



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Tim
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Kelly
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.  
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Utica/Sterling Heights Schools, Berrien ISD, Kalamazoo Schools, Lansing Schools
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
TBD
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Multiple school districts statewide
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Rep. Robinson, Rep. Wendzel, Rep. Longjohn, Rep. Hope
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.  
Kooth is an adolescent behavioral health prevention tool moderated and led by licensed BH professionals. The online tool focuses on preventing the escalation of BH problems in kids and young adults by providing education, peer support services, and online therapy sessions when necessary. The service platform primarily engages kids by meeting them where they are via partnerships with schools and ISDs. Led by licensed BH professionals, the platform engages students with mild to moderate BH issues by offering multiple options for BH services based on input and decisions by the student. Kooth helps reduce

the BH access-to-services gap by providing rapid access to self-directed educational tools, peer supports and online chat space, and direct professional counseling. This occurs without the need for a referral and at no additional cost to the student, their parent/caregiver, or the school. Further, Kooth eliminates many of the barriers that make accessing BH services daunting for youth including peer stigma, cost, parent/caregiver involvement, and difficulty navigating the system to establish a counselor-patient relationship.

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.

3000000

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

["State"]

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

Local unit government

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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.'

n/a

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:

FY 25/26

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

Yes