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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
102ND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024**

Introduced by Senator Anthony

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 747

AN ACT to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch and for capital outlay purposes for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024 and September 30, 2025; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

ARTICLE 11

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL

PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY			
Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0		
Full-time equated exempted positions	337.0		
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	643,994,200
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	643,994,200
Federal revenues:			
Total federal revenues			505,391,000
Total private revenues			250,000
Total other state restricted revenues			1,863,900
State general fund/general purpose		\$	136,489,300
Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT			
Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0		
Full-time equated classified positions	30.0		
Unclassified salaries—FTEs	6.0	\$	999,500
Executive direction and operations—FTEs	30.0		7,531,200
Property management			254,500
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	8,785,200
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Total federal revenues			1,004,500
State general fund/general purpose		\$	7,780,700
Sec. 103. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
Information technology services and projects		\$	998,800
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	998,800
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Total federal revenues			222,500
State general fund/general purpose		\$	776,300
Sec. 104. OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION			
Full-time equated classified positions	244.0		
Child care licensing and regulation—FTEs	172.0	\$	29,626,300

			For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2025
Child development and care contracted services		\$	22,900,000
Child development and care external support			11,028,100
Child development and care public assistance			499,035,800
Head start collaboration office—FTE	1.0		425,100
Office of great start operations—FTEs	71.0		17,824,500
Tri-share child care program			3,400,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	584,239,800
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Federal funds			504,164,000
Total federal revenues			504,164,000
Special revenue funds:			
Private foundations			250,000
Certification fees			64,600
Child care home and center licenses fund			501,700
State general fund/general purpose		\$	79,259,500
Sec. 105. OFFICE OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS			
Full-time equated classified positions	15.0		
Before- and after-school administration—FTEs	2.0	\$	366,500
Camp licensing unit—FTEs	7.0		700,300
Family and community engagement—FTEs	6.0		1,062,500
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	2,129,300
Appropriated from:			
Adult foster care facilities licenses fund			42,900
State general fund/general purpose		\$	2,086,400
Sec. 106. OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION			
Full-time equated classified positions	46.0		
Dual enrollment payments		\$	3,500,000
Michigan Indian tuition waiver—FTE	1.0		157,000
Student financial assistance programs—FTEs	45.0		9,184,100
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	12,841,100
Appropriated from:			
Special revenue funds:			
Michigan merit award trust fund			1,254,700
State general fund/general purpose		\$	11,586,400
Sec. 107. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS			
Full-time equated classified positions	2.0		
Adult education outreach project		\$	1,000,000
After-school programming extension			300,000
Child care program stabilization grants			24,000,000
Foster care supports			500,000
Hunger-free campus grant pilot program			500,000
Michigan center for adult college success			1,833,400
One-time administration supports—FTEs	2.0		1,200,000
Postsecondary enrollment			166,600
Wonderschool			5,000,000
Youth mentorship			500,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	35,000,000
Appropriated from:			
State general fund/general purpose		\$	35,000,000

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, total state spending under part 1 from state sources is \$138,353,200.00 and state spending under part 1 from state sources to be paid to local units of government is \$500,000.00. The following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL

Hunger-free campus grant program	\$	250,000
After-school programming extension		250,000
TOTAL	\$	500,000

Sec. 202. The appropriations under this part and part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

- (a) "Department" means the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential.
- (b) "DHHS" means the Michigan department of health and human services.
- (c) "Director" means the director of the department.
- (d) "FTE" means full-time equated.
- (e) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.
- (f) "Standard report recipients" means the full senate appropriations committee, the house appropriations subcommittee on labor, economic development, and lifelong learning, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office.

Sec. 204. The department shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this part. This requirement includes transmitting reports to the standard report recipients and any other required recipients by email and posting the reports on an internet site.

Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the following apply to the expenditure of funds appropriated in part 1:

- (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are available.
- (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality.
- (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality.

Sec. 206. The department shall not take disciplinary action against an employee of the department for communicating with a member of the legislature or legislative staff, unless the communication is prohibited by law and the department is exercising its authority as provided by law.

Sec. 207. Consistent with section 217 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1. The report must list all travel by classified and unclassified employees outside this state in the previous fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the department's budget. The department shall submit the report to the standard report recipients and to the senate and house appropriations committees. The report must include all of the following information:

- (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.
- (b) The total transportation and related expenses of each travel occurrence and the proportions funded with state general fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal revenues, and other revenues.

Sec. 208. The department shall not use funds appropriated in part 1 to hire a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of the attorney general. This section does not apply to legal services for bonding activities or to outside legal services that the attorney general authorizes.

Sec. 209. Not later than December 15, the state budget office shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The state budget office shall submit the report to the standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees.

Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for federal contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

(2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for state restricted contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

(3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for local contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

(4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for private contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

Sec. 211. The department shall cooperate with the department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for the department:

- (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.
- (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.
- (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor, including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and payment description.
- (d) The number of active department employees by job classification.
- (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

Sec. 212. Not later than 14 days after the release of the executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the state budget office to provide an annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees.

Sec. 213. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, all reports required under this part shall be submitted to the standard report recipients.

(2) For each report listed on the department's website, the department shall provide a reference to each statutory or appropriations bill section and, if applicable, subsection where that report is required.

(3) In addition to the reporting requirements in section 204 and this section, the department shall compile, post, and maintain all required reports on an easily accessible page of the department's website.

Sec. 214. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer.

Sec. 215. To the extent permissible under the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall take all reasonable steps to ensure geographically-disadvantaged business enterprises compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract with certified geographically-disadvantaged business enterprises for services, supplies, or both. As used in this section, "geographically-disadvantaged business enterprises" means that term as defined in Executive Directive No. 2019-08.

Sec. 216. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report on the number of full-time equated positions in pay status by civil service classification, including a comparison by line item of the number of full-time equated positions authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of full-time equated positions employed by the department at the end of the reporting period. The report must be submitted to the senate and house appropriations committees and to the standard report recipients.

Sec. 219. The department shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records. The department may electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

Sec. 220. Not later than April 1, the department shall report on each specific policy change made to implement a public act affecting the department that took effect during the previous calendar year. The department shall submit the report to the standard report recipients, to the senate and house appropriations committees, and to the joint committee on administrative rules.

Sec. 222. To the extent possible, the department shall not expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing authorized work project funds available for the same purposes are exhausted.

Sec. 224. (1) The state budget director shall take steps to ensure that all state fiscal recovery funds allocated to this state under the American rescue plan act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, are expended by December 31, 2026, as required by law. The state budget director may reallocate appropriated funds for the purpose of fully utilizing state fiscal recovery funds that are in jeopardy of not meeting the expenditure deadline for reasons that may include, but are not limited to, completed projects coming in under budget or funds unable to be fully used by subrecipients. The state budget director shall reallocate any of the funds reallocated under this subsection to the programs or purposes specified in this section. Any funds reallocated are unappropriated and immediately reappropriated for the following purposes:

(a) To reclassify general fund/general purpose appropriations for payroll and covered benefits for eligible public health and safety employees at the department of corrections.

(b) To reclassify general fund/general purpose appropriations for payroll and covered benefits for eligible public health and safety employees at the department of state police.

(2) All applicable guidance, implementation, and reporting provisions of Public Law 117-2 must be followed for state fiscal recovery funds reallocated and reappropriated under subsection (1).

(3) The state budget director shall notify the senate and house appropriations committees not later than 10 business days after making any reallocations under subsection (1). The notification must include the authorized program under which funds were originally appropriated, the amount of the reallocation, the program, or programs, or purpose, and the department to which the funds are being reallocated under subsection (1), and the amount reallocated to each program or purpose.

(4) The state budget director and the impacted departments may make the accounting transactions necessary to implement the reallocation and subsequent appropriation of funds as authorized in this section.

Sec. 250. (1) For any grant program or project funded in part 1 intended for a single recipient organization or unit of local government, the grant program or project is for a public purpose and the department shall follow procurement statutes of this state, including any bidding requirements, unless the department can fully validate, through information detailed in this part or public supporting documents, both of the following:

(a) The specific organization or unit of local government that will receive or administer the funds.

(b) How the funds will be administered and expended.

(2) Notwithstanding any other conditions or requirements for direct appropriation grants, the department shall perform at least all of the following activities to administer the grants described in subsection (1):

(a) Develop a standard application process, grantee reporting requirements, and any other necessary documentation, including sponsorship information as specified under subsection (3).

(b) Establish a process to review, complete, and execute a grant agreement with a grant recipient. The department shall not execute a grant agreement unless all necessary documentation has been submitted and reviewed.

(c) Verify to the extent possible that a grant recipient will use funds for a public purpose that serves the economic prosperity, health, safety, or general welfare of the residents of this state.

(d) Review and verify all necessary information to ensure the grant recipient is reasonably able to execute the grant agreement, perform its fiduciary duty, and comply with all applicable state and federal statutes. To be eligible to receive a grant, a recipient must be a unit of local government, public authority or other political

instrumentality as authorized by law, institution of higher education, other state department, entity registered with the department of licensing and regulatory affairs or the department of attorney general that has been in existence for at least the 12 months preceding the effective date of this act, or other entity that can demonstrate, through state or federal tax filings or other state or federal government records, that it has been in existence for at least the 12 months preceding the effective date of this act. The department may deduct the cost of background checks and any other efforts performed as part of this verification from the amount of the designated grant award.

(e) Establish a standard timeline to review all documents submitted by grant recipients and provide a response within 45 business days stating whether submitted documents by a grant recipient are sufficient or in need of additional information.

(f) Make an initial disbursement of up to 50% of the grant to the grant recipient not later than 60 days after a grant agreement has been executed. Disbursements must be consistent with part II, chapter 10, section 200 of the Financial Management Guide.

(g) Disburse the funds remaining after the initial disbursement under subdivision (f) per the grant disbursement schedule in the executed grant agreement on a reimbursement basis after the grantee has provided sufficient documentation, as determined by the department, to verify that expenditures were made in accordance with the project purpose.

(3) A sponsor of a grant described in subsection (1) must be a legislator or the department. A legislative sponsor must be identified through a letter submitted by that legislator's office to the department and state budget director containing the name of the grant recipient, the intended amount of the grant, a certification from that legislator that the grant is for a public purpose, and specific citation of the section and subsection of the public act that authorizes the grant, as applicable. If a legislative sponsor is not identified before December 13, 2024, the department shall do 1 of the following:

(a) Identify the department as the sponsor.

(b) Decline to execute the grant agreement and lapse the associated funds at the end of the fiscal year.

(4) An executed grant agreement under this section between the department and a grant recipient must include at least all of the following:

(a) All necessary identifying information for the grant recipient, including any tax and financial information for the department to administer funds under this section.

(b) A description of the project for which the grant funds will be expended, including tentative timelines and the estimated budget. The department shall not reimburse expenditures that are outside of the project purpose, as stated in the executed grant agreement, from appropriations in part 1. The grantee shall return to the treasury any interest in excess of \$1,000.00 earned on the grant funds while unexpended and in possession of the grantee.

(c) Unless otherwise specified in department policy, a requirement that funds appropriated for the grants described in subsection (1) may be used only for expenditures that occur on or after the effective date of this act.

(d) A requirement for reporting by the grant recipient to the department and the legislative sponsor that provides the status of the project and an accounting of all funds expended by the grant recipient, as determined by the department.

(e) A claw-back provision that allows the department of treasury to recoup or otherwise collect any funds that are declined, unspent, or otherwise misused.

(f) The signed legislative sponsorship letter required under subsection (3), incorporated into the grant agreement and included as an appendix or attachment.

(5) If appropriate to improve the administration or oversight of a grant described in subsection (1), the department may adopt a memorandum of understanding with another state department to perform the required duties under this section.

(6) A grant recipient shall respond to all reasonable information requests from the department related to grant expenditures and retain grant records for not less than 7 years, and the grant may be subject to monitoring, site visits, and audits as determined by the department. The grant agreement required under this section must include signed assurance by the chief executive officer or other executive officer of the grant recipient that the requirements of this subsection will be met.

(7) The grant recipient shall expend all funds awarded and complete all projects not later than September 30, 2029. If at that time any unexpended funds remain, the grant recipient shall return those funds to the state treasury. If a grant recipient does not provide information sufficient to execute a grant agreement not later than June 1, 2025, the department shall return funds associated with the grant to the state treasury.

(8) Any funds that are granted to a state department are appropriated in that department for the purpose of the intended grant.

(9) The state budget director may, on a case-by-case basis, extend the deadline in subsection (7) on request by a grant recipient. The state budget director shall notify the chairs of the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees not later than 5 days after an extension is granted.

(10) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (11), beginning March 15 of the current fiscal year, the department shall post a report in a publicly accessible location on its website. The report must list the grant recipient, project purpose, and location of the project for each grant described in subsection (1), the status of funds allocated and disbursed under the grant agreement, and the legislative sponsor, if applicable. The department shall update the report and shall post an updated report not later than June 15 of the current fiscal year and again not later than September 15 of the current fiscal year. The department shall include in the report the most comprehensive information the department has available at the time of posting for grants awarded.

(11) If the state budget office determines that it is more efficient for the state budget office to compile all affected departments' information and post a report of the compiled information rather than the report required under subsection (10) being posted by individual departments, the state budget office may compile that information across all affected departments and post the compiled report and any updates on the same time schedule as identified in subsection (10).

(12) As applicable, the legislative sponsor of a grant described in subsection (1) shall not sponsor a grant, or ask another legislator to sponsor a grant, if there is a conflict of interest related to the grant recipient.

(13) If the department reasonably determines that the funds allocated for an executed grant agreement under this section were misused or that use of the funds was misrepresented by the grant recipient, the department shall not award any additional funds under the executed grant agreement and shall refer the grant for review following internal audit protocols.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Sec. 401. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for family and community engagement, the department shall, at a minimum, do all of the following:

(a) Establish or partner with family engagement centers across this state to increase parent and guardian involvement in their child's education.

(b) Ensure translation and interpretation services are available and implemented pursuant to department guidance.

(c) Partner with intermediate school districts to assist in getting information and resources to their constituent districts.

(d) Develop an early literacy engagement plan to help parents or guardians become involved in their child's education.

OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Sec. 701. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, in addition to other statutorily required duties, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Review and evaluate all state financial aid programs. The department shall prioritize improving postsecondary educational outcomes, including student completion rates, and improving affordability of postsecondary programs in this state.

(b) Serve as the coordinating office for all agencies of the executive branch of government that are responsible for financial aid programs administered by this state.

(c) Survey stakeholders, including public, tribal, and private not-for-profit colleges and universities, state departments and agencies, and statewide postsecondary education associations on student financial aid policy to improve this state's administration of programs.

(d) Collaborate with the center for educational performance and information and individual colleges and universities to ensure streamlined and coordinated collection of data analyzing the following:

(i) Postsecondary education costs, including a comparison to national and regional averages.

(ii) Student enrollment.

(iii) Degree completion.

(e) Provide access to higher education institutional data inventory on an accessible, public facing dashboard to assist students, prospective students, and their families in making decisions on postsecondary education.

(f) Coordinate with other state agencies and school districts to increase utilization and awareness of postsecondary opportunities, including, but not limited to, early and middle college, dual enrollment, and private skills training scholarships.

(g) Promote, track, and provide resources to increase completion of the free application for federal student aid.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall meet, at a minimum, the following transparency requirements:

(a) Collect data necessary to complete all statutory reporting requirements. The department shall notify the chairs of the house and senate appropriations committees within 10 days if an entity receiving funds from part 1 fails to comply with data collection requirements.

(b) Maintain a link on the department's website to find data submitted by postsecondary institutions through higher education institutional data inventory.

(c) Maintain a link on the department's website to the center for educational performance and information's MI School Data page on postsecondary enrollment and completion tracking.

(3) As used in this section, "center for educational performance and information" means the center for educational performance and information created in section 94a of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1694a.

Sec. 705. The funds appropriated in part 1 for dual enrollment payments for an eligible student enrolled in a state-approved nonpublic school shall be distributed as provided under the postsecondary enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, and the career and technical preparation act, 2000 PA 258, MCL 388.1901 to 388.1913, in a form and manner as determined by the department.

OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Sec. 1002. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall ensure that the final child development and care provider reimbursement rates are published on the department and Great Start to Quality webpages.

(2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, upon receiving approval from the state budget director, the department may receive and expend federal child care development block grant funds at risk of being lapsed back to the federal government. The department may do this only if all of the following criteria are met:

(a) The funds are at risk of being lapsed by the end of the current fiscal year.

(b) The department plans to expend the funds through a 1-time rate increase to providers.

(c) The department makes this request to the state budget director not less than 30 days before the expenditure of the funds.

(3) If the average cases over a 3-month period in the child development and care program result in the projected fiscal year 2024-2025 caseloads falling below the caseload agreement from the May 2024 consensus revenue estimating conference, the department may increase the hourly reimbursement rate to child care providers if the following conditions are met:

(a) The level of expenditures for the remainder of the year is estimated to be significantly below the level estimated from the May 2024 consensus revenue estimating conference.

(b) The department plans to expend the funds through an ongoing rate increase to providers for the remainder of the fiscal year.

(c) The department makes this request to the state budget director not less than 30 days before the expenditure of the funds that includes the rate increase.

(4) Upon receiving approval from the state budget director under subsection (2) or (3), the department must notify the senate and house fiscal agencies of the amount being appropriated, the estimated rate increase to providers, and if the rate increase to providers is 1-time or ongoing in nature.

(5) The department may withdraw the intent to expend the funds under subsections (2) or (3) by notifying the state budget director in writing.

(6) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care public assistance, the provider reimbursement rates for child care centers, group home providers, registered family homes, and license exempt providers are increased by 15% from the provider reimbursement rates established in the child development and care handbook for fiscal year 2023-2024, rounded to the nearest \$0.05.

(7) Provider reimbursement rate increases funded under this section are effective the first full biweekly pay period of the fiscal year.

Sec. 1007. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care – external support, child development and care contracted services, and child care licensing and regulation, the department shall create a joint report that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The affordability of child care in this state, including, but not limited to, the number of children eligible for and participating in the child development and care program, the number of children eligible for and participating in the child development and care program for the last 5 years, and key takeaways from the most recent market rate survey.

(b) The availability of child care in this state by county, including, but not limited to, the number of licensed child care providers, the change in the number of licensed child care providers and slots over time, and the estimated demand for care.

(c) The health and safety of child care, including, but not limited to, the 10 most common rule violations, the number of licenses revoked and summarily suspended, and the number of license violations for incomplete health and safety training and safe sleep training.

(d) Any actions taken to strengthen health and safety of care, including, but not limited to, the number of licensing consultants, their average caseload, the number of on-site visits they complete by provider type and region, the types of activities that are intended to improve health and safety in licensed care, and the number of times those activities are performed by licensing consultants.

(e) Information on the child care licensing process, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(i) The number of initial applications, initial applications denied, license renewals, and licenses allowed to expire, aggregated by license type.

(ii) The average amount of time to approve or deny completed applications and a description of the most common reasons applications are denied.

(iii) A description of the types of complaints received, a description of the process used to resolve complaints, the average amount of time to complete investigations, and the percentage of investigations completed on time.

(iv) The number of complaints received, investigated, determined to be unsubstantiated, and that result in disciplinary action or rule violations.

(v) The number of administrative hearing adjudications.

(f) The quality of child care, including, but not limited to, the number of licensed providers participating in the Great Start to Quality program and the workforce registry, the number of new participants and how participation has changed over the last 5 years, and the number of children participating in the child development and care program enrolled in an enhancing quality level or higher program.

(g) Any actions taken to improve child care quality, including, but not limited to, the number of quality consultants, the average caseload, the number of on-site visits completed by region, the types of activities that are intended to improve quality and the number of times those activities are performed, and the number of providers that have improved the provider's quality rating since the start of the current fiscal year compared to the same time period in the preceding fiscal year, reported as the number of providers in each region.

(h) The child care workforce, including, but not limited to, the number of child care professionals, average wages by role, the number of individuals participating in the TEACH scholarship and earning a credential, and the level of demand for staff.

(i) Total funding appropriated to contracts for the early childhood comprehensive systems planning by the state during the previous fiscal year that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(i) The amount of funding for each grant awarded.

(ii) The grant recipients.

(iii) The activities funded by each grant.

(iv) An analysis of each grant recipient's success in addressing the development of a comprehensive system of early childhood services and supports.

(2) The department must post the joint report on the department website and send the joint report to the state budget director, the house and senate subcommittees that oversee the department budget, and the house and senate fiscal agencies by April 1 of the current fiscal year reflecting data for the previous fiscal year.

Sec. 1008. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for office of early childhood education, the department shall ensure efficient service provision to coordinate services provided to families for home visits, reduce duplication of state services and spending, increase efficiencies including the home visits funded under section 32p of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1632p, and work with the DHHS as necessary.

Sec. 1009. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care public assistance, the income entrance eligibility threshold for the child development and care program is set to not more than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Sec. 1011. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care public assistance, for eligible children in the child development and care program, the department shall implement payments to providers based on enrollment rather than based on attendance. This shall be done in a manner determined by the department.

Sec. 1012. From the funds appropriated in part 1, \$3,000,000.00 shall be for the department to work in collaboration with DHHS to continue the network of infant and early childhood mental health consultation, which provides mental health consultation to child care providers.

Sec. 1030. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the tri-share child care program must be awarded for the continuation of the child care facilitator pilot project originally initiated and funded in section 1047(31) of article 5 of 2020 PA 166.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, funding appropriated in part 1 must be used to fund existing child care facilitator hubs. The department may fund new child care facilitator hubs provided sufficient funding exists to support all existing child care facilitator hubs, including child care facilitator hubs currently funded with private dollars. Any new child care facilitator hubs added must increase the number of participating counties or serve statewide employers.

(3) Any child care facilitator receiving funds under this section must be a nonprofit, limited liability company, C-corporation, S-corporation, or a sole proprietor.

ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 1101. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the adult education outreach project, the department shall create, and distribute grants through, an adult learners program that includes at least 1 pilot program and a statewide feasibility study in conjunction and coordination with the Goodwill Association of Michigan. The pilot program shall be designed to provide all of the following:

- (a) Individualized, flexible, and accelerated high school completion for the attainment of a high school diploma.
- (b) On-site child care.
- (c) Career certifications and credentials.
- (d) Individualized wrap-around supports for students, as necessary.
- (e) Public-private partnerships, as available, to ensure success.

(2) Any unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the adult education outreach project are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures to sustain the project until the expiration date of this work project as stated in subsection (d). The following are in compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to deliver adult education programming across multiple regions of this state for the duration of the work project.

(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is \$1,000,000.00.

(d) The completion date of the project is September 30, 2028.

Sec. 1102. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for after-school programming extension, the department shall allocate \$300,000.00 to Michigan Alianza Latina para Mejoramiento y Avance (MI-ALMA) and the Exito Educativo program, an after-school program that brings Latino parents and their children who are in high school together to learn about the requirements for high school graduation, the different sources of support, and the pathways to college.

(2) Any unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for after-school programming extension are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures to sustain a program that lowers postsecondary access barriers for disadvantaged youth until the expiration date of this work project as stated in subsection (d). The following are in compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to lower barriers to postsecondary education for disadvantaged youth for the duration of the work project.

(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000.00.

(d) The completion date of the project is September 30, 2028.

Sec. 1103. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the Michigan Center for Adult College Success shall continue to improve adult postsecondary enrollment and completion under the Michigan reconnect grant act, 2020 PA 84, MCL 390.1701 to 390.1709.

Sec. 1104. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child care program stabilization grants, an amount not to exceed \$24,000,000.00 shall be used for additional supports to licensed child care providers in this state who serve children in the child development and care program. The funding must be distributed to eligible providers in a form and manner determined by the department, but must take into consideration all of the following:

(a) The age of the children served by the provider.

(b) The quality rating of the provider.

(c) The length of time the children are in care with the provider.

(2) The department shall provide technical assistance to providers on the recommended uses of the funding described in subsection (1). Funding must be distributed to providers no later than January 1, 2025.

Sec. 1105. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for one-time administration supports, the department may expend up to \$1,200,000.00 and hire an additional 2.0 FTE positions for the duration of the work project to do the following:

(a) One FTE shall support the administration of the department's Michigan transfer network to do both of the following:

(i) Ensure participating institutions provide timely and accurate information.

(ii) Promote the equitable transferability of associate degrees to bachelor's degree institutions in the same study or program and advance solutions to improve transferability between postsecondary institutions in this state.

(b) One FTE shall serve in the office of higher education in the position of financial resource navigator and shall work in tandem with the student loan ombudsman in the department of treasury's office of the taxpayer advocate. The financial resource navigator will serve as a resource for members of the public seeking information about the free application for federal student aid completion, state-administered scholarships, and student loan options.

(2) Any unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for 1-time administration supports are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures until the expiration date of this work project as stated in subdivision (d). The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to provide administrative support for the duration of the work project.

(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is \$1,200,000.00.

(d) The completion date of the project is September 30, 2027.

Sec. 1106. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the hunger-free campus grant pilot program, the department shall award \$125,000.00 to each public institution of higher education.

(2) The purposes of the hunger-free campus grant pilot program include all of the following:

(a) Addressing student hunger at each public institution of higher education.

(b) Leveraging sustainable solutions to address basic needs on the campuses of each public institution of higher education.

(c) Raising awareness of basic needs services offered on the campuses of each public institution of higher education.

(d) Building strategic partnerships at the local, state, and national levels to address food insecurity among students attending each public institution of higher education.

(3) A public institution of higher education awarded funding under the hunger-free campus grant pilot program shall do all of the following:

(a) Establish a hunger task force that includes representatives from the student body and that meets at least 3 times per academic year to set at least 2 goals with action plans.

(b) Designate a staff member responsible for informing students about enrollment opportunities in this state's supplemental nutrition assistance program.

(c) Provide at least 1 physical food pantry on campus or enable students to receive food through a separate, stigma-free arrangement. A public institution of higher education may partner with a local food bank or food pantry to meet the requirement of this subdivision.

(d) Develop a student meal credit donation program or designate a certain amount of funds for free food vouchers that might otherwise be raised through such a program. A public institution of higher education may develop its own procedures for a student meal credit donation program.

(4) It is the intent of the legislature that public institutions of higher education that receive funding in this section shall report to the department, in a form and manner prescribed by the department, by November 1, 2025 on the specific uses of the funding received under this section, the extent to which this funding accomplished the goals described in subsection (2), and any best practices that may be applicable to other public institutions of higher education in this state. It is the intent of the legislature that the department shall compile the reports received under this subsection and send a compiled report to the standard report recipients.

(5) As used in this section, "public institution of higher education" means Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, Macomb Community College, and Grand Rapids Community College.

Sec. 1107. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Wonderschool, \$5,000,000.00 shall be used for a program that provides quality support to providers in this state who seek to adopt business practices that best serve families in this state.

(2) An eligible recipient of funds under this section must partner with the department and stakeholders to increase the supply of child care family homes, group homes, and centers by recruiting and coaching prospective providers through the initial business planning and implementation process and develop and execute a 2-year mentorship program for new child care family homes, group homes, and centers.

(3) In order to be eligible for funding under this section, the recipient must agree to do all of the following:

(a) Partner with the department to plan, staff, and execute in-person and virtual recruitment events for new child care providers in areas of need and develop information materials that assist child care family homes, group homes, and centers with marketing, advertising, and parental outreach.

(b) Provide a software platform, including customizable dashboards, to assist child care family homes, group homes, and centers with marketing, enrollment, family communication, billing, and expense reporting.

(c) Offer child care family homes, group homes, and centers coaching and training, including in-person group training sessions, on-site coaching visits, community forums, and events.

(4) As a condition of receiving funds appropriated in part 1, recipients must report to the department all necessary information to meet state and federal reporting requirements in law and regulations. This information must be reported in a form and manner determined by the department.

Sec. 1108. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for foster care supports, the department shall allocate \$500,000.00 to a nonprofit organization focused on postsecondary access and success for youth with experience in foster care and homelessness, and that oversees a statewide initiative to build a formal network of supports to increase postsecondary outcomes for at-risk youth. The purpose of the grant is to provide increased college access and success for youth with experience in foster care in this state by providing a formal infrastructure in this state to support the holistic pipeline of educational support for state-involved youth.

Sec. 1109. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for postsecondary enrollment, the department shall allocate \$166,600.00 to an education company with established partnerships with Michigan colleges and universities to deliver re-enrollment initiatives for Michigan citizens with some college and no degree for the purpose of re-engaging adult learners to increase the number of Michigan adults completing postsecondary degrees or credentials in this state.

Sec. 1110. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for youth mentorship, the department shall allocate \$500,000.00 to a youth mentorship nonprofit organization that works with a public school system in a city with a population between 107,000 and 108,000 located in a county with a population between 284,000 and 285,000 for the purpose of providing mentorship and helping students in grades 6 through 12 develop strategies for success in the students' lives, schools, and communities.