for which they receive scholarships under this section. Grants awarded under this subsection must be made to eligible postsecondary institutions in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 per coach.

(11) From the funds allocated under subsection (1), there is an amount allocated for 2017-2018 not to exceed \$2,300,000.00 to be used for grants to districts for stipends for students and bonus payments to districts that are parties to a talent consortium and whose students successfully earn an in-demand workforce certificate in a high-demand field. For the purposes of funding under this subsection, a workforce certificate must, as determined by the department of talent and economic development, be entry-level or above, recognized by statewide industry, and in a high-demand, high-salary, high-upward mobility career. Grants awarded under this subsection must be in the amount of \$500.00 per

student who successfully completes an in-demand credential in a high-demand field in calendar year 2019 or 2020. A grant awarded under this subsection shall be distributed in an amount of \$250.00 to the student and in an amount of \$250.00 to the district. A district seeking a grant under this subsection shall apply in a form and manner prescribed by the department. An application for a grant under this subsection must describe the credentials that students will earn using funds awarded under this subsection. The department shall work with the department of talent and economic development to award grants under this subsection and notify applicants of the decision to award a grant not later than 30 days after receiving an application.

(12) The following do not qualify as in-demand credentials in a high-demand field for the purposes of subsection (11):

(a) A high school diploma or equivalent.

(b) An advanced placement test other than physics c: electricity and magnetism, physics c: mechanics, computer science a, or computer science principles.

(13) From the funds allocated in subsection (1), there is an amount allocated not to exceed \$760,000.00 to the department of treasury for costs related to the administration of this section.

Sec. 297h. (1) As used in this article:

(a) “Competency-based education” and “competency-based instructional model” mean an approach to teaching and pupil learning where pupils are evaluated on individual competencies, and only when they master them, they move on to more advanced competencies. For the purposes of this article, competency-based instructional programs must meet at least all of the following:

(i) The majority of instructional time is spent on pupil-driven projects in multiple subject areas as well as 21st century skills such as leadership, teamwork, problem solving, and communication. Instructional time may take place outside of the traditional school calendar.

(ii) Includes an innovative partnership with employers or postsecondary institutions, or both, as appropriate, to provide contextualized learning opportunities that emphasize attainment of competencies that include application and creation of knowledge along with the development of work-ready skills.

(iii) Includes the use of multiple and innovative methods to determine pupil achievement of competencies in a subject area or combined subject areas such as public presentations, submission of research papers, attaining marketable workforce credentials, and mentoring other pupils.

(b) “Credential” means proof of competency in a high-demand, high-salary, and high-upward mobility field or any other designation determined to be in high demand. A credential must be stackable, which means that it can lead to a more advanced recognized credential. A high school diploma is not a credential.

(c) “High-demand field” means professional trades, manufacturing, engineering, information technology and computer science, machine learning and artificial intelligence, mobility, health care, and business.

(d) “Talent agreement” means, subject to subsection (2), an agreement that is signed by the members of a talent consortium and is approved by the department of talent and economic development and the department. A talent agreement must include at least all of the following:

(i) A description of how the members will create a seamless, competency-based education model that results in pupils acquiring high-demand skills and credentials.

(ii) A formalized process by which the talent consortium will periodically review and update employer needs and which skills and credentials are in demand, including, but not limited to, a 2-, 5-, and 20-year talent skills projection.

(iii) A detailed plan on how curriculum and instruction will be changed to address the changing employer and talent skills needs.

(iv) If a postsecondary institution is a member of a talent consortium, how the postsecondary institution will reduce barriers as pupils transition through phases of their education from K-12 education to postsecondary education and into the workforce. These efforts may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Dual enrollment practices.

(B) The acceptance of talent portfolios for college admissions.

(C) Work-based learning and internships.

(D) The creation of career pathways beginning in middle school and high school.

(E) In-classroom mentoring or career counseling.

(F) Prehiring agreements in which employers promise to hire graduates of a program.

(v) How any grant dollars received will further the goals of the consortium.

(vi) How members will continue to collaborate after a grant is awarded.

(e) “Talent consortium” means a consortium of entities that enter into a talent agreement for the purposes of funding under this article. A talent consortium must include at least 1 district or intermediate district and at least 2 employers

or organizations representing employers. However, a talent consortium with only 1 district that is a tier 3 district is not required to include more than 1 employer or organization representing employers. A talent consortium may include a private training provider that grants degrees or certificates and is located in this state, community colleges, colleges, or universities. A talent consortium is not bound by size or geographic locations in this state.

(f) "Tier 1 district" means a district with a pupil membership in 2017-2018 of at least 3,800.

(g) "Tier 2 district" means a district with a pupil membership in 2017-2018 of at least 1,400 but less than 3,800.

(h) "Tier 3 district" means a district with a pupil membership in 2017-2018 of less than 1,400.

(2) If a national organization or company with expertise in the talent needs or education programs addressed by a talent agreement submits a letter of support for the grant application in lieu of signing the talent agreement, and that letter of support outlines how the organization or company will support the work of the talent consortium, then the organization or company is considered to be a contributing partner of that talent consortium without signing the talent agreement.

Sec. 297i. (1) The department, in consultation with the department of talent and economic development, shall develop a consolidated grant application for grants under sections 297a, 297b, and 297d, except for grants under section 297a(4). The department, in consultation with the department of talent and economic development, may develop additional consolidated applications for grants under this article. A consolidated application developed under this subsection must require an applicant to identify the grant or grants for which the applicant is applying and the amount of the award the applicant is requesting for each grant.

(2) The department shall begin accepting consolidated applications for grants under this article not later than March 31, 2019.

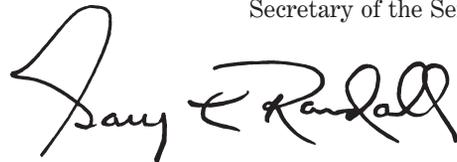
(3) Not later than June 1, 2019, the department, in consultation with the department of talent and economic development, shall award at least 50% of the funds allocated under sections 297a, 297b, and 297d.

Enacting section 1. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending on school aid under article I of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772, as amended by 2018 PA 265 and this amendatory act, from state sources for fiscal year 2018-2019 is estimated at \$13,098,645,300.00 and state appropriations for school aid to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2018-2019 are estimated at \$12,900,901,000.00.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved .....

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Governor