

SENATE BILL NO. 1020

October 02, 2024, Introduced by Senator ALBERT 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 31aa (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1631aa), as amended by 2024 PA 120.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 11. (1) ~~For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024,~~
2 ~~there is appropriated for the public schools of this state and~~
3 ~~certain other state purposes relating to education the sum of~~
4 ~~\$18,418,357,800.00 from the state school aid fund, the sum of~~
5 ~~\$87,900,000.00 from the general fund, an amount not to exceed~~

1 ~~\$72,000,000.00 from the community district education trust fund~~
2 ~~created under section 12 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA~~
3 ~~489, MCL 12.262, an amount not to exceed \$245,000,000.00 from the~~
4 ~~school consolidation and infrastructure fund created under section~~
5 ~~11x, an amount not to exceed \$125,000,000.00 from the school~~
6 ~~transportation fund created under section 22k, an amount not to~~
7 ~~exceed \$71,000,000.00 from the enrollment stabilization fund~~
8 ~~created under section 29, an amount not to exceed \$90,000,000.00~~
9 ~~from the school meals reserve fund created under section 30e, an~~
10 ~~amount not to exceed \$18,000,000.00 from the great start readiness~~
11 ~~program reserve fund created under section 32e, and an amount not~~
12 ~~to exceed \$240,650,000.00 from the MPSERS retirement obligation~~
13 ~~reform reserve fund created under section 147b. For the fiscal year~~
14 ending September 30, 2025, there is appropriated for the public
15 schools of this state and certain other state purposes relating to
16 education the sum of \$17,643,551,300.00 from the state school aid
17 fund, the sum of ~~\$78,830,600.00~~ **\$380,330,600.00** from the general
18 fund, an amount not to exceed \$41,000,000.00 from the community
19 district education trust fund created under section 12 of the
20 Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.262, an amount not to
21 exceed \$125,000,000.00 from the school transportation fund created
22 under section 22k, an amount not to exceed \$71,000,000.00 from the
23 enrollment stabilization fund created under section 29, an amount
24 not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 from the school meals reserve fund
25 created under section 30e, an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000.00
26 from the great start readiness program reserve fund created under
27 section 32e, an amount not to exceed \$334,100,000.00 from the
28 MPSERS retirement obligation reform reserve fund created under
29 section 147b, and an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 from the

1 educator fellowship public provider fund created in section 27d. In
 2 addition, all available federal funds are only appropriated as
 3 allocated in this article for the fiscal ~~years~~**year** ending
 4 ~~September 30, 2024 and~~ September 30, 2025.

5 (2) The appropriations under this section are allocated as
 6 provided in this article. Money appropriated under this section
 7 from the general fund must be expended to fund the purposes of this
 8 article before the expenditure of money appropriated under this
 9 section from the state school aid fund.

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

13 Sec. 31aa. (1) From the state school aid fund money
 14 appropriated in section 11, there is allocated \$25,000,000.00 for
 15 2024-2025, and from the general fund money appropriated in section
 16 11, there is allocated ~~\$1,500,000.00~~**\$303,000,000.00** for 2024-2025
 17 only, to provide payments to districts, intermediate districts,
 18 nonpublic schools, and the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind
 19 that opt in and agree to receive funding under this section, for
 20 activities to improve student mental health and improve student
 21 safety. The allowable expenditures of funds under this section are
 22 as follows:

23 (a) Hiring or contracting for support staff for student mental
 24 health needs, including, but not limited to, school psychologists,
 25 social workers, counselors, and school nurses.

26 (b) Purchasing and implementing mental health screening tools.

27 (c) Purchasing a statewide, integrated technology platform,
 28 such as bhworks, that streamlines behavioral health documentation
 29 and care coordination.

1 (d) Providing school-based mental health personnel access to
2 consultation with behavioral health clinicians to respond to
3 complex student mental health needs.

4 (e) Purchasing and implementing an online behavioral health
5 tool moderated and led by licensed behavioral health professionals.

6 (f) Hiring or contracting a behavioral health coordinator.

7 (g) Evidence-based trainings to support mental health.

8 (h) Costs associated with collaboration between school
9 employees, families, and community partners to address the
10 academic, behavioral, and social needs of all students through
11 collaborative partnerships, resource coordination, data collection,
12 and data sharing.

13 (i) Costs associated with conducting a systematic school
14 mental health needs assessment and resource mapping that identifies
15 programmatic and systemic needs and helps staff determine
16 priorities and create action plans.

17 (j) Coordination with local law enforcement.

18 (k) Training for school staff on threat assessment.

19 (l) Training for school staff and students on threat response.

20 (m) Training for school staff on crisis communication.

21 (n) Safety infrastructure, including, but not limited to,
22 cameras, door blocks, hardened vestibules, window screening, and
23 technology necessary to operate buzzer systems. This may also
24 include firearm detection software that integrates to existing
25 security cameras to detect and alert school personnel and first
26 responders to visible firearms on school property.

27 (o) Age-appropriate training for students and families on
28 responsible firearm ownership, including safe handling and safe
29 storage of firearms.

1 (p) School resource officers.

2 (q) Student Safety Management System, the information
3 technology platform and related services to improve student safety
4 by mitigating cyberbullying, school violence, human trafficking,
5 and self-harm that supports students from grades K to 12.

6 (r) A secure platform, administered by the department of state
7 police, for school officials, emergency responders, and emergency
8 management coordinators to house all school safety-related items,
9 including, but not limited to, EOP templates, EOP guidance,
10 reference documents, and security assessments. The platform should
11 use existing password-protected access control methods schools
12 currently utilize and, to the extent possible, be capable of
13 integrating with existing platforms or technologies used by
14 districts for school safety. Through permissions-based access
15 control, the platform should be able to relay information clearly
16 and in real time to each person or entity necessary to provide a
17 unified response to a safety incident, or to take appropriate
18 action in response to an anticipated disruption to the normal
19 functions of the surrounding community.

20 (s) Emergency infrastructure needs to respond to an immediate
21 threat to the health or safety of students and staff in the
22 district, intermediate district, nonpublic school, or the Michigan
23 Schools for the Deaf and Blind. A district, intermediate district,
24 nonpublic school, or the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind
25 shall not expend funds for this purpose without first obtaining
26 approval from the department. In making a determination of
27 approval, the department shall, at a minimum, assess whether the
28 district, intermediate district, nonpublic school, or the Michigan
29 Schools for the Deaf and Blind is responding to an immediate threat

1 to the health or safety of students and staff, and whether the
 2 district, intermediate district, nonpublic school, or the Michigan
 3 Schools for the Deaf and Blind has other sources of funding that
 4 should be utilized first.

5 (t) A contract with a vendor for a comprehensive safety and
 6 security assessment or a comprehensive safety and security event
 7 assessment in schools operated by the district, intermediate
 8 district, nonpublic school, or the Michigan Schools for the Deaf
 9 and Blind.

10 (u) An emergency response system.

11 **(v) Any other mental health service or product necessary to**
 12 **improve or maintain the mental health of students and staff.**

13 **(w) Any other school safety service or product necessary to**
 14 **improve or maintain security in buildings.**

15 (2) By not later than December 31 of each fiscal year, from
 16 the state school aid fund money **or general fund money, or both,**
 17 allocated in subsection (1), the department shall make payments to
 18 districts, intermediate districts, and the Michigan Schools for the
 19 Deaf and Blind that opt in and agree to receive funding in an equal
 20 amount per pupil based on the total number of pupils in membership
 21 in each district, intermediate district, and the Michigan Schools
 22 for the Deaf and Blind that opts in and agrees to receive funding.
 23 By December 31 of each fiscal year, from the general fund money
 24 allocated in subsection (1), **but not exceeding \$18,000,000.00 of**
 25 **the general fund money,** the department shall make payments to
 26 nonpublic schools that opt in and agree to receive funding in an
 27 equal amount per pupil based on the total number of pupils in
 28 membership in each nonpublic school that opts in and agrees to
 29 receive funding, using pupil counts determined by the department.

1 The department shall ensure that the amount per pupil paid to
2 nonpublic schools does not exceed the amount per pupil paid to
3 districts and intermediate districts. Districts, intermediate
4 districts, the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind, and
5 nonpublic schools may opt in and agree to receive funding in a form
6 and manner determined by the department.

7 (3) Recipients of funding under this section must ~~provide~~**do**
8 **both of the following:**

9 (a) **Provide** a final expense report to the department by June 1
10 of each fiscal year. If the department determines that the eligible
11 recipient has misused the funds allocated under this section, the
12 eligible recipient shall reimburse the department for the amount of
13 state funding misused.

14 (b) **By not later than December 31, 2024, implement a cell**
15 **phone policy and submit verification to the department that the**
16 **recipient implemented the cell phone policy. If a recipient's cell**
17 **phone policy allows students to use cell phones in a classroom, the**
18 **recipient must include in its verification the justification for**
19 **that policy. If a recipient has not implemented a cell phone policy**
20 **by December 31, 2024, the recipient shall reimburse the department**
21 **for the amount of state funding received under this section.**

22 (4) Districts receiving funds under this section must
23 coordinate with intermediate school districts to avoid duplication
24 of services and to streamline delivery of services to students.

25 (5) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make
26 payments under this section on a schedule determined by the
27 department.

28 (6) As provided under section 18a, recipients may expend funds
29 under this section until the end of the fiscal year immediately

1 following the fiscal year in which the funds are received.

2 Enacting section 1. In accordance with section 30 of article
3 IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending on
4 school aid under article I of the state school aid act of 1979,
5 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772, as amended by 2024 PA 120 and
6 this amendatory act, from state sources for fiscal year 2024-2025
7 is estimated at \$18,672,981,900.00, and state appropriations for
8 school aid to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year
9 2024-2025 are estimated at \$17,213,443,900.00.

10 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect October
11 1, 2024.