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# Memorandum

DATE: September 14, 2020

TO: The Honorable Ken Horn, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on LEO/MEDC

The Honorable Mark Huizenga, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

FROM: Stephanie Beckhorn, Director  
Employment and Training  
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

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RE: Public Act 56 of 2019, Section 1072(5) Report

Per Public Act 56 of 2019, Section 1072(5), by September 30, 2020, 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. Andrew Beardslee, LEO Legislative Analyst, at 517-388-6101.

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Attachment

cc: Christopher Harkins, Director, Senate Fiscal Agency  
Mary Ann Cleary, Director, House Fiscal Agency  
Chris Kolb, State Budget Director

**PA 56 of 2019, Sec. 1072(5)**

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, 2019 through July 31, 2020, which is the most recent data available.

<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Vouchers Issued</b>	<b>Credentials Earned</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Balance of Funds</b>
5,522	4,858	773	\$112,280	\$97,680

- The participant and voucher counts reflect only the GED® testing series. Vouchers for the HiSET® test were purchased in February 2020; however, test centers were closed in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and testing capacity remains limited.
- The Number of Participants reported includes 3,739 individuals who started the GED® test series under the GED-to-School program created by Public Act 143 of 2015, Section 501 but had not yet completed all test subjects in the testing series and as of October 1, 2019 remained eligible to receive vouchers under the new HSE-to-School program. New participants since October 1, 2019 equal 1,783.
- \$61,160 of the YTD Expenditures were supported with the remainder of the GED-to-School funding appropriated under Public Act 143 of 2015, Section 501.
- For the period 10/1/2019-2/29/2020, the number of vouchers issued and expenditures incurred represented a 13% increase over the prior year. However, for the period 3/1/2020-7/31/2020, the number of vouchers issued and expenditures incurred decreased 77% from the same time period the prior year due to testing center shutdowns as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

<b>Credentials by County</b>					
Alcona	1	Gogebic	1	Monroe	39
Allegan	35	Grand Traverse	7	Montcalm	7
Allegan	1	Gratiot	3	Montmorency	1
Arenac	2	Hillsdale	5	Muskegon	3
Barry	7	Houghton	2	Newaygo	7
Bay	34	Huron	2	Oakland	20
Benzie	1	Ingham	12	Oceana	1
Berrien	11	Ionia	5	Ogemaw	2
Branch	2	Iosco	7	Osceola	4
Calhoun	12	Isabella	2	Otsego	1
Canton	1	Jackson	12	Ottawa	7
Cass	5	Jackson	2	Roscommon	6
Charlevoix	2	Kalamazoo	18	Saginaw	22
Cheboygan	1	Kalkaska	1	Saint Clair	11
Chippewa	5	Kent	101	Saint Joseph	7

Clare	1	Lapeer	10	Sanilac	3
Clinton	2	Leelanau	1	Shiawassee	10
Crawford	1	Lenawee	4	Tuscola	22
Dearborn	1	Livingston	8	Van Buren	12
Eaton	15	Mackinac	1	Washtenaw	41
Emmet	4	Macomb	23	Wayne	107
Genesee	33	Mecosta	6	Wexford	3
Gladwin	1	Midland	5	County not	21