

SENATE BILL No. 855

March 17, 2016, Introduced by Senator HILDENBRAND and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 11 and 17b (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1617b), section 11 as amended by 2015 PA 139 and section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 11. (1) ~~For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015,~~
 2 ~~there is appropriated for the public schools of this state and~~
 3 ~~certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of~~
 4 ~~\$11,814,097,400.00 from the state school aid fund, the sum of~~
 5 ~~\$18,000,000.00 from the MPERS retirement obligation reform reserve~~
 6 ~~fund created under section 147b, and the sum of \$33,700,000.00 from~~
 7 ~~the general fund. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016,~~

1 there is appropriated for the public schools of this state and
2 certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of
3 ~~\$12,078,985,100.00~~ \$_____ from the state school aid
4 fund and the sum of ~~\$45,900,000.00~~ \$_____ from the general
5 fund. In addition, all other available federal funds are
6 appropriated ~~each fiscal year~~ for the fiscal years ~~YEAR~~ ending
7 ~~September 30, 2015 and~~ September 30, 2016.

8 (2) The appropriations under this section shall be allocated
9 as provided in this article. Money appropriated under this section
10 from the general fund shall be expended to fund the purposes of
11 this article before the expenditure of money appropriated under
12 this section from the state school aid fund.

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

16 Sec. 17b. (1) Not later than October 20, November 20, December
17 20, January 20, February 20, March 20, April 20, May 20, June 20,
18 July 20, and August 20, the department shall prepare electronic
19 files of the amount to be distributed under this act in the
20 installment to the districts and intermediate districts and deliver
21 the electronic files to the state treasurer, and the state
22 treasurer shall pay the installments on each of those dates or, if
23 the date is not a business day, on the next business day following
24 that date. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the portion of
25 the district's or intermediate district's state fiscal year
26 entitlement to be included in each installment shall be 1/11. A
27 district or intermediate district shall accrue the payments

1 received in July and August to the school fiscal year ending the
2 immediately preceding June 30.

3 (2) The state treasurer shall make payment under this section
4 by drawing a warrant in favor of the treasurer of each district or
5 intermediate district for the amount payable to the district or
6 intermediate district according to the electronic files and
7 delivering the warrant to the treasurer of each district or
8 intermediate district, or if the state treasurer receives a written
9 request by the treasurer of the district or intermediate district
10 specifying an account, by electronic funds transfer to that account
11 of the amount payable to the district or intermediate district
12 according to the electronic files. The department may make
13 adjustments in payments made under this section through additional
14 payments when changes in law or errors in computation cause the
15 regularly scheduled payment to be less than the amount to which the
16 district or intermediate district is entitled pursuant to this act.

17 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this act, grant payments
18 to districts and intermediate districts under this act shall be
19 paid according to the installment **PAYMENT** schedule under subsection
20 (1).

21 (4) Upon the written request of a district or intermediate
22 district and the submission of proof satisfactory to the department
23 of a need of a temporary and nonrecurring nature, the
24 superintendent, with the written concurrence of the state treasurer
25 and the state budget director, may authorize an advance release of
26 funds due a district or intermediate district under this act. An
27 advance authorized under this subsection shall not cause funds to

- 1 be paid to a district or intermediate district more than 30 days
- 2 earlier than the established payment date for those funds.