

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4445

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled  
"The state school aid act of 1979,"  
by amending section 11 (MCL 388.1611), as amended by 2011 PA 62,  
and by adding section 32g.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 11. (1) Subject to subsection (3), for the fiscal year  
2 ending September 30, 2011, there is appropriated for the public  
3 schools of this state and certain other state purposes relating to  
4 education the sum of \$10,757,260,500.00 from the state school aid  
5 fund and the sum of \$18,642,400.00 from the general fund. For the  
6 fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, there is also appropriated  
7 the remaining balance of the federal funding awarded to this state

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1 under title XIV of the American recovery and reinvestment act of  
 2 2009, Public Law 111-5, estimated at \$184,256,600.00, to be used  
 3 solely for the purpose of funding the primary funding formula  
 4 calculated under section 20, in accordance with federal law.  
 5 Subject to subsection (3), for the fiscal year ending September 30,  
 6 2012, there is appropriated for the public schools of this state  
 7 and certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of  
 8 ~~\$10,887,098,700.00~~ **\$10,899,598,700.00** from the state school aid  
 9 fund and the sum of \$118,642,400.00 from the general fund. In  
 10 addition, all other available federal funds, except those otherwise  
 11 appropriated under section 11p, are appropriated for the fiscal  
 12 year ending September 30, 2011 and for the fiscal year ending  
 13 September 30, 2012.

14 (2) The appropriations under this section shall be allocated  
 15 as provided in this article. Money appropriated under this section  
 16 from the general fund shall be expended to fund the purposes of  
 17 this article before the expenditure of money appropriated under  
 18 this section from the state school aid fund.

19 (3) Any general fund allocations under this article that are  
 20 not expended by the end of the state fiscal year are transferred to  
 21 the school aid stabilization fund created under section 11a.

22 **SEC. 32G. (1) FROM THE GENERAL FUND MONEY APPROPRIATED IN**  
 23 **SECTION 11, THERE IS ALLOCATED FOR 2011-2012 AN AMOUNT NOT TO**  
 24 **EXCEED \$12,500,000.00 TO THE OFFICE OF GREAT START WITHIN THE**  
 25 **DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION. IN ADDITION,**  
 26 **IF <<THE DEPARTMENT IS NOTIFIED BY JUNE 1, 2012 THAT THIS STATE HAS**  
 27 **BEEN>> AWARDED A FEDERAL RACE TO THE TOP - EARLY LEARNING**  
**CHALLENGE GRANT, THEN FROM THE FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN**

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1 SECTION 11, THERE IS ALLOCATED FOR 2011-2012 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE  
2 AMOUNT OF THAT GRANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000,000.00, TO THE OFFICE  
3 OF GREAT START WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN  
4 THIS SECTION. <<HOWEVER, THESE FEDERAL FUNDS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED OR  
ALLOCATED UNTIL A NOTIFICATION OF THE FEDERAL GRANT AWARD HAS BEEN MADE  
TO THE DEPARTMENT AS DESCRIBED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.>>

5 (2) FROM THE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), AN  
6 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,250,000.00 FOR 2011-2012 IS ALLOCATED FOR  
7 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A KINDERGARTEN ENTRY STATUS ASSESSMENT. FUNDS  
8 ALLOCATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING  
9 PURPOSES:

10 (A) TRAINING OF TRAINERS, SCHOOLS, AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.

11 (B) PURCHASING THE LICENSE FOR THE ASSESSMENT TOOL AND THE  
12 ONLINE SYSTEM FOR ENTERING ASSESSMENT FINDINGS, AND OTHER  
13 INTEGRATION COSTS WITH THE EXISTING P-20 DATA SYSTEM.

14 (C) OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES.

15 (D) PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT.

16 (3) FROM THE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), AN  
17 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,250,000.00 FOR 2011-2012 IS ALLOCATED FOR  
18 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS IN MEETING  
19 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA TO STRIVE FOR HIGHER QUALITY RATINGS UNDER THE  
20 OFFICE OF GREAT START TIERED QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM.  
21 FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE USED FOR THE  
22 FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

23 (A) HIRING AND TRAINING OF RATERS AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
24 SPECIALISTS.

25 (B) ALIGNMENT OF STATE LICENSING, MICHIGAN EARLY LEARNING  
26 STANDARDS, AND THE STATE PROFESSIONAL REGISTRY.

27 (C) COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF SETTINGS ACROSS MULTIPLE

1 QUALITY INDICATORS, INCLUDING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR  
2 QUALIFICATIONS, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLANNING, AND SUPPORT, FOR AT  
3 LEAST 1/3 OF EARLY LEARNING SETTINGS.

4 (D) PURCHASE OF EDUCATIONAL RATING TOOLS.

5 (E) CREATION OF A DATA SYSTEM TRACKING THE SUPPLY OF HIGH-  
6 QUALITY EARLY LEARNING SETTINGS THAT LINKS HIGH-NEED CHILDREN WITH  
7 QUALITY SETTINGS.

8 (F) FAMILY AND PARENT EDUCATION.

9 (G) EVALUATION.

10 (H) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

11 (4) IN ADDITION TO THE STATE FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SUBSECTIONS  
12 (2) AND (3), THE FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) ARE  
13 ALLOCATED FOR 2011-2012 IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE  
14 GRANT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1), NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000,000.00,  
15 FOR EXPANSION OF THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (2) AND  
16 (3) TO THE EXTENT THAT THE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS ALLOW.

17 (5) THE OFFICE OF GREAT START SHALL REPORT TO THE HOUSE AND  
18 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES WHETHER THIS STATE WAS AWARDED A  
19 FEDERAL RACE TO THE TOP - EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE GRANT.

20 (6) NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2012, THE OFFICE OF GREAT START  
21 SHALL REPORT TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES  
22 ON STATE SCHOOL AID THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING THE KINDERGARTEN  
23 ASSESSMENT TOOL DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) AND THE EFFORTS TO  
24 IMPROVE QUALITY RATINGS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS DESCRIBED  
25 UNDER SUBSECTION (3). IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT ON ITS  
26 PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION AND QUALITY  
27 IMPROVEMENT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

1           (7) THE FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE A WORK PROJECT  
2 APPROPRIATION, AND THE FUNDS ARE CARRIED FORWARD INTO THE FOLLOWING  
3 FISCAL YEAR. THE PURPOSE OF THE WORK PROJECT IS TO CONTINUE TO  
4 IMPLEMENT AND EXPAND THE PROJECTS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (2)  
5 AND (3). THE ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF THE WORK PROJECT IS  
6 SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

7           Enacting section 1. In accordance with section 30 of article  
8 IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending on  
9 school aid under article I of the state school aid act of 1979,  
10 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772, in this amendatory act and in  
11 2011 PA 62 from state sources for fiscal year 2011-2012 is  
12 estimated at \$11,018,241,100.00 and state appropriations to be paid  
13 to local units of government for fiscal year 2011-2012 are  
14 estimated at \$10,716,987,100.00.