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Memorandum

DATE: September 1, 2022

To: The Honorable Kenneth Horn, Chair Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity/MEDC

The Honorable Greg VanWoerkom, Chair House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

FROM: Stephanie Beckhorn, Director

Employment and Training

Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

RE: Public Act 87 of 2021, Section 1072(5) Report

Per Public Act 87 of 2021, Section 1072(5), the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity shall report to the relevant senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office on utilization of the high school equivalency incentive program, including numbers of high school equivalency certifications issued by location, year-to-date expenditures, and numbers of participants qualifying under subsection (1)(b)(i) or (ii), or both.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Todd Cook, Director of LEO Legislative Affairs, at 517-230-8900.

SB:KJ Attachment

cc: Kathryn Summers, Director, Senate Fiscal Agency Mary Ann Cleary, Director, House Fiscal Agency Christopher Harkins, State Budget Director

PUBLIC ACT 87 OF 2021, SECTION 1072(5) REPORT

Report on utilization of the high school equivalency incentive program, including numbers of high school equivalency certifications issued by location, year-to-date expenditures, and numbers of participants.

The data below is reflective of program activities for the period October 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, which is the most recent data available.

Number of Participants	Vouchers	Credentials	YTD	Balance of	
	Issued	Earned	Expenditures	Funds	
1,858	5,610	1,009	\$143,139	\$303,593*	

^{*}The remaining balance of FY2021 funding is \$60,578 and FY2022 funding is \$243,015.

- The participant and voucher counts above reflect only the GED® testing series. Vouchers for the HiSET® test were purchased in May 2022, and 22 participants were issued a HiSET® voucher to date and no credentials earned.
- While still below pre-pandemic activity levels, the number of vouchers issued and credentials earned to date for FY2022 increased over the prior year by 3% and 13%, respectively.

Credentials by County							
Alger	1	Gratiot	1	Newaygo	19		
Allegan	43	Hillsdale	3	Oakland	42		
Alpena	5	Huron	9	Oceana	1		
Antrim	2	Ingham	21	Ogemaw	3		
Arenac	6	Ionia	8	Osceola	4		
Barry	12	losco	4	Oscoda	1		
Bay	51	Jackson	25	Otsego	1		
Berrien	18	Kalamazoo	15	Ottawa	14		
Branch	1	Kalkaska	2	Presque Isle	1		
Calhoun	28	Kent	124	Roscommon	17		
Canton	1	Lake	2	Saginaw	21		
Cass	8	Lapeer	18	Saint Clair	21		
Charlevoix	1	Lenawee	6	Saint Joseph	3		
Cheboygan	2	Livingston	8	Sanilac	9		
Chippewa	5	Mackinac	2	Shiawassee	13		
Clare	3	Macomb	37	Tuscola	28		
Clinton	3	Manistee	4	Van Buren	14		
Crawford	9	Marquette	1	Washtenaw	45		
Eaton	17	Mecosta	11	Wayne	139		
Emmet	1	Midland	6	Wexford	5		
Genesee	30	Monroe	27	Not Provided	2		
Gladwin	2	Montcalm	9				
Grand Traverse	7	Muskegon	7				