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# Memorandum

DATE: September 20, 2024

TO: The Honorable Mary Cavanagh, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on LEO/MEDC

The Honorable William Snyder, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Economic Development, and Lifelong Learning

FROM: Chelsea Mates, Division Administrator  
Workforce Development, Talent Development  
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

RE: Public Act 119 of 2023, Section 714(5) Report

Per Public Act 119 of 2023, Section 714(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 Ms. Jayshona Hicks, Director of LEO Legislative Affairs, at 248-200-9134 or [hicksj15@michigan.gov](mailto:hicksj15@michigan.gov).

## Attachment

cc: Members, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on LEO/MEDC  
Members, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Economic Development, and Lifelong Learning  
Kathryn Summers, Director, Senate Fiscal Agency  
Mary Ann Cleary, Director, House Fiscal Agency  
Jen Flood, State Budget Director  
House Policy Office  
Senate Policy Office

## Public Act 119 of 2023, Section 714(5) Report

Report on utilization of the high school equivalency voucher 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, 2023, through July 31, 2024, which is the most recent data available.

Number of Participants	Vouchers Issued	Credentials Earned	YTD Expenditures	Balance of Funds
2,546	8,024	1,347	\$258,125	\$294,762*

*\*The remaining balance of FY2023 funding is \$44,762, and FY2024 funding is \$250,000.*

- The participant and voucher counts above reflect the GED® and HiSET® testing series. GED® comprises about 97% of the HSE-to-School vouchers issued and more than 98% of the credentials earned.
- The number of GED® vouchers issued increased 15% and the number of credentials earned increased by 10% over the year.

GED® Credentials by County					
Alcona	2	Gratiot	1	Monroe	18
Allegan	58	Hillsdale	10	Montcalm	17
Alpena	8	Houghton	2	Muskegon	6
Arenac	5	Huron	9	Newaygo	9
Baraga	3	Ingham	32	Oakland	51
Barry	11	Ionia	7	Oceana	2
Bay	55	Iosco	6	Ogemaw	3
Benzie	1	Iron	1	Osceola	5
Berrien	27	Isabella	4	Oscoda	1
Branch	1	Jackson	23	Ottawa	34
Calhoun	33	Kalamazoo	23	Roscommon	12
Cass	8	Kalkaska	1	Saginaw	26
Charlevoix	1	Kent	106	Saint Clair	41
Chippewa	7	Lake	1	Saint Joseph	13
Clare	3	Lapeer	19	Sanilac	14
Clinton	5	Lenawee	9	Shiawassee	18
Crawford	5	Livingston	17	Tuscola	21
Delta	1	Luce	1	Van Buren	19
Dickinson	3	Mackinac	2	Washtenaw	65
Eaton	15	Macomb	45	Wayne	202
Emmet	2	Manistee	5	Wexford	4
Genesee	52	Marquette	1	County Not Provided	79
Gladwin	4	Mecosta	14		

Grand Traverse	13	Midland	7		
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HiSET® Credentials by County							
Alpena	3	Kalamazoo	2	Macomb	7	Montmorency	1
Ionia	1	Kalkaska	1	Monroe	3		