

FY 2024-25: LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT AND POTENTIAL

Summary: Conference Report Article 11, Senate Bill 747 (S-1) CR-1



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	FY 2023-24 Enacted as of 2/7/24	FY 2024-25 Executive	FY 2024-25 House	FY 2024-25 Senate	FY 2024-25 Conference	Difference: Conference From FY 2023-24	
						Enacted Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
Federal	0	413,951,400	432,881,700	420,954,100	505,391,000	505,391,000	NA
Local	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Private	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	NA
Restricted	0	1,862,300	1,862,300	1,862,300	1,863,900	1,863,900	NA
GF/GP	0	160,921,700	183,984,900	124,549,100	136,489,300	136,489,300	NA
Gross	\$0	\$576,985,400	\$618,978,900	\$547,615,500	\$643,994,200	\$643,994,200	NA
FTEs	0.0	340.0	313.0	323.0	343.0	343.0	NA

Note: Appropriation figures for FY 2024-25 include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

Overview

The Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP), created under Executive Order 2023-6, is responsible for administering and coordinating statewide education efforts outside of the K-12 school system, including child care, child care worker and facility licensing, early childhood education, out of school time, and higher education related programs. The department combines offices from the Department of Education, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, and the Department of Treasury to oversee these programs.

	FY 2023-24 Enacted (as of 2/7/24)	FY 2024-25 Conference Change
Major Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations		
1. Departmental Administration and Support	FTE	0.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$8.7 million Gross (\$7.8 million GF/GP) and authorizes 30.0 classified and 6.0 unclassified FTE positions for departmental administration and support, including executive direction and operations and property management. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross	\$0
	Federal	911,200
	GF/GP	\$7,780,700
2. Information Technology	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$1.0 million Gross (\$767,800 GF/GP) for information technology services and projects. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Federal	222,500
	GF/GP	\$767,800
OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
3. Child Development and Care Subsidy Transfer	Gross	\$0
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$364.5 million Gross (\$50.8 million GF/GP) from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for the child development and care subsidy, which provides support for low-income and other qualifying families in need of child care to work or participate in training or educational activities. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Federal	313,659,800
	GF/GP	\$50,840,200
4. Child Development and Care Public Assistance Adjustment	Gross	\$0
<u>Conference</u> increases Child Development and Care Public Assistance by \$69.4 million federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) to reflect revised estimates from the May 2024 Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference.	Federal	69,444,000
	GF/GP	\$0

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Major Budget Changes from FY 2023-24 Enacted Appropriations			
5. Child Care Provider Rate Increase	Gross	\$0	\$65,091,800
<u>Executive</u> provides \$37.9 million Gross (\$19.0 million GF/GP) to increase hourly child care provider reimbursement rates by 10%. <u>House</u> provides \$75.9 million Gross (\$37.9 million GF/GP) to increase hourly child care provide reimbursement rates by 20%. <u>Senate</u> concurs with House on increasing reimbursement rates by 20% but at \$75.9 million Gross (\$32.6 million GF/GP) funding level. <u>Conference</u> provides \$65.1 million Gross (\$19.0 million GF/GP) to increase child care provider reimbursement rates by 15%.	Federal	0	46,128,100
	GF/GP	\$0	\$18,963,700
6. Child Care Licensing Bureau Transfer	FTE	0.0	140.0
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$25.0 million Gross (\$3.8 million GF/GP) and authorization for 147.0 FTE positions from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) for the Child Care Licensing Bureau and additional licensing staff. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> transfers in \$24.3 million Gross (\$3.1 million GF/GP) and authorization for 140.0 FTE positions from LARA.	Gross	\$0	\$24,286,200
	Federal	0	20,653,100
	Restricted	0	501,700
	GF/GP	\$0	\$3,131,400
7. Child Development and Care Contracted Services Transfer	Gross	\$0	\$18,900,000
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$18.9 million Federal from MDE for the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, which administers child care quality initiatives, License Exempt Monitoring, and the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Michigan Scholarship program for child care providers. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Federal	0	18,900,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
8. Office of Great Start Operations	FTE	0.0	70.0
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$14.4 million Gross (\$2.5 million GF/GP) and authorization for 70.0 FTE positions from MDE for the operations for the Office of Great Start, which administers early childhood education programs for general and special education students and the child development and care public assistance programs. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross	\$0	\$14,388,100
	Federal	0	11,597,100
	Private	0	250,000
	Restricted	0	64,600
	GF/GP	\$0	\$2,476,400
9. Child Development and Care External Support Transfer	Gross	\$0	\$11,028,100
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$11.0 million Federal from MDE for an interdepartmental grant to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to support child development and care related activities, including program eligibility determinations and responding to administrative hearings. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Federal	0	11,028,100
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
10. Child Care Facility Inspections	FTE	0.0	30.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$4.8 million Federal and authorizes 30.0 FTE positions to increase staff support for child care facility inspections. <u>House</u> provides \$806,700 Federal and authorizes 5.0 FTE positions. <u>Senate</u> does not include. <u>Conference</u> concurs with Executive.	Gross	\$0	\$4,840,100
	Federal	0	4,840,100
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
11. Family Child Care Networks	Gross	\$0	\$4,000,000
<u>Executive</u> provides \$4.0 million Federal to maintain family child care networks that provide support to home-based child care providers, such as language skills. The networks were originally funded using COVID-19 stimulus funds. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> does not include. <u>Conference</u> concurs with Executive.	Federal	0	4,000,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
12. Tri-Share Child Care Program	Gross	\$0	\$3,400,000
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$3.4 million GF/GP from LEO for the Tri-Share Child Care program, which helps partner private and public organizations to increase access to high-quality and affordable child care for working families. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$0	\$3,400,000

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13. Office of Great Start Quality Improvements	Gross	\$0	\$3,259,900
<u>Conference</u> provides \$3.3 million Federal for various quality of care improvements for the Child Development and Care program.	Federal	0	3,259,900
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
14. Child Care Centers Drinking Water Quality	FTE	0.0	2.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$500,000 GF/GP and authorizes 2.0 FTE positions to provide specialty water bottles to test the quality of drinking water at child care facilities. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross	\$0	\$500,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$500,000
15. Head Start Collaboration Office	FTE	0.0	1.0
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$425,100 Gross (\$64,500 GF/GP) and authorization for 1.0 FTE position from MDE for the Head Start Collaboration Office, which coordinates between Head Start agencies and state and local entities that provide services for all low-income children from birth to age 5 and pregnant women. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross	\$0	\$425,100
	Federal	0	360,600
	GF/GP	\$0	\$64,500
16. Tri-Share Child Care Program Administration	FTE	0.0	1.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$176,500 GF/GP and authorizes 1.0 FTE position for the administration of the Tri-Share Child Care program. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> provides as \$100 GF/GP placeholder. <u>Conference</u> concurs with <u>Executive</u> .	Gross	\$0	\$176,500
	GF/GP	\$0	\$176,500
17. Child Care Development and Care Fund Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Rate Adjustment	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$221,900 Federal with a corresponding decrease of GF/GP due to annual cost sharing adjustments from the FMAP rate increasing from 64.94% to 65.13%. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> provides \$293,200 Federal with a corresponding decrease of GF/GP due to revised annual cost sharing adjustments from the FMAP rate.	Federal	0	293,200
	GF/GP	\$0	(\$293,200)
18. Foster Care Child Care Provider Rate Increase	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$8.5 million Federal to increase the child care provider reimbursement rate for children in foster care by 30%, with a goal of incentivizing services and supports for foster care children. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> does not include. <u>Conference</u> concurs with <u>Senate</u> .	Federal	0	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
19. Third Shift Worker Child Care Pilot Program	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>House</u> provides \$4.4 million Gross (\$366,000 GF/GP) for a pilot program that would expand child care providers for third shift workers. <u>Senate</u> does not include. <u>Conference</u> concurs with <u>Senate</u> .	Federal	0	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
OFFICE OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS			
20. Office of Education Partnerships Program Transfers	FTE	0.0	6.0
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$1.1 million GF/GP and authorization for 6.0 FTE positions from MDE for the new Office of Education Partnerships to support the Family and Community Engagement program, the Governor's Educator Advisory Council, and the Michigan PreK-12 Literacy Commission. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross	\$0	\$1,062,500
	GF/GP	\$0	\$1,062,500
21. Camp Licensing Unit	FTE	0.0	7.0
<u>Conference</u> transfers \$700,300 Gross (\$657,400 GF/GP) and authorization for 7.0 FTE positions from LARA for the Camp Licensing Unit originally located in Child Care Licensing and Regulation appropriation.	Gross	\$0	\$700,300
	Restricted	0	42,900
	GF/GP	\$0	\$657,400

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22. Out-of-School Time Administration	FTE	0.0	2.0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$366,500 GF/GP and authorizes 2.0 FTE positions to provide support for the Michigan Out-of-School Time program in the School Aid budget, which provides grants for before and after school programs along with summer school activities. <u>House</u> does not include. <u>Senate</u> provides as \$100 GF/GP placeholder. <u>Conference</u> concurs with <u>Executive</u> .	Gross	\$0	\$366,500
	GF/GP	\$0	\$366,500
23. Parental Engagement Pilot	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>Senate</u> provides \$500,000 GF/GP for grants to nonprofit organizations that work to increase coordination, training, and support among parents, primary caregivers, and school educators. <u>Conference</u> does not include.	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION			
24. Student Financial Assistance Program Transfers	FTE	0.0	33.0
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$8.9 million Gross (\$7.7 million GF/GP) and authorization for 33.0 FTE positions from the Department of Treasury for the administration of student financial assistance programs, Dual Enrollment payments, and the Michigan Student Scholarship and Grants portal. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs but adds 1.0 FTE authorization for the student loan ombudsman from the Department of Treasury. <u>Conference</u> concurs with <u>Executive</u> but increases Dual Enrollment payments by \$500,000 GF/GP due to revised adjustment from the May 2024 Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference, and includes \$16,500 Gross (\$18,100 GF/GP) reduction to reflect Department of Treasury transfer adjustments as part of <u>Executive</u> Revision 2025-1.	Gross	\$0	\$9,408,100
	Restricted	0	1,254,700
	GF/GP	\$0	\$8,153,400
25. Michigan Reconnect Administration and Office of Higher Education Program Transfers	FTE	0.0	12.0
<u>Executive</u> transfers in \$3.3 million GF/GP and authorization for 12.0 FTE positions from LEO for the new Office of Higher Education to provide administrative support for the Sixty by 30 Initiative, Michigan Reconnect, and Future for Frontliners. <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	Gross	\$0	\$3,276,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$3,276,000
26. Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver	FTE	0.0	1.0
<u>Conference</u> transfers \$157,000 GF/GP and authorization for 1.0 FTE position from the Department of Civil Rights for administration of the North American Indian Tuition Waiver program as part of <u>Executive</u> Revision 2025-1.	Gross	\$0	\$157,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$157,000
27. Michigan Reconnect Program Transfer	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>House</u> transfers \$61.5 million GF/GP from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) for the Michigan Reconnect Program. The program provides last-dollar scholarships primarily to individuals 25 or older (temporarily expanded to 21-24 year-olds through November 2024) with a high school diploma or equivalency certificate to complete a Pell-eligible associate degree or skills-based certificate. <u>Senate</u> does not include. <u>Conference</u> concurs with <u>Senate</u> .	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS			
28. Child Care Stabilization Grants	Gross	\$0	\$24,000,000
<u>Senate</u> provides a \$100 GF/GP one-time placeholder for noncompetitive grants to current and new child care providers. <u>Conference</u> provides \$24.0 million GF/GP one-time for additional supports to eligible licensed child care providers in the Child Development and Care program.	GF/GP	\$0	\$24,000,000
29. Wonderschool	Gross	\$0	\$5,000,000
<u>Conference</u> provides \$5.0 million GF/GP one-time for a program to increase the supply of child care family homes, group homes, and centers through recruiting, coaching, and mentoring efforts.	GF/GP	\$0	\$5,000,000

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30. Michigan Center for Adult College Success	Gross	\$0	\$1,833,400
<u>House</u> provides \$2.1 million GF/GP one-time for operations costs for the Michigan Center for Adult College Success. The center works with adult students returning to postsecondary education through the Michigan Reconnect Program. <u>Senate</u> does not include. <u>Conference</u> provides \$1.8 million GF/GP one-time for operations costs.	GF/GP	\$0	\$1,833,400
31. One-Time Administration Supports	FTE	0.0	2.0
<u>Conference</u> provides \$1.2 million GF/GP one-time and authorization for 2.0 FTE positions for an administrator of the Michigan Transfer Network and a financial resource navigator that will provide information on completing the FAFSA, state-administered scholarships, and student loan information.	Gross	\$0	\$1,200,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$1,200,000
32. Adult Education Outreach Project	Gross	\$0	\$1,000,000
<u>Senate</u> provides a \$100 GF/GP one-time placeholder for grants for an adult learners pilot program. The nonprofit organizations that receive grant funding must offer an accelerated high school accreditation program and provide on-site child care. <u>Conference</u> provides \$1.0 million GF/GP one-time for an adult learners pilot program created by MiLEAP and the Goodwill Association of Michigan that will provide an accelerated high school accreditation program, on-site child care, career certifications and credentials, individualized wrap-around supports, and public-private partnerships.	GF/GP	\$0	\$1,000,000
33. Healthcare Grants/Foster Care Supports	Gross	\$0	\$500,000
<u>Senate</u> provides \$500,000 GF/GP one-time for a nonprofit organization that is focused on postsecondary access and success with foster care and homeless youth to build a support network for postsecondary success for at-risk youth. <u>Conference</u> concurs but renames appropriation as Foster Care Supports.	GF/GP	\$0	\$500,000
34. Hunger-Free Campus Grant Pilot Program	Gross	\$0	\$500,000
<u>House</u> provides \$500,000 GF/GP for a 1-year pilot program at Michigan State University and Northern Michigan University to reduce hunger on campuses through establishment of campus food pantries, campus meal plan credit donations, and various additional policies. <u>Senate</u> does not include. <u>Conference</u> provides \$500,000 GP/GP one-time for a 1-year pilot program at Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, Grand Rapids Community College, and Macomb Community College.	GF/GP	\$0	\$500,000
35. Youth Mentorship	Gross	\$0	\$500,000
<u>Senate</u> provides \$500,000 GF/GP one-time for a nonprofit organization to mentor and help provide successful strategies for Lansing Public School students in grades 6 through 12. <u>Conference</u> concurs.	GF/GP	\$0	\$500,000
36. After School Programming Extension	Gross	\$0	\$300,000
<u>Senate</u> provides \$1.0 million GF/GP one-time for grants for a nonprofit organization located in Pontiac that lowers barriers for postsecondary education for disadvantaged youth and that works with a public university and various regional program affiliates. <u>Conference</u> provides \$300,000 GF/GP for grants to MI-ALMA and the Exito Educativo program, an after-school program that teaches Latino parents and children on the requirements and support for high school graduation, and college pathways.	GF/GP	\$0	\$300,000
37. Postsecondary Enrollment	Gross	\$0	\$166,600
<u>Senate</u> provides a \$100 GF/GP one-time placeholder for a company to re-engage adult learners to complete a postsecondary degree or credential. <u>Conference</u> provides \$166,600 GF/GP for grants to re-engage adult learners.	GF/GP	\$0	\$166,600

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38. Childcare Facility Inspection Work Project	FTE	0.0	0.0
<u>Senate</u> provides \$4.8 million GF/GP one-time and authorization for 15.0 FTE positions to improve childcare facility inspections. <u>Conference</u> does not include.	Gross	\$0	\$0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
39. Childcare Startup Grants	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>Senate</u> provides a \$100 GF/GP one-time placeholder for grants to a company that would improve child care capacity by recruiting and coaching prospective childcare providers through the startup process. <u>Conference</u> does not include.	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
40. Child Care Worker Subsidy Pilot Program	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>Executive</u> provides \$60.0 million GF/GP one-time to create a 3-year pilot program to provide child care workers with child care related subsidies. <u>House</u> does not include. <u>Senate</u> concurs with House. <u>Conference</u> concurs with House.	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
41. College Awaits Pilot	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>Senate</u> provides \$1.5 million GF/GP one-time for grants to universities for outreach activities that would allow underrepresented K-12 students to experience college campuses, raise awareness of postsecondary programs and career opportunities, and provide financial aid resources. <u>Conference</u> does not include.	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
42. Family Childcare Networks Support	Gross	\$0	\$0
<u>Senate</u> provides \$1.7 million GF/GP one-time for supports, including language supports, to home-based childcare providers. <u>Conference</u> does not include.	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
43. Economic Adjustments	Gross	NA	\$101,800
<u>Executive</u> reflects increased costs of \$101,800 Gross (\$8,500 GF/GP) for negotiated salary and wage increases (5.0% on October 1, 2024), actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, building occupancy charges, rent, and other economic adjustments <u>House</u> concurs. <u>Senate</u> concurs. <u>Conference</u> concurs. (Note: This item does not reflect all economics adjustments because some economics adjustments were applied to appropriations prior to the transfer to MiLEAP.)	Federal	NA	93,300
	GF/GP	NA	\$8,500

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24

STANDARD BOILERPLATE

Sec. 201. State Spending and Payments to Local Units of Government – NEW

Executive adds language that provides total state spending from state sources and payments to be made to local units of government. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 202. Applicability of Management and Budget Act – NEW

Executive adds language that subjects appropriations to Management and Budget Act, 1984 PA 431. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 203. Terms and Acronyms – NEW

Executive adds language that defines "Department," "DHHS," "Director," and "FTE" as they appear in the article. House adds definitions for "IDG" and "Standard report recipients." Senate concurs with Executive. Conference concurs with House with minor technical revisions.

Sec. 204. Internet Report Requirements – NEW

Executive adds language that requires MiLEAP to use internet to fulfill reporting requirements; requires transmission of reports via email. House concurs with minor revisions. Senate concurs with House. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 205. Purchase of Foreign Goods – NEW

Executive adds language that prohibits purchase of foreign goods or services if competitively price and comparable quality American goods or services are available; gives preference to goods and services from Michigan businesses and Michigan businesses owned and operated by veterans. House concurs with minor revisions. Senate concurs with House. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 206. Communication with the Legislature – NEW

House adds language that prohibits MiLEAP from taking disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with a legislator or staff. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 207. Out-of-State Travel – NEW

Executive adds language that requires MiLEAP to report on out-of-state travel expenses in the prior year that were paid for, in whole or in part, with state appropriations. House concurs with minor revisions. Senate concurs with House. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 208. Hire of Outside Legal Counsel – NEW

House adds language that prohibits MiLEAP from hiring a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of the Attorney General but exempts legal services for bonding or other activities authorized by the Attorney General. Senate concurs but revises to include language on timely reimbursements to the Attorney General for services provided. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 209. General Fund Lapse Report – NEW

Executive adds language that requires the State Budget Office to report on the projected year-end General Fund Lapse amounts by major departmental program area by December 15. House concurs with minor revisions. Senate concurs with House. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 210. Contingency Authorization – NEW

Executive adds language that appropriates up to \$10.0 million in federal, \$5.0 million in state restricted, \$350,000 in local, and \$2.0 million in private contingency authorization; authorizes expenditure of funds after legislative transfer to specific line items. House concurs with minor revisions. Senate concurs with minor revisions. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 211. Department Financial Information Website – NEW

House adds language that requires MiLEAP to work with DTMB to maintain a searchable website accessible to the public at no cost, which includes expenditures by category; expenditures by appropriation unit; payments to vendors by vendor, date, amount, and description; the number of active employees by job classification; and job specifications and wage rates. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 212. Restricted Funds Report – NEW

House adds language that requires MiLEAP to work with the State Budget Office to provide a report to the legislature on estimated restricted fund revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the prior two fiscal years. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 213. Submission of Reports – NEW

Executive adds language that requires the department to submit reports to the senate and house appropriation subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office. House does not include. Senate concurs with Executive and adds requirement for the department to identify, track, update, and post on a public website key metrics used to monitor and improve the department's performance. Conference concurs with Senate with minor technical revisions.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24

Sec. 214. Access to State and Local Government Services – NEW

Executive adds language as section 211 that prohibits appropriated funds from being used to restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government resources, programs, or facilities; requires local governments to report any action or policy that interferes with the duties of the local health officer. House concurs but adds as section 214. Senate concurs with House. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 215. Geographically Disadvantaged Business Enterprises – NEW

Executive adds language as section 206 that requires MiLEAP director to make an effort to contract with geographically disadvantaged business enterprises. House concurs with minor revisions but adds as section 215. Senate concurs with House. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 216. FTE Report – NEW

Executive requires MiLEAP to submit quarterly reports containing FTE volumes and a comparison of actual and authorized FTE position counts. House concurs with minor revisions. Senate concurs with House. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 217. Maximization of Workforce Efficiency and Prioritization of In-Person Work – NOT INCLUDED

House adds legislative intent language that MiLEAP maximize state workforce efficiency, prioritize in-person work and post its in-person, remote work, or hybrid policy on its website. Senate concurs. Conference does not include.

Sec. 218. State Administrative Board Transfer – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that permits the legislature to intertransfer funds within this act for MiLEAP if the state administrative board transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act. Conference does not include.

Sec. 219. Department Records Retention – NEW

House adds language that requires MiLEAP to retain all reports funded from appropriations according to federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 220. Department Policy Changes Made to Implement Public Acts Report – NEW

House adds language that requires MiLEAP to report by April 1 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act affecting MiLEAP that took effect during the prior calendar year. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 221. Severance Pay Reporting – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that requires MiLEAP to report on any amounts of severance pay for high-ranking department officials within 14 days of the severance agreement signing and report the total amount of severance pay for the previous fiscal year. Conference does not include.

Sec. 222. Expend Available Work Project Authorization – NEW

House adds language that prohibits appropriations from being expended until all existing work project authorization available for the same purpose is exhausted, to the extent possible. Senate concurs but adds language restricting the use of general fund when federal or private funds are available for use. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 223. Department Grant Transparency – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that requires MiLEAP to develop a standard grant application process; establish a process to review, complete, and execute a grant agreement with a grant recipient; verify that a grant recipient will utilize funds for a public purpose; review and verify all necessary information to ensure the grant recipient is able to execute the grant agreement; and establish a timeline to review all elements. Requires either the department or a legislator to sponsor grants. Requires grant recipients to respond to all information requests from the department. Conference does not include but includes revised language under section 250.

Sec. 224. State Fiscal Recovery Funds Reallocation Authorization – NEW

Conference adds language directing the state budget director to reallocate state fiscal recovery funds that are in jeopardy of not meeting the expenditure deadline of December 31, 2026, and must notify the Legislature within 10 days after making the reallocation.

Sec. 250. Individual Grant Recipient Transparency – NEW

Conference adds language that requires MiLEAP to follow a standard grant distribution process; establish a process to review, complete, and execute a grant agreement with a grant recipient; verify that a grant recipient will utilize funds for a public purpose; review and verify all necessary information to ensure the grant recipient is able to execute the grant agreement; and establish a timeline to review all grant elements. Requires either the department or a legislator to sponsor grants before distribution, sets a grant agreement deadline of June 1, 2025 and a grant expenditure deadline of September 30, 2029.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24

Sec. 401. Family and Community Engagement – NEW

Executive adds language that requires MiLEAP to establish or partner with family engagement centers across the state to increase parent and guardian involvement in children's education, ensure translation and interpretation services are available, partner with intermediate school districts (ISDs) to distribute information and resources to their constituent districts, and develop an early literacy engagement plan. Transfers language with minor technical revisions from Sec. 1014 in MDE. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 402. Parental Engagement Program – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that states the purpose of the parental engagement program is for grants to nonprofit organizations that work to increase coordination, training, and support among parents, primary caregivers, and school educators. Conference does not include.

OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Sec. 701. Office of Higher Education Duties and Transparency – NEW

Senate adds language that states the department, through the Office of Higher Education, shall evaluate all state financial aid programs, serve as the coordinating office for all state financial aid programs, survey stakeholders to improve financial aid administration, inform prospective students of the cost of postsecondary institutions, provide analysis to assist students and families on postsecondary options, provide recommendations on improving the delivery of financial aid, support the administration of the Michigan Transfer Network, coordinate to increase utilization of postsecondary opportunities, and promote and provide resources for the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The office must also collect data, create a dashboard on participation levels in various postsecondary and financial aid options, submit all required reports to the legislature, and post the reports on a public website. Conference concurs with Senate but revises language to have MiLEAP work in conjunction with the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) on compiling and posting postsecondary data.

Sec. 702. Student Loan Ombudsman – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that states the Office of Higher Education shall include the student loan ombudsman position and that an employee who previously served as the student loan ombudsman for the Department of Treasury will serve as the ombudsman for MiLEAP. Conference does not include.

Sec. 705. Dual Enrollment Payments – NEW

Executive adds language that requires dual enrollment payments to be distributed as provided under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act, 1996 PA 160, and the Career and Technical Preparation Act, 2000 PA 258, as determined by the department. Transfers in language with minor technical revisions from Sec. 935 in Treasury. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 706. Michigan Reconnect Program – NOT INCLUDED

House adds language that requires MiLEAP to implement a reporting structure for participating institutions on four-year completion rates for Reconnect students, annually report completion rates, establish various metrics for institutions based on 30%, 50% or 75% milestone completion rates, and place institutions who fail to improve on a probationary status, which would result in the need to create a corrective action plan and the potential for newly enrolled students not being eligible to receive Reconnect program funding. Senate does not include. Conference concurs with Senate.

OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Sec. 1002. CDC Provider Reimbursement Rates – NEW

Executive requires MiLEAP to publish reimbursement rates on its website and the Great Start to Quality webpage. Allows MDE, with the approval of the state budget director, to receive and expend federal child care development block grant funds at risk of being lapsed back to the federal government. If the average caseload falls below the caseload agreement from the consensus revenue estimating conference for three consecutive months, allows MDE, with the approval of the state budget director, to increase the hourly reimbursement rate for child care providers. Transfers in language with minor technical revisions from MDE. House concurs but adds most of language originally located in Section 1004 related to CDC provider rate increases as additional subsections and increases child care provider reimbursement rates by 20%. Senate concurs with Executive. Conference concurs with House but increases child care provider reimbursement rates by 15%.

Sec. 1004. CDC Provider Rate Increase – NEW

Executive increases reimbursement rates for child care providers by 10% from the rates established in FY 2023-24. Requires MiLEAP to publish reimbursement rates on the department webpage and the Great Start to Quality webpage. House includes language as subsections under Section 1002 but increases child care provider reimbursement rates by 20%. Senate concurs with Executive but increases child care provider reimbursement rates by 20%. Conference concurs with House but increases child care provider reimbursement rates by 15%.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24

Sec. 1005. CDC Provider Rate Increase for Foster Care Youth – NOT INCLUDED

Executive increases reimbursement rates for child care providers by 30% from the rates established in Sec. 1004 for benefits paid for children in foster care. Requires MiLEAP to publish reimbursement rates on the department webpage and the Great Start to Quality webpage. House concurs. Senate does not include. Conference concurs with Senate.

Sec. 1007. CDC Annual Report – NEW

Executive requires MiLEAP to create an annual report to track the affordability, availability, health and safety, and quality of child care; actions taken to improve the quality, health, and safety of child care; the child care workforce; and total funding appropriated to contracts for the early childhood comprehensive systems planning during the previous fiscal year. Requires the report to be issued by April 1 of the current fiscal year reflecting data for the previous fiscal year. Transfers in language with revisions from Sec. 1007 and consolidates reporting requirements from Sec. 1003 in MDE. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs but adds revised reporting requirements on the child care licensing bureau originally located in House's proposed section 1040.

Sec. 1008. Home Visit Program Coordination – NEW

Executive requires MiLEAP to provide services to families for home visits and work with DHHS as necessary. Transfers in language with minor technical revisions from MDE. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 1009. CDC Increase to Eligibility Entrance Threshold – NEW

Executive requires MiLEAP to set the entrance threshold for the CDC program to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Transfers in language from MDE. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 1011. CDC Payments Based on Enrollment – NEW

Executive requires MiLEAP to implement payments to providers based on enrollment rather than attendance. Transfers in language from MDE. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 1012. CDC Provider Rate Increase – NEW

Executive requires MiLEAP 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; requires \$3.0 million to be used for this purpose. Transfers in language from MDE. House concurs. Senate concurs. Conference concurs.

Sec. 1015. Third Shift Worker Child Care Pilot Program – NOT INCLUDED

House adds language that establishes program eligibility for third shift workers and child care centers looking to expand or establish overnight child care; creates grant application criteria for MiLEAP when awarding grants. Senate does not include. Conference concurs with Senate.

Sec. 1030. Administration of Tri-Share Program – NEW

Executive requires funding to be used to continue the Tri-Share Child Care program; allows funding of new child care facilitator hubs provided that existing hubs receive sufficient support; requires new hubs to increase the number of participating counties or serve statewide employers; caps administration costs at \$200,000. Transfers in language with minor technical revisions from Sec. 701 in LEO. House concurs. Senate concurs with funding requirement to continue the Tri-Share program but does not include any additional language or requirements. Conference concurs with Executive.

Sec. 1040. Child Care Licensing Bureau Report – NOT INCLUDED

House adds language that requires the child care licensing bureau to report on a number of metrics around regulatory revenue and expenses; information on licenses received, approved, denied, and renewed; complaints received, investigated, and closed; and enforcement actions taken against licenses. Senate does not include. Conference concurs with Senate but includes revised reporting language in section 1007.

ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 1101. Child Care Worker Benefits – NOT INCLUDED

Executive requires funds to be used to implement a pilot program to provide child care benefits to employees working in licensed child care programs under the CDC program. Prohibits children in care at a home-based provider where the owner of the provider is the parent or guardian of the child from receiving benefits under this program. Caps the amount of hours in a biweekly period that the child is eligible for at no greater than the number of hours the child care worker works in the same biweekly period. Provides for a work project appropriation through September 30, 2027. House does not include. Senate concurs with House. Conference concurs with House.

Sec. 1101. Adult Learners Pilot Program – NEW

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP must distribute grants for an adult learners pilot program to no more than 4 nonprofit organizations. The nonprofit organizations that receive grant funding must offer an accelerated high school accreditation program and provide on-site child care, with preference given to organizations that assist with career certifications and wrap-around support programs; provides work project authorization. Conference concurs and specifies pilot program coordination with the Goodwill Association of Michigan; and designates unexpended funds as a work project.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2023-24

Sec. 1102. After School Programming Extension – NEW

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP must allocate funding to a nonprofit organization located in Pontiac that lowers barriers for postsecondary education for disadvantaged youth and that works with a public university and various regional program affiliates; provides work project authorization. Conference concurs and specifies grant allocation to the Michigan Alianza Latina para Mejoramiento y Avance (MI-ALMA) and the Exito Educativo program for an afterschool program for Latino parents and students to learn about high school graduation requirements and supports and college pathways; and designates unexpended funds as a work project.

Sec. 1103. Michigan Center for Adult College Success – NEW

House adds language that states the center shall use funds to continue improving adult postsecondary enrollment through the Michigan Reconnect program. Senate does not include. Conference concurs with House and adds as section 1103.

Sec. 1103. Childcare Facility Inspection Work Project – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP can expend \$4.8 million of work project authorization funds and hire 15.0 FTEs for inspections of childcare facilities. Conference does not include.

Sec. 1104. Child Care Program Stabilization Grants – NEW

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP would allocate funds for noncompetitive grants to current and new child care providers. Conference adds language that states MiLEAP would use grants to support licensed child care providers.

Sec. 1105. One-Time Administration Supports – NEW

Conference adds language that provides 2.0 FTE authorizations and funding to support the Michigan Transfer Network and provide a financial resource navigator to assist the public about FAFSA completion, state scholarships and student loan options; and designates unexpended funds as a work project.

Sec. 1105. Childcare Startup Grants – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that states funds must be allocated for grants to a company that would improve child care capacity by recruiting and coaching prospective childcare providers through the startup process. Conference does not include.

Sec. 1106. Hunger-Free Campus Grant Pilot Program – NEW

House adds language as section 707 that states the purposes of the Hunger-Free Campus grant program, awards Michigan State University and Northern Michigan University \$250,000 of grant funding and requires the universities to establish a hunger task force, designate a staff member to inform students on supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) enrollment opportunities, provide at least one campus food pantry, and develop a meal credit donation or food voucher program. Senate does not include. Conference concurs with House but adds as section 1106, revises award levels to \$125,000, adds Grand Rapids Community College and Macomb Community College, and adds reporting requirement for program participants.

Sec. 1106. College Awaits Pilot – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP must allocate funds for grants to universities for outreach activities that would allow underrepresented K-12 students to experience college campuses, raise awareness of postsecondary programs and career opportunities, and provide financial aid resources; requires report on the status of funds allocated and metrics tracking effectiveness of expended funds. Conference does not include.

Sec. 1107. Wonderschool – NEW

Conference adds language that states MiLEAP must allocate funds to increase the supply of child care family homes, group homes, and centers through a recruiting, coaching, and mentorship process.

Sec. 1107. Family Childcare Networks Support – NOT INCLUDED

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP must allocate funds for supports, including language supports, to home-based childcare providers to sustain the provider marketplace. Conference does not include.

Sec. 1108. Healthcare Grants/Foster Care Supports – NEW

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP must allocate funds to a nonprofit organization that is focused on postsecondary access and success with foster care and homeless youth to build a support network for postsecondary success for at-risk youth. Conference concurs, specifies grant funding is to provide a formal infrastructure to improve postsecondary access and success for foster care and homeless youth.

Sec. 1109. Postsecondary Enrollment – NEW

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP must allocate funds for a company to re-engage adult learners to complete a postsecondary degree or credential. Conference concurs with minor technical revisions.

Sec. 1110. Youth Mentorship – NEW

Senate adds language that states MiLEAP must allocate funds for a nonprofit organization to mentor and help provide successful strategies for Lansing Public School students in grades 6 through 12. Conference concurs.