



FY 2024-25 LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL (MiLEAP) BUDGET

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Executive Recommendation



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Note: As a new department, MiLEAP does not have FY 2023-24 current law boilerplate. FY 2024-25 boilerplate will be listed as new additions under the Executive.

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1 for the fiscal year 2025 is \$162,784,000.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2025 is \$0.00.

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

Sec. 203. As used in this article:
 (a) "Department" means the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential.
 (b) "DHHS" means the Michigan department of health and human services.
 (c) "Director" means the director of the department.
 (d) "FTE" means full-time equated.

Sec. 204. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the departments and agencies shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this part. This requirement shall include transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for each reporting requirement, and it shall include placement of reports on an internet site.



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Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the following apply:

(a) The funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used for the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are available.

(b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality.

(c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality.



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Sec. 206. To the extent permissible under the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director of each department and agency receiving appropriations in part 1 shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that geographically disadvantaged business enterprises, as defined in Executive Directive 2023-1, compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. Each director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department or agency contracts to subcontract with certified geographically disadvantaged business enterprises for services, supplies, or both.



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Sec. 207. Consistent with section 217 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, each department and agency receiving appropriations in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the department's or agency's budget. The department shall submit the report to the house and senate appropriations committees and to the report recipients required in section 213 of this part. The report shall include all of the following information:

- (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.
- (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues, and the proportion funded with other revenues.



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Sec. 209. Not later than December 15, the state budget office shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The state budget office shall submit the report to the senate and house appropriations committees and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this article under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.



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(2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for state restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this article under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

(3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for local contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this article under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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



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Sec. 211. (1) Money appropriated in part 1 shall not be used to restrict or impeded a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities.
(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments shall report any action or policy that attempts to restrict or interfere with the duties of the local health officer.

Sec. 213. Except as otherwise provided in this part, all reports required under this part shall be submitted to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office.

Sec. 216. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees and the report recipients required in section 213 of this part a comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.



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Office of Education Partnerships

Transferred from Michigan Department of Education (MDE) budget Sec. 1014 with minor technical revisions.

Sec. 401. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for family and community engagement, the department shall at a minimum do all of the following:
 (a) Establish or partner with family engagement centers across the state to increase parent and guardian involvement in their child's education.
 (b) Ensure translation and interpretation services are available and implemented pursuant to department guidance.
 (c) Partner with intermediate school districts to assist in getting information and resources to their constituent districts.
 (d) Develop and early literacy engagement plan to help parents or guardians become involved in their child's education.

Office of Higher Education

Transferred from Michigan Department of Treasury budget Sec. 935 with minor technical revisions.

Sec. 705. The funds appropriated in part 1 for dual enrollment payments for an eligible student enrolled in a state-approved nonpublic school shall be distributed as provided under the postsecondary enrollment options act, 1996 PA 160, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, and the career and technical preparation act, 2000 PA 258, MCL 388.1901 to 388.1913 in a form and manner as determined by the department.



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Office of Early Childhood Education

Transferred from Michigan Department of Education (MDE) budget Sec. 1002 with minor technical revisions.

Sec. 1002. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall ensure that the final child development and care provider reimbursement rates are published on the department and Great Start to Quality webpages.

(2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, upon receiving approval from the state budget director, the department may receive and expend federal child care development block grant funds at risk of being lapsed back to the federal government. The department may do this only if all of the following criteria are met:
 (a) The funds are at risk of being lapsed by the end of the current fiscal year.
 (b) The department plans to expend the funds through a 1-time rate increase to providers.
 (c) The department makes this request to the state budget director not less than 30 days before the expenditure of the funds.



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(3) If the average cases over a 3-month period in the child development and care program result in the projected current fiscal year caseloads to fall below the caseload agreement from the May consensus revenue estimating conference, the department may increase the hourly reimbursement rate to child care providers if the following conditions are met:

(a) The level of estimated expenditures for the remainder of the year is estimated to be significantly below the level estimated from the May consensus revenue estimating conference.

(b) The department plans to expend the funds through a rate increase to providers for the remainder of the fiscal year.

(c) The department makes this request to the state budget director not less than 30 days before the expenditure of the funds that includes the rate increase.

(4) Upon receiving approval from the state budget director under subsection (2) or (3), the department must notify the senate and house fiscal agencies of the amount being appropriated, the estimated rate increase to providers, and if the rate increase to providers is 1-time or ongoing in nature.



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(5) The department may withdraw the intent to expend the funds under subsections (2) or (3) by notifying the state budget director in writing.

Sec. 1004. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care public assistance, the provider reimbursement rates for child care centers, group home providers, registered family homes, and licensed exempt providers are increased by 10% from the provider rates established in the child development and care handbook for FY 2024, rounded to the nearest \$0.05.
 (2) Rate increases funded under subsections (1) are effective the first full biweekly pay period of fiscal year 2024-2025.
 (3) The department shall ensure that the final child development and care provider reimbursement rates are published on the department and Great Start to Quality webpages.



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Sec. 1005. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care public assistance, the provider reimbursement rates for child care centers, group home providers, registered family homes, and licensed exempt providers for foster care children who are receiving benefits through their foster parents, are increased by 30% from the provider rates established in section 1004 of this article, rounded to the nearest \$0.05.

(2) Rate increases funded under subsections (1) are effective the first full biweekly pay period of fiscal year 2024-2025.

(3) The department shall ensure that the final child development and care provider reimbursement rates are published on the department and Great Start to Quality webpages.



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Transferred from Michigan Department of Education (MDE) budget Sec. 1007 with minor technical revisions and consolidates reporting requirements from MDE Sec. 1003.

Sec. 1007. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care-external support, child development and care contracted services, and childcare licensing and regulation, the department shall create an annual report that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) The affordability of child care in this state, including, but not limited to, the number of children eligible for and participating in the child development and care program, the number of children eligible for and participating in the child development and care program for the last 5 years, and key takeaways from the most recent market rate survey.

(b) The availability of child care in this state by county, including, but not limited to, the number of licensed child care providers, the change in the number of licensed child care providers and slots over time, and the estimated demand for care.



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(c) The health and safety of child care, including, but not limited to, the top 10 most common rule violations, the number of licenses revoked and summarily suspended, and the number of license violations for incomplete health and safety training and safe sleep training.

(d) Any actions taken to strengthen health and safety of care, including, but not limited to, the number of licensing consultants, their average caseload, the number of on-site visits they complete by provider type and region, the types of activities that are intended to improve health and safety in licensed care, and the number of times those activities are performed by licensing consultants.

(e) The quality of child care, including, but not limited to, the number of licensed providers participating in the great start to quality program and the workforce registry, the number of new participants and how participation has changed over the last 5 years, and the number of children participating in the child development and care program enrolled in an enhancing quality level or higher program.



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(f) Any actions taken to improve child care quality, including, but not limited to, the number of quality consultants, their average caseload, the number of on-site visits they complete by region, the types of activities that are intended to improve quality and the number of times those activities are performed, and the number of providers that have improved their quality rating since the start of the current fiscal year compared to the same time period in the preceding fiscal year, reported as the number of providers in each region.

(g) The child care workforce, including, but not limited to, the number of child care professional, average wages by role, number of individuals participating in the TEACH scholarship and earning a credential, and the level of demand for staff.



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(h) Total funding appropriated to contracts for the early childhood comprehensive systems planning by the state during the previous fiscal year that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 (i) The amount of funding for each grant awarded.
 (ii) The grant recipients.
 (iii) The activities funded by each grant.
 (iv) An analysis of each grant recipient's success in addressing the development of a comprehensive system of early childhood services and supports.

(2) The report shall be posted to the department website and sent to the state budget director, the house and senate subcommittees that oversee the department budget, and the house and senate fiscal agencies by April 1 of the current fiscal year reflecting data for the previous fiscal year.



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Transferred from Michigan Department of Education (MDE) budget Sec. 1008 with minor technical revisions.

Sec. 1008. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for office of early childhood education, the department shall ensure efficient service provisions to coordinate services provided to families for home visits, reduce duplication of state services and spending, and increase efficiencies including the home visits funded under section 32p of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1632p, and work with the DHHS as necessary.

Transferred from Michigan Department of Education (MDE) budget Sec. 1009.

Sec. 1009. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care public assistance, the income entrance eligibility threshold for the child development and care program is set to not more than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Transferred from Michigan Department of Education (MDE) budget Sec. 1011.

Sec. 1011. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care public assistance, for eligible children in the child development and care program, the department shall implement payments to providers based on enrollment rather than based on attendance. This shall be done in a manner determined by the department.



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Transferred from Michigan Department of Education (MDE) budget Sec. 1012.

Sec. 1012. From the funds appropriated in part 1, \$3,000,000.00 shall be for the department to work in collaboration with DHHS to continue the network of infant and early childhood mental health consultation, which provides mental health consultation to child care providers.

Transferred from Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) budget Sec. 701 with minor technical revisions.

Sec. 1030. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the Tri-share child care program shall be awarded for the continuation of the project originally initiated and funded in section 1047(31) of article 5 of 2020 PA 166.
(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, funding appropriated in part 1 must be used to fund existing child care facilitator hubs. The department may fund new child care facilitator hubs provided sufficient funding exists to support all existing hubs, including hubs currently funded with private dollars. Any new hubs added must increase the number of participating counties or serve statewide employers.



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(3) Any child care facilitator receiving funds under this section must be a nonprofit, limited liability company, C-corporation, S-corporation, or a sole proprietor.
(4) Not more than \$200,000.00 may be used for administration of the program.

One-Time Appropriations

Sec. 1101. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the child development and care public assistance, the department shall implement a pilot program to provide employees working in licensed child care programs benefits under the state child development an care program.



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(2) Eligible employees must apply in a form and manner determined by the department. The department shall develop criteria and eligibility requirements for the program, that shall include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) Children in care at a home based provider where the owner of the home based provider is the parent or guardian of the child are not eligible for benefits under this program.

(b) The amount of hours in biweekly benefits for this program must be equal to or less than the amount of time the child care worker works in the same biweekly period. There is one exception, if their child is in care at a child care provider the do not work at, they can receive up to an additional 10 hours biweekly to cover commute time. The limit of biweekly benefits is the same as the child development and care program, 90 hours biweekly.



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(3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for child development and care public assistance, are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditure under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to provide child development and care benefits to employees in licensed child care programs.

(b) The project shall be accomplished by the department.

(c) The estimated cost of this project is \$60,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date for this work project is September 30, 2027.