

HOUSE BILL No. 5818

EXECUTIVE BUDGET BILL

February 26, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Gillard and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education and certain other purposes relating to education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, school districts, and other governmental bodies; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by certain legal entities and state agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this bill, the amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, from

the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the appropriations in this part:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:

Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	6.0	
Full-time equated classified positions.....	480.0	
GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	94,743,200
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers		0
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	94,743,200
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues.....		69,675,500
Special revenue funds:		
Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		6,618,100
Local school district service fees.....		306,500
Total local revenues.....		6,924,600
Gifts, bequests, and donations.....		650,600
Private foundations.....		2,437,200
Total private revenues.....		3,087,800
Total local and private revenues.....		10,012,400
Certification fees.....		5,702,300
Commodity distribution fees.....		71,700
Student insurance revenues.....		218,600
Teacher college review fees.....		54,000
Teacher testing fees.....		523,200
Tenant rent.....		261,000

1	Training and orientation workshop fees	150,000
2	Total other state restricted revenues	6,980,800
3	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 8,074,500
4	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE	
5	SUPERINTENDENT	
6	Full-time equated unclassified positions..... 6.0	
7	Full-time equated classified positions..... 16.0	
8	State board of education, per diem payments	\$ 24,400
9	Unclassified positions--6.0 FTE positions	515,600
10	State board/superintendent operations--16.0 FTE	
11	positions	<u>3,066,500</u>
12	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 3,606,500
13	Appropriated from:	
14	Federal revenues:	
15	Federal revenues	1,999,100
16	Special revenue funds:	
17	Private foundations	27,100
18	Certification fees	202,100
19	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,378,200
20	Sec. 103. CENTRAL SUPPORT	
21	Full-time equated classified positions..... 16.6	
22	Central support--16.6 FTE positions	\$ 3,216,300
23	Worker's compensation	48,000
24	Building occupancy charges - property management	
25	services	1,574,900
26	Tenant rent	261,000
27	Training and orientation workshops	150,000

1	Terminal leave payments.....		<u>574,700</u>
2	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	5,824,900
3	Appropriated from:		
4	Federal revenues:		
5	Federal revenues.....		3,598,500
6	Special revenue funds:		
7	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		68,400
8	Certification fees.....		340,000
9	Teacher testing fees.....		13,500
10	Tenant rent.....		261,000
11	Training and orientation workshop fees		150,000
12	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,393,500
13	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES		
14	Information technology operations.....	\$	<u>2,820,900</u>
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	2,820,900
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	Federal revenues.....		1,762,400
19	Special revenue funds:		
20	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		141,900
21	Certification fees.....		245,000
22	State general fund/general purpose	\$	671,600
23	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES		
24	Full-time equated classified positions.....	47.0	
25	Special education operations--47.0 FTE positions	\$	<u>11,458,000</u>
26	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	11,458,000
27	Appropriated from:		

1	Federal revenues:		
2	Federal revenues.....		10,993,400
3	Special revenue funds:		
4	Private foundations.....		105,000
5	Certification fees.....		38,500
6	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	321,100
7	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND		
8	Full-time equated classified positions.....	109.0	
9	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind operations--		
10	108.0 FTE positions	\$	12,931,000
11	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--1.0 FTE position.....		295,100
12	Private gifts - blind.....		90,000
13	Private gifts - deaf.....		<u>250,000</u>
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	13,566,100
15	Appropriated from:		
16	Federal revenues:		
17	Federal revenues.....		5,993,500
18	Special revenue funds:		
19	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		6,407,800
20	Local school district service fees.....		295,600
21	Gifts, bequests, and donations.....		650,600
22	Student insurance revenue.....		218,600
23	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0
24	Sec. 107. PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES		
25	Full-time equated classified positions.....	30.5	
26	Professional preparation operations--30.5 FTE		
27	positions	\$	6,819,900

1	National board certification.....	100,000
2	Department of attorney general.....	<u>50,000</u>
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 6,969,900
4	Appropriated from:	
5	Federal revenues:	
6	Federal revenues.....	2,652,700
7	Special revenue funds:	
8	Certification fees.....	3,753,500
9	Teacher college review fees.....	54,000
10	Teacher testing fees.....	509,700
11	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 0
12	Sec. 108. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY	
13	SERVICES	
14	Full-time equated classified positions.....	26.0
15	Early childhood education and family services	
16	operations--26.0 FTE positions.....	\$ <u>4,492,300</u>
17	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 4,492,300
18	Appropriated from:	
19	Federal revenues:	
20	Federal revenues.....	3,259,200
21	Special revenue funds:	
22	Private foundations.....	191,900
23	Certification fees.....	58,700
24	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 982,500
25	Sec. 109. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	
26	Full-time equated classified positions.....	78.0
27	School improvement operations--78.0 FTE positions....	\$ 17,152,300

1	Subject area content expectations and guidelines	<u>100,000</u>
2	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 17,252,300
3	Appropriated from:	
4	Federal revenues:	
5	Federal revenues.....	15,028,600
6	Special revenue funds:	
7	Private foundations.....	1,113,200
8	Certification fees.....	533,800
9	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 576,700
10	Sec. 110. SCHOOL FINANCE AND SCHOOL LAW SERVICES	
11	Full-time equated classified positions.....	20.0
12	School finance and school law operations--20.0 FTE	
13	positions	\$ <u>2,988,000</u>
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 2,988,000
15	Appropriated from:	
16	Federal revenues:	
17	Federal revenues.....	1,432,100
18	Special revenue funds:	
19	Certification fees.....	530,700
20	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 1,025,200
21	Sec. 111. EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY	
22	Full-time equated classified positions.....	45.6
23	Educational assessment operations--45.6 FTE positions	\$ <u>9,409,700</u>
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 9,409,700
25	Appropriated from:	
26	Federal revenues:	
27	Federal revenues.....	9,409,700

1	State general fund/general purpose	\$	0
2	Sec. 112. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT		
3	SERVICES		
4	Full-time equated classified positions.....	56.6	
5	Grants administration and school support services		
6	operations--56.6 FTE positions.....	\$	7,988,900
7	Federal and private grants.....		<u>3,000,000</u>
8	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	10,988,900
9	Appropriated from:		
10	Federal revenues:		
11	Federal revenues.....		9,472,200
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Local school district service fees.....		10,900
14	Private foundations.....		1,000,000
15	Commodity distribution fees.....		71,700
16	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	434,100
17	Sec. 113. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND DATA		
18	COORDINATION		
19	Full-time equated classified positions.....	6.7	
20	Educational technology and data coordination--6.7 FTE		
21	positions	\$	<u>803,600</u>
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	803,600
23	Appropriated from:		
24	Federal revenues:		
25	Federal revenues.....		803,600
26	Special revenue funds:		
27	State general fund/general purpose	\$	0

Sec. 114. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Full-time equated classified positions.....	25.0
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Career and technical education operations--25.0 FTE

positions	\$ <u>3,962,100</u>
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GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	3,962,100
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Appropriated from:

Federal revenues:

Federal revenues.....	3,270,500
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Special revenue funds:

State general fund/general purpose	\$	691,600
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Sec. 115. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

Internal audit services operations	\$	<u>100,000</u>
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GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	100,000
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Appropriated from:

Special revenue funds:

State general fund/general purpose	\$	100,000
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Sec. 116. 21st CENTURY SCHOOLS FUND ADMINISTRATION

Full-time equated classified positions..... 3.0

21st century schools fund administration operations--3.0

FTE positions \$ 500,000

GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	500,000
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Appropriated from:

Special revenue funds:

State general fund/general purpose	\$	500,000
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PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year 2008-2009 is \$15,055,300.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2008-2009 is estimated at \$0.

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

Sec. 203. As used in this bill:

(a) "Department" means the Michigan department of education.

(b) "District" means a local school district as defined in section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, or a public school academy as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

(c) "FTE" means full-time equated.

Sec. 204. The civil service commission shall bill departments and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for the 1% charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.

Sec. 205. The department shall use the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this bill. This requirement may include transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

1 Sec. 206. The department shall provide through the Internet
2 the state board of education agenda and all supporting documents,
3 and shall notify the state budget director and the senate and house
4 fiscal agencies that the agenda and supporting documents are
5 available on the Internet, at the time the agenda and supporting
6 documents are provided to state board of education members.

7 Sec. 207. (1) Upon receipt of the federal drug-free grant, the
8 department shall allocate \$225,000.00 of the grant to the safe
9 school program within the department. The safe school program shall
10 work with local school boards, parents of enrolled students, law
11 enforcement agencies, community leaders, and the office of drug
12 control policy for the prevention of school violence. The safe
13 school program shall develop and implement, and serve as
14 coordinator of, a statewide clearinghouse for information, program
15 development, model programs and policies, and technical assistance
16 on school violence prevention.

17 (2) To accomplish its functions under this section, the safe
18 school program shall do all of the following:

19 (a) Coordinate with the office of drug control policy in the
20 department of community health to ensure that there is a meaningful
21 linkage between the efforts under this bill to provide safe schools
22 and the initiatives undertaken through that office, including, but
23 not limited to, school districts' safe and drug-free school plans,
24 and to facilitate timely applications for and distribution of
25 available grant money.

26 (b) Provide through the Internet the availability to access,
27 and provide through the Internet information regarding, the state

1 model policy on locker searches, the state model policy on firearm
2 safety and awareness, and any other state or local safety policies
3 that the office considers exemplary.

4 (c) Advance, promote, and encourage the awareness and use of
5 the state police anti-violence hotline.

6 Sec. 208. The department shall require all public school
7 districts to maintain complete records within the personnel file of
8 a teacher or school employee of any disciplinary actions taken by
9 the local school board against the teacher or employee for sexual
10 misconduct. The records shall not be destroyed or removed from the
11 teacher's or employee's personnel file except as required by a
12 court order.

13 Sec. 209. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
14 information technology, departments and agencies shall pay user
15 fees to the department of information technology for technology-
16 related services and projects. Such user fees shall be subject to
17 provisions of an interagency agreement between the departments and
18 agencies and the department of information technology.

19 Sec. 210. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information
20 technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward
21 to support technology projects under the direction of the
22 department of information technology. Funds designated in this
23 manner are not available for expenditure until approved as work
24 projects under section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984
25 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

26 Sec. 211. Before publishing a list of schools or districts
27 determined to have failed to make adequate yearly progress as

1 required by the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-
2 110, the department shall allow a school or district to appeal that
3 determination. The department shall consider and act upon the
4 appeal within 30 days after it is submitted and shall not publish
5 the list until after all appeals have been considered and decided.

6 Sec. 212. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for
7 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
8 competitively priced and comparable quality American goods or
9 services, or both, are available. Preference shall be given to
10 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
11 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable
12 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or
13 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan
14 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are
15 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

16 Sec. 213. (1) A hiring freeze is imposed on the state
17 classified civil service. State departments and agencies are
18 prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil
19 service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state
20 classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not
21 apply to internal transfers of classified employees from 1 position
22 to another within a department.

23 (2) The state budget director may grant exceptions to this
24 hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the
25 hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency
26 unable to deliver basic services, cause loss of revenue to the
27 state, result in the inability of the state to receive federal

1 funds, or necessitate additional expenditures that exceed any
2 savings from maintaining a vacancy. The state budget director shall
3 report quarterly to the chairpersons of the senate and house of
4 representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of
5 exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous
6 quarter and the reasons to justify the exception.

7 Sec. 214. (1) Due to the current budgetary problems in this
8 state, out-of-state travel for the fiscal year ending September 30,
9 2009 shall be limited to situations in which 1 or more of the
10 following conditions apply:

11 (a) The travel is required by legal mandate or court order or
12 for law enforcement purposes.

13 (b) The travel is necessary to protect the health or safety of
14 Michigan citizens or visitors or to assist other states in similar
15 circumstances.

16 (c) The travel is necessary to produce budgetary savings or to
17 increase state revenues, including protecting existing federal
18 funds or securing additional federal funds.

19 (d) The travel is necessary to comply with federal
20 requirements.

21 (e) The travel is necessary to secure specialized training for
22 staff that is not available within this state.

23 (f) The travel is financed entirely by federal or nonstate
24 funds.

25 (2) If out-of-state travel is necessary but does not meet 1 or
26 more of the conditions in subsection (1), the state budget director
27 may grant an exception to allow the travel. Any exceptions granted

1 by the state budget director shall be reported on a monthly basis
2 to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
3 appropriations.

4 (3) Not later than January 1 of each year, each department
5 shall prepare a travel report listing all travel by classified and
6 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
7 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
8 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
9 submitted to the senate and house of representatives standing
10 committees on appropriations, the senate and house fiscal agencies,
11 and the state budget director. The report shall include the
12 following information:

13 (a) The name of each person receiving reimbursement for travel
14 outside this state or whose travel costs were paid by this state.

15 (b) The destination of each travel occurrence.

16 (c) The dates of each travel occurrence.

17 (d) A brief statement of the reason for each travel
18 occurrence.

19 (e) The transportation and related costs of each travel
20 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
21 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
22 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
23 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

24 (f) A total of all out-of-state travel funded for the
25 immediately preceding fiscal year.

26 Sec. 216. The director shall take all reasonable steps to
27 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for

1 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The
2 director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department
3 contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and
4 deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

5 Sec. 219. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
6 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
7 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
8 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
9 in this bill under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
10 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

11 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
12 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for state
13 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
14 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
15 in this bill under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
16 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

17 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
18 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for local
19 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
20 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
21 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
22 MCL 18.1393.

23 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
24 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for private
25 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
26 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
27 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,

1 MCL 18.1393.

2 Sec. 221. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a
3 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire
4 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of
5 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal
6 services for bonding activities and for those activities that the
7 attorney general authorizes.

8 **STATE BOARD/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

9 Sec. 301. (1) The appropriations in part 1 may be used for per
10 diem payments to the state board for meetings at which a quorum is
11 present or for performing official business authorized by the state
12 board. The per diem payments shall be at a rate as follows:

13 (a) State board of education - president - \$110.00 per day.

14 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
15 \$100.00 per day.

16 (2) A state board of education member shall not be paid a per
17 diem for more than 30 days per year.

18 (3) The state board executive shall report to the public, the
19 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director the
20 previous quarter's expenses by fund source for members of the state
21 board of education.

22 Sec. 302. From the amount appropriated in part 1 to the state
23 board of education, not more than \$35,000.00 shall be expended for
24 in-state travel and out-of-state travel directly related to the
25 duties of the state board of education.

1 **MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

2 Sec. 401. The employees at the Michigan schools for the deaf
3 and blind who work on a school year basis shall be considered
4 annual employees for purposes of service credits, retirement, and
5 insurance benefits.

6 Sec. 402. For each student enrolled at the Michigan schools
7 for the deaf and blind, the department shall assess the
8 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
9 operating the student's instructional program. The amount shall
10 exclude room and board related costs and the cost of weekend
11 transportation between the school and the student's home.

12 Sec. 404. (1) The department may assess rent or lease excess
13 property located on the campus of the Michigan schools for the deaf
14 and blind in Flint to private or publicly funded organizations.

15 (2) In addition to those funds appropriated in part 1, the
16 department may receive and expend additional funds from lease
17 agreements at the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind Flint
18 campus that have been negotiated with the approval of the
19 department of management and budget. These funds are appropriated
20 to the department for the operation, maintenance, and renovation
21 expenses associated with the leased space.

22 (3) From the unexpended balances of appropriations for the
23 schools for the deaf and blind operations, up to \$250,000.00 of any
24 unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining on September 30, 2009
25 may be carried forward as a work project and expended for special
26 maintenance and repairs of facilities at the campus of the Michigan
27 schools for the deaf and blind in Flint. The work shall be carried

1 out by state employees, or by contract as necessary, at an
2 estimated cost of \$250,000.00. The estimated completion date of the
3 work is September 30, 2010.

4 (4) From the tenant rent appropriation for Fay hall, up to
5 \$100,000.00 of any unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining on
6 September 30, 2009 may be carried forward as a work project or as
7 restricted revenue and expended for special maintenance and repairs
8 of facilities at Fay hall. The work project may be performed by
9 state employees, or by contract when necessary, at an estimated
10 cost of \$100,000.00. The estimated completion date of the work
11 project is September 30, 2010.

12 Sec. 405. The department may assist the department of
13 community health, other departments, and local school districts to
14 secure reimbursement for eligible services provided in Michigan
15 schools from the federal Medicaid program. The department may
16 submit reports of direct expenses related to this effort to the
17 department of community health for reimbursement.

18 Sec. 406. (1) The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind may
19 promote its residential program as a possible appropriate option
20 for children who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are blind or
21 visually impaired. The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind
22 shall distribute information detailing its services to all
23 intermediate school districts in the state.

24 (2) Upon knowledge of or recognition by an intermediate school
25 district that a child in the district is deaf or hard of hearing or
26 blind or visually impaired, the intermediate school district shall
27 provide to the parents of the child the literature distributed by

1 the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind to intermediate school
2 districts under subsection (1).

3 (3) Parents will continue to have a choice regarding the
4 educational placement of their deaf or hard of hearing children.

5 **PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES**

6 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
7 professional preparation services, the department shall maintain
8 the professional personnel register and certificate
9 revocation/felony conviction files.

10 Sec. 502. The department shall authorize teacher preparation
11 institutions to provide an alternative program by which up to 1/2
12 of the required student internship or student teaching credits may
13 be earned through substitute teaching. The department shall require
14 that teacher preparation institutions collaborate with school
15 districts to ensure that the quality of instruction provided to
16 student teachers is comparable to that required in a traditional
17 student teaching program.

18 Sec. 503. (1) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for
19 professional preparation operations, \$100,000.00 shall be allocated
20 to Central Michigan University for the alternative route to
21 certification program. Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for
22 professional preparation operations, \$100,000.00 shall be allocated
23 to Wayne State University for the pathways to teaching program. Not
24 later than March 1, 2009, the department shall provide the senate
25 and house appropriations committees, the state budget director, and
26 senate and house fiscal agencies with a report including all of the

1 following:

2 (a) How many teachers were certified under the programs.

3 (b) How long participating teachers served in the classroom.

4 (c) A comparison of teacher evaluations of participating
5 teachers and teachers with traditional teacher certifications.

6 (2) The department will work with Central Michigan University
7 and Wayne State University to review the report results to
8 determine subsequent funding strategies.

9 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for national
10 board certification, the department shall pay 1/2 of the
11 application fee for teachers who are considered by the department
12 to be qualified to apply to the national board for professional
13 teaching standards for professional teaching certificates or
14 licenses and to provide grants to recognize and reward teachers who
15 receive certification or licensure.

16 **OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

17 Sec. 601. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for the
18 office of school improvement, there is allocated \$350,000.00 and
19 3.5 FTE positions to operate a charter school office to administer
20 charter school legislation and associated regulations, and to
21 coordinate the activities of the department relating to charter
22 schools.

23 Sec. 603. The funds appropriated in part 1 for subject area
24 content expectations and guidelines shall be used for the
25 development, approval, and implementation of subject area content
26 expectations and guidelines that apply to the credit requirements

1 of the Michigan merit standard, as required under section 1278b of
2 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278b.

3 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

4 Sec. 701. The department shall work in collaboration with the
5 center for educational performance and information to support the
6 comprehensive educational information system and all data
7 collection efforts of the department.

8 **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

9 Sec. 901. Within 10 days of the receipt of a grant
10 appropriated in the federal and private grants line item in part 1,
11 the department shall notify the house and senate chairpersons of
12 the appropriations subcommittees responsible for the department
13 budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget
14 director of the receipt of the grant, including the funding source,
15 purpose, and amount of the grant.