

1 not limited to, carbon sources and materials sourced from municipal
 2 solid waste, septage feedstock, plant materials, or food waste.

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 4 ARTICLE 11
 5 DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL
 6 PART 1
 7 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

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

11	DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT,		
12	AND POTENTIAL		
13	APPROPRIATION SUMMARY		
14	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
15	Full-time equated exempted positions	337.0	
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 643,994,200
17	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 643,994,200
18	Federal revenues:		
19	Total federal revenues		505,391,000
20	Total private revenues		250,000
21	Total other state restricted revenues		1,863,900
22	State general fund/general purpose		\$ 136,489,300
23	Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND		
24	SUPPORT		
25	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
26	Full-time equated classified positions	30.0	
27	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	6.0	\$ 999,500
28	Executive direction and operations--FTEs	30.0	7,531,200



1	Property management		254,500
2	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	8,785,200
3	Appropriated from:		
4	Federal revenues:		
5	Total federal revenues		1,004,500
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	7,780,700
7	Sec. 103. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
8	Information technology services and projects	\$	998,800
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	998,800
10	Appropriated from:		
11	Federal revenues:		
12	Total federal revenues		222,500
13	State general fund/general purpose	\$	776,300
14	Sec. 104. OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
15	Full-time equated classified positions	244.0	
16	Child care licensing and regulation--FTEs	172.0	\$ 29,626,300
17	Child development and care contracted services		22,900,000
18	Child development and care external support		11,028,100
19	Child development and care public assistance		499,035,800
20	Head start collaboration office--FTE	1.0	425,100
21	Office of great start operations--FTEs	71.0	17,824,500
22	Tri-share child care program		3,400,000
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	584,239,800
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Federal revenues:		
26	Federal funds		504,164,000
27	Total federal revenues		504,164,000
28	Special revenue funds:		



1	Private foundations		250,000
2	Certification fees		64,600
3	Child care home and center licenses fund		501,700
4	State general fund/general purpose	\$	79,259,500
5	Sec. 105. OFFICE OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS		
6	Full-time equated classified positions	15.0	
7	Before- and after-school administration--FTEs	2.0	\$ 366,500
8	Camp licensing unit--FTEs	7.0	700,300
9	Family and community engagement--FTEs	6.0	1,062,500
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	2,129,300
11	Appropriated from:		
12	Adult foster care facilities licenses fund		42,900
13	State general fund/general purpose	\$	2,086,400
14	Sec. 106. OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION		
15	Full-time equated classified positions	46.0	
16	Dual enrollment payments		\$ 3,500,000
17	Michigan Indian tuition waiver--FTE	1.0	157,000
18	Student financial assistance programs--FTEs	45.0	9,184,100
19	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	12,841,100
20	Appropriated from:		
21	Special revenue funds:		
22	Michigan merit award trust fund		1,254,700
23	State general fund/general purpose	\$	11,586,400
24	Sec. 107. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
25	Full-time equated classified positions	2.0	
26	Adult education outreach project		\$ 1,000,000
27	After-school programming extension		300,000
28	Child care program stabilization grants		24,000,000



1	Foster care supports		500,000
2	Hunger-free campus grant pilot program		500,000
3	Michigan center for adult college success		1,833,400
4	One-time administration supports--FTE	2.0	1,200,000
5	Postsecondary enrollment		166,600
6	Wonderschool		5,000,000
7	Youth mentorship		500,000
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 35,000,000
9	Appropriated from:		
10	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**

25	Hunger-free campus grant program	\$	250,000
26	After-school programming extension		250,000
27	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



1 to 18.1594.

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

3 (a) "Department" means the department of lifelong education,
4 advancement, and potential.

5 (b) "DHHS" means the Michigan department of health and human
6 services.

7 (c) "Director" means the director of the department.

8 (d) "FTE" means full-time equated.

9 (e) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

10 (f) "Standard report recipients" means the full senate
11 appropriations committee, the house appropriations subcommittee on
12 labor, economic development, and lifelong learning, the senate and
13 house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the
14 state budget office.

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

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

23 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign
24 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of
25 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are
26 available.

27 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
28 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
29 competitively priced and of comparable quality.



1 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
2 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and
3 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of
4 comparable quality.

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

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

20 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

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

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



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

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

16 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
17 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for state
18 restricted contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under
19 this subsection are not available for expenditure until they have
20 been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section
21 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

28 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
29 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for private



1 contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this
2 subsection are not available for expenditure until they have been
3 transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of
4 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

9 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

10 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

11 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
12 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
13 payment description.

14 (d) The number of active department employees by job
15 classification.

16 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

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

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

28 (2) For each report listed on the department's website, the
29 department shall provide a reference to each statutory or



1 appropriations bill section and, if applicable, subsection where
2 that report is required.

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

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

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

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

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



1 appropriations committees and to the standard report recipients.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

22 Sec. 250. (1) For any grant program or project funded in part
23 1 intended for a single recipient organization or unit of local
24 government, the grant program or project is for a public purpose
25 and the department shall follow procurement statutes of this state,
26 including any bidding requirements, unless the department can fully
27 validate, through information detailed in this part or public
28 supporting documents, both of the following:

29 (a) The specific organization or unit of local government that



1 will receive or administer the funds.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (d) Review and verify all necessary information to ensure the
18 grant recipient is reasonably able to execute the grant agreement,
19 perform its fiduciary duty, and comply with all applicable state
20 and federal statutes. To be eligible to receive a grant, a
21 recipient must be a unit of local government, public authority or
22 other political instrumentality as authorized by law, institution
23 of higher education, other state department, entity registered with
24 the department of licensing and regulatory affairs or the
25 department of attorney general that has been in existence for at
26 least the 12 months preceding the effective date of this act, or
27 other entity that can demonstrate, through state or federal tax
28 filings or other state or federal government records, that it has
29 been in existence for at least the 12 months preceding the



1 effective date of this act. The department may deduct the cost of
2 background checks and any other efforts performed as part of this
3 verification from the amount of the designated grant award.

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

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

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

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

28 (a) Identify the department as the sponsor.

29 (b) Decline to execute the grant agreement and lapse the



1 associated funds at the end of the fiscal year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (5) If appropriate to improve the administration or oversight



1 of a grant described in subsection (1), the department may adopt a
2 memorandum of understanding with another state department to
3 perform the required duties under this section.

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

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

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

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

27 (10) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (11),
28 beginning March 15 of the current fiscal year, the department shall
29 post a report in a publicly accessible location on its website. The



1 report must list the grant recipient, project purpose, and location
2 of the project for each grant described in subsection (1), the
3 status of funds allocated and disbursed under the grant agreement,
4 and the legislative sponsor, if applicable. The department shall
5 update the report and shall post an updated report not later than
6 June 15 of the current fiscal year and again not later than
7 September 15 of the current fiscal year. The department shall
8 include in the report the most comprehensive information the
9 department has available at the time of posting for grants awarded.

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

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

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

28
29 **OFFICE OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS**



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

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

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

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

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

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14 **OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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

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

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

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



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

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

7 (ii) Student enrollment.

8 (iii) Degree completion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (c) Maintain a link on the department's website to the center



1 for educational performance and information's MI School Data page
2 on postsecondary enrollment and completion tracking.

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

7 Sec. 705. The funds appropriated in part 1 for dual enrollment
8 payments for an eligible student enrolled in a state-approved
9 nonpublic school shall be distributed as provided under the
10 postsecondary enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to
11 388.524, and the career and technical preparation act, 2000 PA 258,
12 MCL 388.1901 to 388.1913, in a form and manner as determined by the
13 department.

14

15 **OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

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

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

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

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



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

3 (3) If the average cases over a 3-month period in the child
4 development and care program result in the projected fiscal year
5 2024-2025 caseloads falling below the caseload agreement from the
6 May 2024 consensus revenue estimating conference, the department
7 may increase the hourly reimbursement rate to child care providers
8 if the following conditions are met:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (6) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
27 development and care public assistance, the provider reimbursement
28 rates for child care centers, group home providers, registered
29 family homes, and license exempt providers are increased by 15%



1 from the provider reimbursement rates established in the child
2 development and care handbook for fiscal year 2023-2024, rounded to
3 the nearest \$0.05.

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

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

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

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

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

27 (d) Any actions taken to strengthen health and safety of care,
28 including, but not limited to, the number of licensing consultants,
29 their average caseload, the number of on-site visits they complete



1 by provider type and region, the types of activities that are
2 intended to improve health and safety in licensed care, and the
3 number of times those activities are performed by licensing
4 consultants.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (v) The number of administrative hearing adjudications.

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

28 (g) Any actions taken to improve child care quality,
29 including, but not limited to, the number of quality consultants,



1 the average caseload, the number of on-site visits completed by
2 region, the types of activities that are intended to improve
3 quality and the number of times those activities are performed, and
4 the number of providers that have improved the provider's quality
5 rating since the start of the current fiscal year compared to the
6 same time period in the preceding fiscal year, reported as the
7 number of providers in each region.

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

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

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

17 (ii) The grant recipients.

18 (iii) The activities funded by each grant.

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

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

28 Sec. 1008. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for office of
29 early childhood education, the department shall ensure efficient



1 service provision to coordinate services provided to families for
2 home visits, reduce duplication of state services and spending,
3 increase efficiencies including the home visits funded under
4 section 32p of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL
5 388.1632p, and work with the DHHS as necessary.

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

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

16 Sec. 1012. From the funds appropriated in part 1,
17 \$3,000,000.00 shall be for the department to work in collaboration
18 with DHHS to continue the network of infant and early childhood
19 mental health consultation, which provides mental health
20 consultation to child care providers.

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

25 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, funding
26 appropriated in part 1 must be used to fund existing child care
27 facilitator hubs. The department may fund new child care
28 facilitator hubs provided sufficient funding exists to support all
29 existing child care facilitator hubs, including child care



1 facilitator hubs currently funded with private dollars. Any new
2 child care facilitator hubs added must increase the number of
3 participating counties or serve statewide employers.

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

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8 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

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

16 (a) Individualized, flexible, and accelerated high school
17 completion for the attainment of a high school diploma.

18 (b) On-site child care.

19 (c) Career certifications and credentials.

20 (d) Individualized wrap-around supports for students, as
21 necessary.

22 (e) Public-private partnerships, as available, to ensure
23 success.

24 (2) Any unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the adult
25 education outreach project are designated as a work project
26 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
27 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
28 expenditures to sustain the project until the expiration date of
29 this work project as stated in subsection (d). The following are in



1 compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act,
2 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

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

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

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

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

10 Sec. 1102. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
11 after-school programming extension, the department shall allocate
12 \$300,000.00 to Michigan Alianza Latina para Mejoramiento y Avance
13 (MI-ALMA) and the Exito Educativo program, an after-school program
14 that brings Latino parents and their children who are in high
15 school together to learn about the requirements for high school
16 graduation, the different sources of support, and the pathways to
17 college.

18 (2) Any unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for after-
19 school programming extension are designated as a work project
20 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
21 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
22 expenditures to sustain a program that lowers postsecondary access
23 barriers for disadvantaged youth until the expiration date of this
24 work project as stated in subsection (d). The following are in
25 compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act,
26 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

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



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

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

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

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

9 Sec. 1104. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child
10 care program stabilization grants, an amount not to exceed
11 \$24,000,000.00 shall be used for additional supports to licensed
12 child care providers in this state who serve children in the child
13 development and care program. The funding must be distributed to
14 eligible providers in a form and manner determined by the
15 department, but must take into consideration all of the following:

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

17 (b) The quality rating of the provider.

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

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

24 Sec. 1105. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for one-
25 time administration supports, the department may expend up to
26 \$1,200,000.00 and hire an additional 2.0 FTE positions for the
27 duration of the work project to do the following:

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



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

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

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

15 (2) Any unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for 1-time
16 administration supports are designated as a work project
17 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
18 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
19 expenditures until the expiration date of this work project as
20 stated in subdivision (d). The following is in compliance with
21 section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
22 18.1451a:

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

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

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

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

29 Sec. 1106. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the



1 hunger-free campus grant pilot program, the department shall award
2 \$125,000.00 to each public institution of higher education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (d) Develop a student meal credit donation program or
29 designate a certain amount of funds for free food vouchers that



1 might otherwise be raised through such a program. A public
2 institution of higher education may develop its own procedures for
3 a student meal credit donation program.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

18 ARTICLE 12

19 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

20 PART 1

21 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

22 Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of military
 23 and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025
 24 from the following funds:

25 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS		
26 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY		
27 Full-time equated unclassified positions	9.0	
28 Full-time equated classified positions	1,051.0	
29 GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	275,904,100

