

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4328

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
by amending section 102 (MCL 388.1702), as amended by 2013 PA 60.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 102. (1) ~~A district or intermediate district receiving~~
2 ~~money under this article shall not adopt or operate under a deficit~~
3 ~~budget, and a district or intermediate district shall not incur an~~
4 ~~operating deficit in a fund during a school fiscal year. A district~~
5 ~~or intermediate district that has an existing deficit fund balance,~~
6 ~~that incurs a deficit fund balance in the most recently completed~~
7 ~~school fiscal year, or that adopts a current year budget that~~
8 ~~projects a deficit fund balance shall not be allotted or paid a~~
9 ~~further sum under this article~~ **IF A DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE**
10 **DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN UNDER**

1 SECTION 1220 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL 380.1220, AND THE
2 DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT FAILS TO SUBMIT A DEFICIT
3 ELIMINATION PLAN OR THE DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN IS NOT APPROVED,
4 THE DEPARTMENT MAY WITHHOLD SOME OR ALL OF THE MONEY PAYABLE TO THE
5 DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT UNDER THIS ARTICLE, IN AN AMOUNT
6 THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES NECESSARY TO INCENTIVIZE THE DISTRICT OR
7 INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT TO ELIMINATE THE DEFICIT, until the district
8 or intermediate district submits to the department for approval a
9 AN AMENDED budget for the current school fiscal year and a plan to
10 eliminate the district's or intermediate district's deficit not
11 later than the end of the second school fiscal year after the
12 deficit was incurred or the budget projecting a deficit was
13 adopted. Withheld state aid payments shall be released DEFICIT
14 ELIMINATION PLAN IN THE FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE
15 DEPARTMENT OR UNTIL THE DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN IS APPROVED BY THE
16 DEPARTMENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

17 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RELEASE MONEY WITHHELD UNDER
18 SUBSECTION (1) after the department approves the deficit
19 elimination plan. and ensures that the budget for the current
20 school fiscal year is balanced. After the department approves a
21 district's or intermediate district's deficit elimination plan, the
22 district or intermediate district shall post the deficit
23 elimination plan on the district's or intermediate district's
24 website. TO ASSURE GREATER COORDINATION AND EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS
25 IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DEFICIT ELIMINATION
26 PLAN, WHEN ADMINISTERING THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION (1), THE
27 DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.

2 (B) THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OR
3 INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN
4 UNDER SECTION 1220 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL 380.1220.

5 (C) FOR A DISTRICT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DEFICIT ELIMINATION
6 PLAN UNDER SECTION 1220 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL 380.1220,
7 THE INTERMEDIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT IN
8 WHICH THE DISTRICT IS LOCATED.

9 ~~—— (2) Not later than March 1 of each year, the department shall
10 prepare a report of deficits incurred or projected by districts and
11 intermediate districts in the immediately preceding fiscal year and
12 the progress made in reducing those deficits and submit the report
13 to the standing committees of the legislature responsible for K-12
14 education legislation, the appropriations subcommittees of the
15 legislature responsible for K-12 education appropriations, the
16 house and senate fiscal agencies, the state treasurer, and the
17 state budget director. The department also shall submit quarterly
18 interim reports concerning the progress made by districts and
19 intermediate districts in reducing those deficits. On a quarterly
20 basis, the superintendent of public instruction shall publicly
21 present those reports to the appropriations subcommittees of the
22 legislature responsible for K-12 education appropriations.~~

23 ~~—— (3) The amount of the permissible deficit for each school
24 fiscal year shall not exceed the amount of state aid reduced by an
25 executive order during that school fiscal year.~~

26 ~~—— (4) A district or intermediate district that has an existing
27 deficit fund balance, that incurs a deficit fund balance in the~~

1 ~~most recently completed school fiscal year, or that adopts a~~
2 ~~current year budget that projects a deficit fund balance shall~~
3 ~~submit to the department a monthly monitoring report on revenue and~~
4 ~~expenditures in a form and manner prescribed by the department and~~
5 ~~shall post these reports on its website.~~

6 ~~—— (5) If a district or intermediate district is not able to~~
7 ~~comply with the provisions of this section, the district or~~
8 ~~intermediate district shall submit to the department a plan to~~
9 ~~eliminate its deficit. Upon approval of the plan submitted, the~~
10 ~~superintendent of public instruction may continue allotment and~~
11 ~~payment of funds under this article, extend the period of time in~~
12 ~~which a district or intermediate district has to eliminate its~~
13 ~~deficit, and set special conditions that the district or~~
14 ~~intermediate district must meet during the period of the extension.~~
15 ~~After the department approves a district's or intermediate~~
16 ~~district's deficit elimination plan under this subsection, the~~
17 ~~district or intermediate district shall post the deficit~~
18 ~~elimination plan on the district's or intermediate district's~~
19 ~~website.~~

20 **(3) IF A DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO**
21 **SUBMIT AN ENHANCED DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN UNDER SECTION 1220 OF**
22 **THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL 380.1220, THE STATE TREASURER MAY**
23 **WITHHOLD SOME OR ALL OF THE MONEY PAYABLE TO THE DISTRICT UNDER**
24 **THIS ARTICLE, IN AN AMOUNT THE STATE TREASURER DETERMINES NECESSARY**
25 **TO INCENTIVIZE THE DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT TO ELIMINATE**
26 **THE DEFICIT, UNTIL THE DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT SUBMITS TO**
27 **THE STATE TREASURER FOR APPROVAL AN APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT**

1 SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR AND AN ENHANCED DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN IN THE
2 FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY UNDER
3 SECTION 1220 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL 380.1220, OR UNTIL THE
4 ENHANCED DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN IS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 TREASURY, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. THE STATE
6 TREASURER SHALL RELEASE MONEY WITHHELD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AFTER
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY APPROVES THE ENHANCED DEFICIT
8 ELIMINATION PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT. TO
9 ASSURE GREATER COORDINATION AND EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE
10 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENHANCED DEFICIT ELIMINATION
11 PLAN, WHEN ADMINISTERING THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 TREASURY SHALL CONSULT WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (A) THE DEPARTMENT.

14 (B) THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OR
15 INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ENHANCED DEFICIT
16 ELIMINATION PLAN UNDER SECTION 1220 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL
17 380.1220.

18 (C) FOR A DISTRICT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ENHANCED DEFICIT
19 ELIMINATION PLAN UNDER SECTION 1220 OF THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL
20 380.1220, THE INTERMEDIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE INTERMEDIATE
21 DISTRICT IN WHICH THE DISTRICT IS LOCATED.

22 (4) AN ALLOCATION TO A DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT UNDER
23 THIS ARTICLE IS CONTINGENT UPON THE DISTRICT'S OR INTERMEDIATE
24 DISTRICT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

25 (5) ~~(6) For the purposes of~~ AS USED IN this section: 7
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27 (A) "DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN" MEANS A PLAN REQUIRED UNDER

1 SECTION 1220 OR THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE, MCL 380.1220, FOR THE
2 ELIMINATION OF A DEFICIT THAT SETS FORTH ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO
3 ELIMINATE THE DEFICIT WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD PRESCRIBED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT.

5 (B) "DEFICIT fund balance" means that term as defined in the
6 Michigan public school accounting manual published by the
7 department.

8 (C) "ENHANCED DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN" MEANS MEASURES
9 REQUIRED BY THE STATE TREASURER UNDER SECTION 1220 OF THE REVISED
10 SCHOOL CODE, MCL 380.1220, TO ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS
11 WITHIN A DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT AND RESOLVE ANY DEFICIT
12 WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE
13 TREASURER.

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
15 unless all of the following bills of the 98th Legislature are
16 enacted into law:

17 (a) House Bill No. 4325.

18 (b) House Bill No. 4327.

19 (c) House Bill No. 4330.