



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jimmie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wilson Jr.
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
Representative Regina Weiss, Representative Matt Koleszar, Representative Stephanie Young, Representative Natalie Price, and Representative Kathy Schmaltz
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Student Advocacy Center (SAC)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
124 Pearl St., Suite 504, Ypsilanti, MI, 48197
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Statewide
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Jimmie Wilson Jr., District 32 - headquarters office. Services are available statewide.
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.
Student Advocacy Center (SAC) is requesting funding to continue supporting its statewide helpline for families in educational crisis, which may include instances of suspensions or expulsions, school administrative issues, denial of services to support a disability or chronic health need, informal school pushout, truancy issues, and more. SAC's Student Rights Helpline is the only place in Michigan where both general education and special education students and their families can call and receive no-cost

support and education advice to get their child/student back in school and on a path that helps lead to long-term life success.

This support may look like teaching families and students how to self-advocate, explaining rights and options, assisting families with document review, helping improve communication with school districts, participation in virtual meetings with school staff, and connecting families to further resources they may need. Last year, 2024, 53 counties out of Michigan's 83 counties were served by SAC and with financial investment they hope to serve even more counties. SAC has a strong track record of successes, with more than 80% of documented intensive cases resolved in a positive outcome leading to student success.

The public benefit that is achieved with this funding is found in increasing student achievement and attendance, while decreasing absenteeism and school failure, which research has shown are indicators that improve graduation rates.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

150000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State","Private"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

SAC's BOD: Interim Chair Francisco Sanchez, Vice Chair Alicia Davis, Secretary Naomi Khalil, Treasurer Justin Rush, Members: Faye Askew-King, Brittney Barros, Dr. Christine Deacons, Anell Eccleston, Katie Hoener, Jerrica Mickens, Layton Price, Rossi Ray-Taylor, Peri Stone-Palmquist, David Watkins

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

10/01/2025-09/30/2026

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes