

Summary of Michigan Appropriations Bill 748

Michigan Senate Bill 748:

- Removes the budget stabilization mandate that 100% of the Fiscal Year GF/GP unassigned fund balance be appropriated to the Budget Stabilization Fund.
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- Removes the budget stabilization mandate that 100% of the Fiscal Year GF/GP unassigned fund balance be appropriated to the Budget Stabilization Fund.
- Allocates \$22.55 million for COVID response activities for testing in vulnerable populations such as nursing homes, adult foster care, senior living facilities, community testing sites, homeless and domestic violence shelters, and rapid/mobile response teams for hospitals and nursing homes.
 - o Allocates no more than \$3.3 million for prison testing, and not more than \$3.4 million for antigen testing for public and nonpublic school employees.
 - o These funds will also be allocated for COVID protective measures at State veterans' homes, and State match for Michigan National Guard COVID response mission.
- Allocates \$3.3 million for hospitals who retained COVID-19 positive nursing facility residents.
- Allocates \$15 million for COVID-19 supplies and equipment.
- Allocates \$2 million to support an enhanced \$200 per day payment to care recovery centers for COVID patients operated by skilled nurses.
- Allocates \$3.5 million towards the creation of a Michigan stages survival grant program funded through the Michigan Strategic Fund. Allows the program to retain 2.2% of the total funding, and no more than \$40,000 per venue. Designed to support show venues that may have been affected by COVID-19.
- Allocates \$55 million to the Michigan Strategic Fund to establish a small business survival grant program. Grants will be distributed to small businesses who were financially burdened by the facemask and gathering restrictions implemented by DHHS in November 2020.
 - o Grants would be distributed much like they were back in March.
 - o Grants would be available only to businesses with a max of 100 employees, that are in industries affected by the November 2020 and December 2020 gatherings and face mask order, that need working capital to cover business related expenses, demonstrate and income loss as a result of the orders as determined by the local economic development organization.
 - o Funding can only be used for working capital to support payroll, rent, mortgages, utilities, and reopening costs.
 - o Music venues and entertainment facilities would not be eligible for this grant in particular as they are covered under section 401 (or the above "stages survival grant program").

- Directs that funding from the Employee Assistance Fund, allocated within this bill, to be directed to the Treasury Department in order to provide grants of up to \$1,650 to individuals employed in facilities affected by gathering restrictions if the employee:
 - Is currently furloughed or laid off or has had employment hours reduced because of the Gatherings and Face Mask order of November 2020 (extended in Dec. 2020),
 - Indicates the percentage of income that was lost because of the order, with the grants adjusted to reflect the severity of individual losses,
 - Is a resident of Michigan,
 - Has, in good faith, been negatively affected by the Gatherings and facemask order.
- Allocates \$2.5 million for Teacher COVID-19 Grants; covers:
 - equal payments to eligible Great Start Readiness Program, Head Start, special education for individuals aged 18-26, and adult education teachers who teach in a public school or non-profit non-public school
 - directs \$500 per full-time equated eligible teacher, with amounts prorated for teachers whose work time is less than full-time equated
 - Eligible teacher is defined as:
 - Before the issuance of EO 2020-35, performed at least 75% of his or her standard instructional workload in a brick-and-mortar classroom,
 - Developed, subsequent to the issuance of EO 2020-35, tools and methods to deliver distance learning, take-home packets, or other methods described in the district or school's continuity of learning plan,
 - Certifies to the district that he or she worked additional time outside of normal working hours, experienced hazardous conditions, or incurred additional costs related to ensuring students could effectively participate in their school's continuity of learning plan.

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