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Memorandum

DATE: September 10, 2021

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Beckhorn".

RE: Public Act 166 of 2020, Section 1072(5) Report

Per Public Act 166 of 2020, 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. 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
Dave Massaron, State Budget Director

PUBLIC ACT 166 OF 2020, 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, 2020 through July 31, 2021, which is the most recent data available.

Number of Participants*	Vouchers Issued	Credentials Earned	YTD Expenditures	Balance of Funds
2,300	5,455	893	\$127,990	\$208,660

*Represents the number of eligible individuals that requested a voucher(s) during the reporting period. In prior years, the figure represented new participants and continuing participants that had not yet credentialed, but continuing participants may not have been issued a voucher during the reporting period.

- The participant and voucher counts reflect only the GED® testing series. Vouchers for the HiSET® test were purchased in February 2020 and HiSET® testing activity has been limited since the pandemic.
- \$86,650 of the YTD Expenditures were supported with the remainder of the HSE-to-School funding appropriated under Public Act 56 of 2019, Section 1072.
- While still below pre-pandemic activity levels, the number of vouchers issued and expenditures incurred to date for FY 2021 increased by 24% over the prior year.

Credentials by County					
Allegan	42	Ingham	21	Muskegon	7
Alpena	3	Ionia	5	Newaygo	9
Antrim	2	Iosco	2	Oakland	31
Arenac	3	Isabella	4	Oceana	1
Barry	10	Jackson	18	Ogemaw	3
Bay	47	Kalamazoo	8	Osceola	4
Benzie	1	Kent	133	Oscoda	1
Berrien	8	Kentwood	1	Ottawa	6
Branch	1	Lake	2	Port Huron	1
Calhoun	22	Lapeer	9	Presque Isle	3
Cass	6	Lenawee	4	Roscommon	9
Chippewa	9	Livingston	8	Saginaw	8
Clare	4	Mackinac	3	Saint Clair	17
Clinton	3	Macomb	28	Saint Joseph	10
Crawford	2	Manistee	7	Sanilac	6
Eaton	18	Marquette	4	Shiawassee	8
Emmet	1	Mason	2	Tuscola	17
Genesee	28	Mecosta	6	Van Buren	18
Gladwin	4	Midland	4	Washtenaw	30
Grand Traverse	6	Missaukee	1	Wayne	147
Hillsdale	1	Monroe	27	Wexford	1
Huron	3	Montcalm	10	County Not	25