

FY 2016-17: SCHOOL AID
Summary: As Passed by the Senate
Article I, Senate Bill 801 (S-1) as Amended



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	FY 2015-16 YTD as of 2/10/16	FY 2016-17 Executive	FY 2016-17 House	FY 2016-17 Senate	FY 2016-17 Enacted	<i>Difference: Senate From FY 2015-16 YTD</i>	
						<i>Amount</i>	<i>%</i>
IDG/IDT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	--
Federal	1,775,769,200	1,818,632,700	1,818,632,700	1,818,632,700		42,863,500	2.4
Local	0	0	0	0		0	--
Private	0	0	0	0		0	--
Restricted	12,078,985,100	12,134,479,400	12,148,050,100	12,062,479,600		(16,505,500)	(0.1)
GF/GP	45,900,000	230,000,000	221,000,100	226,000,000		180,100,000	392.4
Gross	\$13,900,654,300	\$14,183,112,100	\$14,187,682,900	14,107,112,300		\$206,458,000	1.5

Notes: (1) FY 2015-16 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 10, 2016. (2) Appropriation figures for all years include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

Overview

The School Aid budget makes appropriations to the state's 541 local school districts, 300 public school academies, the Education Achievement System, and 56 intermediate school districts (ISDs) for operations and certain categorical programs. It also appropriates funds to the Center for Educational Performance and Information, the Workforce Development Agency, and other entities to implement certain grants and other programs related to K-12 education.

Major Budget Changes From FY 2015-16 YTD Appropriations

1. Foundation Allowances (Secs. 22a and 22b)

Executive increases foundations using the 2x funding formula with increases ranging from \$60 to \$120 per pupil. Increases the State Maximum Guaranteed Foundation (the Basic) from \$8,169 to \$8,229 and the Minimum Foundation from \$7,391 to \$7,511. The increase costs \$150.0 million, but after a cost reduction of \$126.7 million due to increasing local share from increasing taxable values and declining pupils, the net increase totals \$ 23.3 million. Adds \$72.0 million in Detroit Public Schools (DPS) Trust Funds to support the foundation allowance costs of the newly proposed Detroit Community district to offset the loss of local school operating millage revenue, which would be redirected to pay off the debts of the former district. Adds \$1.0 million to change the pupil membership blend from 90% of the October count plus 10% of the previous February count to 50% of the fall count plus 50% of the previous February count.

	FY 2015-16 Year-to-Date (as of 2/10/16)	FY 2016-17 Senate Change
Gross	\$9,009,700,000	\$12,500,000
Restricted	8,993,379,500	(151,593,700)
GF/GP	\$16,320,500	\$164,093,700

House concurs with Executive on foundation increases and \$72.0 million from the Community District Trust Funds for DPS but revises the pupil membership blend to 85% of the current October count plus 15% of the previous October count. Includes \$13.5 million for proposed pupil membership blend changes.

Senate concurs with Executive on foundation increases. Does not include \$72.0 million from the Community District Trust Funds for DPS. Revises pupil membership blend to 75% of the current October count plus 25% of the previous February count and includes \$2.3 million for a proposed pupil membership blend change. Redirects \$9.0 million from Sec. 22a that would have funded the supplemental calculation to override the inflationary cap on Hold Harmless district foundations, as proposed under the Executive recommendation in Sec. 20j, to the same calculation in Sec. 20f instead, a categorical program created to offset funding losses due to the elimination of former categoricals.

Major Budget Changes From FY 2015-16 YTD Appropriations		FY 2015-16 Year-to-Date (as of 2/10/16)	FY 2016-17 Senate Change
2. MPERS Unfunded Liability – State Share (Sec. 147c)	Gross	\$893,500,000	\$89,300,000
<u>Executive</u> increases funding for the state share of Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) unfunded liability costs for districts, ISDs, and public libraries pursuant to PA 300 of 2012 by \$89.3 million, bringing the total to \$982.8 million.	Restricted	892,900,000	89,300,000
<u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.	GF/GP	\$600,000	\$0
3. Flint Declaration of Emergency (Sec. 11s) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$10,142,600
<u>Executive</u> provides \$10.1 million for half-year funding to provide universal Early On testing to identify and provide services to children 0-3 (\$6.4 million), universal access to preschool for 4-year-olds (\$1.5 million), additional district school nurses and school social workers (\$1.3 million), and ISD staff and services including (\$1.0 million). Additional funding, if necessary, would be available for transfer from a \$50.0 million Flint Emergency Reserve Fund proposed in the FY 2015-16 supplemental for DTMB. Additionally, it would appropriate up to \$15.0 million in state restricted contingency funds, which would not be available for expenditure until approval of a transfer by the Legislature. (See FY 2015-16 supplemental items below.)	Restricted	0	100
<u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.	GF/GP	\$0	\$10,142,500
4. Statewide School Water Testing (Sec. 78) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>Executive</u> adds \$9.0 million to provide 2 nd of 3 years of funding to test school building water systems for lead based on a strategic statewide plan developed by MDE in collaboration with DEQ and LARA. (See FY 2015-16 supplemental items below for 1 st year funding.)	Restricted	0	0
<u>House and Senate</u> did not include this section.			
5. State School Reform/Redesign (Sec. 21) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$5,000,000
<u>Executive</u> adds \$5.0 million for CEOs and supplemental payments to districts with schools identified as being in the lowest achieving 5% of public schools in the state and under the control of the State School Reform/Redesign Office (SRRO). Districts would receive a 20% foundation allowance premium for each high school FTE to compensate for the loss in foundation allowance funds remaining with elementary FTEs, since elementary foundation allowance funds often subsidize higher cost secondary schools, but would no longer be available to do so under a takeover. (See FY 2015-16 supplemental items below.)	Restricted	0	5,000,000
<u>House</u> includes with a \$100 placeholder.			
<u>Senate</u> concurs with the Executive but restricts funds from being used for a district operating under a local government option of the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act.			
6. Competency-Based Funding Pilot (Sec. 21g) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>House</u> provides \$1.0 million GF/GP to pilot a competency-based transcript and market place to establish an articulation framework for Michigan academic, technical, and global competencies and to establish assessment criteria for measuring these competencies and awarding universally recognized credentials.	GF/GP	0	0
<u>Senate</u> does not include.			
7. Consolidation Innovation Grants (Sec. 22g)	Gross	\$5,000,000	\$1,500,000
<u>Executive and House</u> do not include increase.	Restricted	5,000,000	1,500,000
<u>Senate</u> adds \$1.5 million SAF for FY 2016-17. Allocates \$1.0 million for grants to districts or ISDs for feasibility studies to explore dissolution, consolidation, or annexation. Allocates \$2.5 million for grants to districts that received a grant in FY 2015-16 for reimbursement of remaining transition costs. Allocates \$3.0 million for grants to districts or ISDs which 1) had a feasibility study that determined dissolution, consolidation, or annexation was in the districts' best interest; 2) had the potential for fiscal stress declared by the State Treasurer; or 3) is required to submit an enhanced deficit elimination plan because the State Treasure determined that the district is subject to rapidly deteriorating financial circumstances.			

Major Budget Changes From FY 2015-16 YTD Appropriations		FY 2015-16 Year-to-Date (as of 2/10/16)	FY 2016-17 Senate Change
8. Youth Challenge Program (Sec. 24c)	Gross	\$1,497,400	\$235,000
<u>Executive and House</u> increase the appropriation by \$25,000 SAF, reflecting economics increases, for a total of \$1.5 million.	Restricted	1,497,400	235,000
<u>Senate</u> concurs on economics increases and adds an additional \$210,000 SAF for a total of \$1.7 million.			
9. Strict Discipline Academies (Sec. 25f)	Gross	\$1,000,000	\$0
<u>Executive and House</u> decrease the appropriation for the added costs of educating strict discipline academy pupils to \$250,000 SAF.	Restricted	1,000,000	0
<u>Senate</u> maintained current-year appropriation levels.			
10. Dropout Recovery Programs (Sec. 25g)	Gross	\$1,000,000	\$0
<u>Executive and House</u> decrease the appropriation for the additional costs of educating pupils in a year-round dropout recovery program to \$250,000 SAF.	Restricted	1,000,000	0
<u>Senate</u> maintained current-year appropriation levels.			
11. "At Risk" Pupil Support (Sec. 31a)	Gross	\$378,988,200	\$0
<u>Executive</u> maintains current year appropriation levels.	Restricted	378,988,200	0
<u>House</u> increases by \$18.0 million to allow both Hold Harmless and Out-of-Formula districts to be eligible for partial funding. Currently, eligible districts receive 11.5% of a district's foundation allowance for each student qualifying for free lunch; however, the appropriation doesn't support full funding, so district allocations are prorated.			
<u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.			
12. Year-Round School Grants (Sec. 31b) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>House</u> adds \$3.5 million for grants to districts for building modifications or other nonrecurring costs related to implementing a new year-round school.	Restricted	0	0
<u>Senate</u> does not include.			
13. Gang Prevention Grants (Sec. 31c)	Gross	\$1,000,000	\$(1,000,000)
<u>Executive</u> eliminates funding of \$1.0 million and repeals Sec. 31c.	Restricted	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
<u>House</u> increases funding by \$3.0 million for a total of \$4.0 million.			
<u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.			
14. Local Produce in School Meals (Sec. 31j) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$500,000
<u>Senate</u> adds \$500,000 GF/GP for a pilot project to support districts in the purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables for use in school lunches. This appropriation would be distributed to districts in Prosperity regions 2, 4, and 6 at a reimbursement rate of 10 cents per meal, with priority to districts with a high percentage of kids eligible for free lunch.	GF/GP	\$0	\$500,000
15. Early Learning Cooperative (Sec. 32q) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$175,000
<u>Senate</u> adds \$175,000 GF/GP for FY 2016-17 for a district partnering with an early childhood collaborative on a pilot program to evaluate the benefits of 2 years of preschool for vulnerable children, with the intent that the funding would be the 1 st of 3 years of funding.	GF/GP	\$0	\$175,000
16. Early Literacy (3rd Grade Reading) Initiative (Sec. 35 and 35a)	Gross	\$26,400,000	\$(1,500,000)
<u>Executive</u> reduces total funding by \$2.5 million by eliminating a Parent University Pilot (\$1.0), a grant to Michigan Education Corps (\$1.0 million), and one-time funding for an early literacy certification test (\$500,000). Maintains funding for administration (\$1.0 million), professional development (\$950,000), diagnostic tools (\$1.5 million), literacy teacher coaches (\$3.0 million), and added instructional time (\$17.0 million).	Restricted	23,900,000	(1,000,000)
<u>House</u> concurs with Executive.	GF/GP	\$2,500,000	(\$500,000)
<u>Senate</u> concurs with the Executive but maintains the grant to the Michigan Education Corps (\$1.0 million).			

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17. Special Education Reforms (Sec. 54b) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$1,370,000
<u>Executive</u> adds \$1.4 million for the implementation of recommendations of the Special Education Reform Task Force published in January 2016. \$750,000 would be used to pilot statewide implementation of the Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSI), a program of positive behavioral intervention and supports, in at least 3 ISDs. \$620,000 would be used for training related to the safe implementation of emergency restraints and seclusion. <u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.	Restricted	0	1,370,000
18. Gifted & Talented Programs (Sec. 59) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$100
<u>Senate</u> adds \$100 GF/GP for FY 2016-17 for payments to intermediate school districts for gifted and talented programs.	GF/GP	\$0	\$100
19. Career and Technology Education Programs (Sec. 61a)	Gross	\$36,611,300	\$100,000
<u>Executive</u> maintains current year appropriation levels.	Restricted	36,611,300	0
<u>House</u> includes \$115,000 GF/GP to a non-profit organization that provides curriculum and training to CTE programs in restaurant management and culinary training. <u>Senate</u> concurs with House but appropriates \$100,000 GF/GP and moves restaurant and culinary CTE to new Sec. 61e.	GF/GP	\$0	\$100,000
20. CTE Early/Middle Colleges (Sec. 61b)	Gross	\$10,000,000	\$0
<u>Executive</u> increases funding to \$15.0 million for career & technical education (CTE) early/middle colleges that allow a student to graduate in 5 years with both a high school diploma and postsecondary credentials. Revises to make districts that receive funding for CTE program added costs under Section 61a eligible for funding under this section, as long as combined payments under Sections 61a and 61b do not exceed the total allowable costs of the program. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive recommendation increase but allows up to \$500,000 for grants for planning new or expanded programs and caps planning grants to \$50,000 per program. <u>Senate</u> maintains current year appropriation levels, but allows unused funds to be used for planning, development, or expansion grants.	Restricted	10,000,000	0
21. CTE Equipment Upgrades (Sec. 61c) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$10,000,000
<u>Executive</u> provides \$10.0 million in a competitive grant program to districts and ISDs to improve capital infrastructure for their CTE programs including the purchase of equipment, renovations related to installation of equipment, installation costs, and training for instructors providing instruction using the equipment. Caps individual grant awards at \$500,000. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive appropriation amount but revises to provide funds to cooperating education policy districts (CEPDs) for programs driving economic development and building a more qualified workforce.	Restricted	0	10,000,000
22. Educational Pipeline Grant (Sec. 61d) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$500,000
<u>Senate</u> adds \$500,000 GF/GP for a competitive grant program to create a seamless educational and career pathway and pipeline from kindergarten through college.	GF/GP	\$0	\$500,000
23. CTE (ISD/Health Department) Partnership (Sec. 63) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$500,000
<u>Senate</u> adds \$500,000 SAF for FY 2016-17 to an ISD for a joint capital project with a local health department for a new building connected to the ISD CTE center.	Restricted	0	500,000
24. Intermediate School District (ISD) General Operations (Sec. 81)	Gross	\$67,108,000	\$1,074,000
<u>Executive</u> increases ISD funding by 1.6%, or \$1.1 million, to a total of \$68.2 million. <u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.	Restricted	67,108,000	1,074,000

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25. Educator Evaluations (Sec. 95a)	Gross	\$0	\$100
<u>Executive</u> adds \$10.0 million into the Educator Evaluation reserve fund to provide training in educator evaluation systems.	Restricted	0	100
<u>House</u> instead adds \$100 placeholder in Sec. 95b for a statewide student growth tool for the purposes of educator evaluations.			
<u>Senate</u> includes a \$100 placeholder.			
26. Michigan Virtual University (MVU) (Sec. 98)	Gross	\$7,387,500	(\$387,500)
<u>Senate</u> reduces appropriation to \$7.0 million GF/GP for FY 2016-17. Adds requirement that MVU report by Nov. 1, 2016 on its mission, its plans, and proposed benchmarks it must meet, including a plan to increase by 50% improvement for each requirement under this section in order to receive full funding for FY 2017-18, with a progress report by March 1, 2017. Also, expands profession development requirements from 500 educators to 30,000 and requires coordination with Math/Science Centers.	GF/GP	\$7,387,500	(\$387,500)
27. FIRST Robotics (Sec. 99h)	Gross	\$2,000,000	\$500,000
<u>Executive</u> increases funding for district grants for FIRST Robotics programs to a total of \$2.5 million. Funds may be used for coach stipends and program expenses.	Restricted	2,000,000	500,000
<u>House</u> maintains current year appropriation.			
<u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.			
28. MiSTEM Grants (Sec. 99s)	Gross	\$9,274,300	\$2,250,000
<u>Executive</u> adds \$1.3 million bringing total funding to \$10.5 million to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education programs. Maintains existing funding for Math/Science Centers (\$8.0 million). Rolls up funding currently going to Science Olympiad, STEM professional development, MI STEM Partnership, and VanAndel Institute along with the increased \$1.3 million to implement grants based on the MiSTEM Council recommendations, which are due in March 2016.	Federal	5,249,300	0
<u>House</u> maintains current year appropriation total, and maintains current year individual grant levels but revises Math/Science Center funding as follows: creates 10 MiSTEM Centers in each prosperity region (with an ISD fiscal agent for each); MiSTEM Centers would coordinate with the MiSTEM council and Change the Equation STEMworks and distribute at least half of the funding to districts for participation in eligible STEM programs.	Restricted	3,250,000	1,000,000
<u>Senate</u> adds \$2.3 million bringing total funding to \$11.5 million. Increases funding for MiSTEM council grants by \$1.5 million, increases state funding to Math and Science centers by \$1.0 million, and increases funding to Science Olympiad and Van Andel Education Institute by \$250,000 each. Also, removes specific funding to Michigan STEM Partnership and STEM Professional Development.	GF/GP	\$775,000	\$1,250,000
29. Online Algebra tool (Sec. 99t) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$100
<u>House</u> provides \$2.0 million GF/GP for a statewide online algebra tool that provides students with algebra related videos, adaptive diagnostics, online supports, practice assessments, and professional development for teachers.	GF/GP	\$0	\$100
<u>Senate</u> provides \$100 GF/GP for a statewide online algebra tool.			
30. Financial Data Analysis Tools (Sec. 102d)	Gross	\$1,500,000	\$0
<u>Executive</u> maintains current year appropriation levels.	Restricted	1,500,000	0
<u>House</u> adds \$100,000 SAF for ISD reimbursements of financial data analysis tools. Currently, funds are only provided to districts to reimburse them for the cost of licensing school data analytical tools, and this additional allocation is for ISD reimbursements.			
<u>Senate</u> maintains current year appropriation levels but adds ISDs as eligible recipients. Provides a reimbursement formula that first funds up to 50% of the cost for each district and ISD that applies and second distributes remaining funds on an equal per-pupil basis. Caps reimbursement at total cost and restricts to not more than 1 software application per district or ISD.			

Major Budget Changes From FY 2015-16 YTD Appropriations		FY 2015-16 Year-to-Date (as of 2/10/16)	FY 2016-17 Senate Change
31. M-STEP Assessments (Sec. 104)	Gross	\$50,244,400	(\$8,757,600)
<u>Executive</u> reduces by \$10.1 million bringing total funding for student assessments to \$40.1 million. Eliminates \$8.5 million in one-time funding to convert assessments to online tests, expand writing assessments to additional grades, and create additional constructed response test questions, all of which has been completed. Also eliminates funding that had supported the Kindergarten Entry Assessment, which has been replaced by a kindergarten summative assessment.	Restricted	43,994,400	(8,757,600)
<u>House</u> reduces funding by \$22.0 million and eliminates the M-STEP. The remaining \$22.0 million SAF and \$6.3 million Federal funding would instead be used for a statewide contract for a computer adaptive test, which would replace M-STEP.	Federal	6,250,000	0
<u>Senate</u> provides \$41.1 million gross for student assessments. Includes \$1.1 million for a pilot literacy preparation initiative for grades K-8. Also includes \$250,000 to districts that use the kindergarten entry assessment developed for FY 2015-16.			
32. Nonpublic School Reimbursements (Sec. 152b) – NEW	Gross	\$0	\$5,000,000
<u>House</u> adds \$1,000,000 SAF to reimburse nonpublic schools for the costs related to activities identified in the nonpublic schools mandate report required under Sec. 236 of PA 252 of 2014.	Restricted	0	0
<u>Senate</u> concurs but appropriates \$5.0 million GF/GP.	GF/GP	\$0	\$5,000,000
33. Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grants (Sec. 22i)	Gross	\$23,500,000	(\$23,500,000)
<u>Executive</u> eliminates funding and repeals this section.	Restricted	23,500,000	(23,500,000)
<u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.			
34. Other Program Eliminations	Gross	\$6,160,000	\$3,700,000
<u>Executive</u> eliminates funding and repeals the following sections:	Restricted	4,360,000	3,700,000
• Sec. 31h – Cooperative Education (Albion/Marshall) - \$300,000	GF/GP	\$1,800,000	\$0
• Sec. 43 – Teacher Certification Test Rewrite - \$1.8 million			
• Sec. 99c – Civics Education - \$60,000			
• Sec. 104d – Computer Adaptive Tests - \$4.0 million			
<u>House</u> concurs with repealing of sections 31h, 43, 99c, and 104d.			
<u>Senate</u> concurs with repealing Sec. 43 but maintains funding for Sec. 31h and Sec. 99c, and increases Sec. 104d by \$5.5 million.			
35. Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) (Sec. 67)	Gross	\$3,600,000	(\$550,000)
<u>Executive</u> reduces funding by \$550,000 to eliminate one-time funding for an online career planning tool, leaving \$3.1 million for the balance of MCAN efforts to expand access to college.	Restricted	3,600,000	(550,000)
<u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.			
36. Special Education (Sec. 51a, 51c, 51d, 53a, 54, and 56)	Gross	\$1,359,546,100	\$54,500,000
<u>Executive</u> increases funding for special education by \$54.5 million to a total of \$1.4 billion to reflect updated estimates. (See FY 2015-16 supplemental items below.)	Restricted	918,546,100	54,500,000
<u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.	Federal	441,000,000	0
37. Other Cost Adjustments	Gross	NA	(\$8,286,700)
<u>Executive</u> adjusts appropriation levels based on actual prior year costs for the following:	Restricted	NA	(8,286,700)
• Sec. 11m - Cash Flow Borrowing Costs - \$1.0 million increase to \$3.0 million.			
• Sec. 26a - Renaissance Zones - \$6.3 million decrease to \$20.0 million.			
• Sec. 31f - School Breakfast Program - \$3.1 million decrease to \$2.5 million.			
• Sec. 24a - Juvenile Detention Facilities - \$861,700 decrease to \$1.3 million.			
<u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.			

<u>Major Budget Changes From FY 2015-16 YTD Appropriations</u>	<u>FY 2015-16 Year-to-Date (as of 2/10/16)</u>	<u>FY 2016-17 Senate Change</u>
38. Federal NCLB/ESSA Funding (Sec. 39a(1))	Gross	\$779,076,400
<u>Executive</u> recognizes increase in funding under the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of \$55.9 million for student support and academic enrichment. Reduces Drug-Free School and Community funds by \$3.0 million to a total of \$2.0 million, and eliminates all but \$250,000, a reduction of \$10.0 million, in charter school subgrant funds.	Federal	42,863,400
<u>House and Senate</u> concur with Executive.		42,863,400

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2015-16

Sec. 3. Definitions – REVISED

Senate adds a new definition for “community district” as defined under Part B of the Revised School Code, as proposed in the Detroit Public Schools legislative package.

Sec. 6. Pupil Membership Definitions – REVISED

Executive revises pupil membership blend in (4) from 90% of the October count plus 10% of the prior February count to 50% fall count plus 50% prior February count. Caps the number for which a district may claim a nonpublic school pupil membership, for the purposes of receiving state aid, at no more than 1/3 of an FTE for grades 1 to 12 to align it with Sec. 166b, which requires that a nonpublic student be part-time and limited to nonessential elective courses. (See also Sec. 166b below). Strikes language added in FY 2015-16 that would count allow a student to be counted as homeless if he or she was counted in membership in FY 2014-15 even if the student didn't meet the Federal homeless definition.

House revises pupil membership blend in (4) to 85% of the current October count plus 15% of the previous October count. Does not cap the number of FTEs a nonpublic school pupil membership. House concurs to strike the homeless exception added in FY 2015-16. Adds that for a special education student who was expelled on the pupil count day but reinstated after, the district's membership shall be adjusted to count the student.

Senate revises pupil membership blend in (4) to 75% of pupils counted on the October count day plus 50% of pupils counter on the prior February count day. Revises the proposed cap on nonpublic school FTEs to 1/2 of an FTE. Expands the pupils allowed in an alternative education program to be educated until age 22 as long as program is “primarily focused on educating pupils with extreme barriers to education such as being homeless...” rather than the pupil actually is homeless. Revises the prohibition on establishing an instructional site within the boundaries of another district to provide an exception for the Michigan Youth Challenge Program. Revises one of the count days for the Michigan Youth Challenge Program, which is a residential 11-month program from the fourth Wednesday in July to the fourth Wednesday in August.

Sec. 19. Reporting Requirements – REVISED

Executive deletes legislative intent that MDE and CEPI begin implementing statewide standard reporting requirements for districts in 2016-17.

House concurs with Executive.

Senate requires that MDE and CEPI begin implementing statewide standard reporting requirements in 2016-2017 and requires that districts and ISDs implement beginning in FY 2017-18 or whenever a district or ISD updates its education data reporting system, whichever is later.

Sec. 20. Foundation Allowance Calculation – REVISED

Executive increases minimum foundation to \$7,511 and the basic foundation to \$8,229 and makes adjustments to reflect Section 20j.

House concurs with Executive.

Senate concurs with Executive and adds that a community district would have a foundation allowance equal to the qualifying school district that it is replacing. Also, provides that for a district receiving a consolidation grant under Sec. 22g, for the first two years, its new foundation allowance would be the pupil weighted average plus \$300.

Sec. 20g. Dissolved District Transition Grant – REVISED

Senate adds legislative intent that \$660,000 from the FY 2013-14 work project be used to pay off the former Buena Vista District debt because voters twice rejected a reauthorization of its nonhomestead school operating mills.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2015-16

Sec. 20j. Foundation Calculations for Hold Harmless Districts – NEW

Executive due to an inflationary cap on Hold Harmless (HH) District Foundation Allowances, which was put in statute along with the school funding reforms tied to Proposal A in 1994, HH districts (currently foundation allowances greater than \$8,169) would be capped at increases ranging from \$8-\$15. The Executive budget reintroduces former Section 20j, which would allow the difference between each HH district's inflationary increase and the \$60 increase in the State Maximum Guaranteed foundation allowance to be allocated under a separate calculation than its foundation calculation in Sec. 20.

House concurs with Executive.

Senate concurs with Executive but moves to a categorical in Section 20f rather than funding as a foundation allowance adjustment.

Sec. 21f. Virtual Classes – REVISED:

- Executive requires a district to provide written notification and a description of appeal process if denying enrollment. Also requires a district if disallowing a course for sufficient rigor to "enroll" a pupil in an alternative course, rather than "make a reasonable effort to assist" a student in finding an alternative.

House concurs.

Senate maintains current law but revises to allow the primary district to determine if an alternative course if of acceptable rigor and quality.

- Executive requires primary enrolling districts to provide a student enrolled in more than 2 virtual courses per term with hardware, software, and internet access without charge to the pupil, in addition to the expenses paid for the virtual course under (9), currently 6.67% of the minimum foundation.

House and Senate do not include.

- Executive requires MDE to establish standards for appropriate hardware, software, and internet access and to establish minimum requirements to count a pupil in a virtual course in a district's pupil membership, for the purpose of receiving of state aid.

House maintains current law.

Senate concurs with Executive.

- Executive deletes requirement that online courses offered by community colleges generate postsecondary credit.

House maintains current law.

Senate concurs with Executive.

- Executive deletes provision allowing district to deny enrollment in online course if request does not occur within same timelines established for enrollment and schedule changes for regular courses.

House concurs.

Senate maintains current law.

Sec. 25e. Pupil Transfer Process – RETAINED

Executive repeals this section and eliminates the pupil transfer process, which currently allows districts to transfer a portion of a pupil membership FTE, and thus the state aid funding tied to it, if a pupil transfers from one district to another between the Fall count date and the following February count date.

House concurs with Executive.

Senate maintains current law.

Sec. 32d. Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) – REVISED

Executive prioritizes children who are homeless, in foster care, or have an IEP that requires preschool as if they are in the lowest income quintile. Reduces program eligibility notification requirements to community-based providers to those that are currently non-participating and to just one notice, which could be done electronically.

House concurs with Executive and revises the cap on ISD administration expenses from either 7% or 4% depending on whether or not the ISD is subcontracting services to 5% either way, and eliminates the 4% cap for subrecipient administration costs and instead counts them as direct services.

Senate concurs with Executive and revises the cap on ISD administration expenses from either 7% or 4% depending on whether or not the ISD is subcontracting services to 4% either way, and eliminates the 4% cap for subrecipient administration costs and instead counts them as program costs or contracted fees for service. Also, allows a Head Start grantee or delegate in a blended Head Start GSRP program to count toward the 30% of slots that must be allocated to community-based providers but excludes children in a pure Head Start program from counting toward the 30%.

Sec. 39. Great Start Readiness Program Formula – REVISED

Executive revises application and formula to base it on number of half-day slots filled rather children served such that the hold harmless provision, guaranteeing an ISD at least its prior slot allocation, would include slots used to provide full-day programs.

House and Senate concur with Executive.

Sec. 39a. Federal Funds – REVISED

Senate adds that for the purposes of funding Title I grants, MDE shall allocate an amount of Title I, Part A funds to a strict discipline academy equal to what it would have received if it were included under Part D or what it would receive under Part A, whichever is greater.

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2015-16

Sec. 51a(15). Special Education Penalty – REVISED

Executive deletes legislative intent that, beginning in FY 2016-17, would penalize a district, PSA, or ISD by 10% of its total state aid if it does not comply with the process for special education services for PSA pupils under subsection (14) or federal regulations. House and Senate maintain the penalty and implement it beginning in FY 2016-17.

Sec. 101. Days and Hours of Instruction – REVISED

Executive deletes district reports of days and hours of instruction and replaces with district certification to MDE that it is in full compliance or district reports to MDE for each instance of noncompliance. House and Senate concur with Executive.

Sec. 104b. Assessments – REVISED

Executive revises to update NCLB references with ESSA references. House repeals this section, which requires that districts administer the Michigan Merit Exam including a college entrance test (SAT, formerly ACT), a work skills test (WorkKeys), and a state summative assessment (M-STEP). Senate concurs with Executive.

Sec. 104c. Assessments – REVISED

Executive revises to require fall and spring assessments in grades K to 2, and eliminates the kindergarten entry assessment. House repeals this section. Senate revises to require MDE to field test a kindergarten readiness assessment (KRA) to replace the kindergarten entry assessment (KEA) and work with at least 3 ISDs and their constituent districts to participate in the KRA.

Sec. 107. Adult Education – REVISED

Executive revises eligible programs to add adult secondary education programs, eliminate job- or employment-related programs, and revise GED to high school equivalency test prep programs. Deletes all current participant eligibility criteria, and replaces with either a) is at least 20 years of age or b) is an out-of-school youth as defined in federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Deletes FTE funding formula based on 80% enrollment and 20% completion. Makes payments based on statewide allocation criteria including 3-year average enrollments, census data, and local needs as well as participant completion data, and allowable expenditures. House concurs with Executive except maintains current law in regards to participant eligibility criteria. Senate maintains current law except for the following revisions: freezes the formula at the current split of 2/3 old method, 1/3 new method and deletes formula to continue moving toward a new method in future fiscal years.

Sec. 166. Penalty for Family Planning – RETAINED

Executive repeals this section. House revises the penalty under which a district currently forfeits 5% of its total state aid if a board member or staff distributes family planning drugs or devices or makes referrals for abortions. Instead it would require a district to adopt a disciplinary policy for school officials or staff for violations of MCL 380.1507 (regarding Sex Education and prohibits distribution of family planning drugs or devices) or for making abortion referrals. A district that fails to adopt a disciplinary policy would forfeit \$100,000 of its state aid. The policy must create financial penalties for school officials, staff, or contractors and require that penalties be negotiated in collective bargaining agreements. Senate maintains current law.

Sec. 166b. Nonpublic Students – REVISED

Executive revises to clarify that a district may count nonpublic students as FTEs, to receive state aid, for nonessential, elective courses "that are offered **AND BEING PROVIDED**" to full-time pupils in the same grade level or age group during regularly scheduled school hours. House maintains current law. Senate maintains current law and adds that MDE must provide a uniform definition of nonessential elective courses.

Sec. 167a. Expelled or Suspended Pupils – NOT INCLUDED

House adds language that require a district to implement a plan to reduce expulsions and suspensions exceeding ten days, and provides legislative intent to reduce state aid in FY 2017-18 for districts that have not implemented such a plan. Senate does not include.

Flint-related Supplemental Recommendations for FY 2015-16 Appropriations **FY 2015-16 Recommendation**

1. Flint Declaration of Emergency (Sec. 11o) – NEW	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> adds \$9.2 million to provide universal Early On testing to identify and provide services to children 0-4 with potential developmental delays due to lead exposure.	GF/GP	\$0
<u>House</u> concurs with Executive.		
<u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.		

Other Supplemental Recommendations for FY 2015-16 Appropriations

**FY 2015-16
Recommendation**

1. State School Reform/Redesign (Sec. 21) – NEW	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> adds \$1.0 million to pay CEOs appointed by the School Reform/Redesign Office (SRRO) to take control of school buildings that are identified in the lowest achieving 5% of schools in the state. <u>House</u> does not include. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0
2. Statewide School Water Testing (Sec. 78) – NEW	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> adds \$9.0 million to provide the 1 st of 3 years of funding to test school building water systems for lead based on a statewide strategic plan developed by MDE in collaboration with DEQ and LARA. <u>House</u> does not include. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0
3. Special Education (Secs. 51a, 51c, 51d, 53a, 54, and 56)	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> increases the state share of court-mandated special education costs to a total of \$947.2 million to reflect updated estimates based on actual FY 2014-15 costs. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0
4. Foundation Allowances (Secs. 22a and 22b)	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> reduces the state share of foundation costs to a total of \$8.9 billion to reflect revised consensus estimates due to an increasing local share due to higher taxable values. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0
5. School Bond Loan Redemption Fund (Sec. 11j)	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> reduces costs paid on behalf of districts in the school bond loan program to \$99.5 million to reflect lower costs from an increased number of districts refinancing bonds to access lower interest rates. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0
6. Renaissance Zone Reimbursements (Sec. 26a)	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> reduces reimbursements to \$20.0 million based on actual FY 2014-15 costs. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0
7. School Breakfast (Sec. 31f)	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> reduces school breakfast costs to \$2.5 million based on actual FY 2014-15 program costs. Cost reductions due to increased federal funding for in FY 2014-15. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0
8. Juvenile Detention Facilities (Sec. 24a)	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> reduces the costs of education expenses in juvenile detention facilities operated by DHHS to reflect the closure of the Maxey facility. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0
9. Promise Zone Payments (Sec. 26c)	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> reduces payments to promise zone authorities based on updated cost estimates. Promise zones receive half the growth in the State Education Tax (SET) revenue from property within the zone compared to base year SET revenues. <u>House</u> concurs with Executive. <u>Senate</u> did not include FY 2015-16 adjustments.	Restricted	0