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Legislative Update for February 3rd through February 7th

Governor Gretchen Whitmer's administration unveiled the FY20-21 executive budget proposal this week during a joint House and Senate Appropriations Committee hearing. Areas highlighted during State Budget Director Chris Kolb's presentation include education, job training and workforce development, and healthcare for vulnerable populations. Items of note include:

- \$225 per pupil foundation allowance increases for school districts at the lowest funding level, with \$150 per pupil increases for the highest districts
- Increasing special education funding to \$60 million
- \$25 million to reimburse teachers for classroom supplies, up to \$250 per teacher
- \$37.5 million for the governor's proposed Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies program
- \$35 million for the Michigan Reconnect program
- \$27.9 million for the Going Pro career and technical education program
- \$15 million for Pure Michigan- less than half of the prior funding level of \$37.5 million

Following the botched canvassing operation that occurred during the Iowa caucuses, legislators renewed calls for action on legislation to allow local clerks to start the canvassing process on absentee ballots prior to election day. The measure is designed to mitigate the possible issues that could arise in situations of high voter turnout, thereby ensuring election results are delivered in a timely manner.

A bill package banning vitamin E acetate in vaping products passed the House of Representatives this week. HB 5159, HB 5160, and HB 5161, sponsored by Reps. Hammoud (D-Dearborn), Liberati (D-Allen Park), and Bellino (R-Monroe), received votes of 102-2. The legislation now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Gov. Whitmer delivered the democratic response to President Donald Trump's State of the Union address. The 11-minute speech, delivered at East Lansing High School, centered on the theme that the president and republican legislators only talk about issues impacting everyday Americans whereas democrats act on such issues.



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Miscellaneous:

Committee(s) Appropriations

Chair Sen. Jim Stamas

Clerk Name [Scott Jones](#)

Clerk Phone 517.373.5307

Location Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Date Wednesday, 2/12/2020

Time 2:00 PM

Time Notes

Agenda Overview of Governor Whitmer's Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 Budget Recommendation by Senate Fiscal Agency Director Chris Harkins

Committee(s) Finance

Chair Sen. Jim Runestad

Clerk Name [Jackie Mosher](#)

Clerk Phone 517.373.5312

Location Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building, 201 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933

Date Wednesday, 2/12/2020

Time 12:30 PM

Time Notes

Agenda [SB 370](#) (Curtis Hertel, Jr.) Individual income tax; other; Ruby Jane act and pediatric congenital heart association fund; create.

[SB 371](#) (Curtis Hertel, Jr.) Individual income tax; checkoff; donation to pediatric congenital heart association fund; provide check-off option.

[HB 4171](#) (Julie Alexander) Individual income tax; retirement or pension benefits; limitations and restrictions on retirement income deduction for a surviving spouse; clarify.



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Presentation on tax foreclosure process from State Tax Commission.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/budget/FY21_Budget_Bill_General_Omnibus_680291_7.pdf

Sec. 8-1911. From the funds appropriated in part one for first responder and public safety staff mental health the department shall allocate \$2,500,000.00 towards a program to support firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers, and correctional officers suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome and other mental health conditions. The program will primarily provide grants to behavioral health providers and may also include funding to improve information and referrals for these services.

Bureau of fire services-79.0 FTE positions 12,552,700

Firefighter training grants \$ 2,300,000

Sec. 13-501. Money appropriated under this part and part 1 for the bureau of fire services shall not be expended unless, in accordance with section 2c of the fire prevention 15 code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.2c, inspection and plan review fees will be charged according to 16 the following schedule: Operation and maintenance inspection fee

Facility type	Facility size	Fee
Hospitals	Any	\$8.00 per bed

Plan review and construction inspection fees for hospitals and schools

Project cost range	Fee
\$101,000.00 or less	minimum fee of \$155.00
\$101,001.00 to \$1,500,000.00	\$1.60 per \$1,000.00
\$1,500,001.00 to \$10,000,000.00	\$1.30 per \$1,000.00
\$10,000,00 or more	\$1.10 per \$1,000.00 27 or a maximum fee of \$60,000.00.

Sec. 13-507. Not later than February 1, the department shall submit a report to the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and state budget director providing the following information: (a) The total amount of reimbursements made to local units of government for delegated inspections of fireworks retail locations pursuant to section 11 of the Michigan fireworks safety act, 2011 PA 256, MCL 28.461, from the funds appropriated in part 1 for the bureau of fire services during the preceding fiscal



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year. (b) The amount of reimbursement for delegated inspections of fireworks retail locations for each local unit of government that received reimbursement from the funds appropriated in part 1 for the bureau of fire services during the preceding fiscal year.

Sec. 13-902. (1) The amount appropriated in part 1 for firefighter training grants shall only be expended for payments to counties to reimburse organized fire departments for firefighter training and other activities required under the firefighters training council act, 1966 PA 291, MCL 29.361 to 29.377. (2) If the amount appropriated in part 1 for firefighter training grants is expended by the firefighters training council, established in section 3 of the firefighters training council act, 1966 PA 291, MCL 29.363, for payments to counties under section 14 of the firefighters training council act, 1966 PA 291, MCL 29.374, in compliance with statute, the following subsections apply: (a) The amount appropriated in part 1 for firefighter training grants shall be allocated pursuant to section 14(2) of the firefighters training council act, 1966 PA 291, 15 MCL 29.374. 16 (b) If the amount allocated to any county under subdivision (a) is less than 17 \$5,000.00, the amounts disbursed to each county under subdivision (a) shall be adjusted to 18 provide for a minimum payment of \$5,000.00 to each county. (3) Not later than February 1, the department shall submit a financial report to the 20 subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director identifying the following information for the preceding fiscal year: (a) The amount of the payments that would be made to each county if the distribution formula described by the first sentence of section 14(2) of the firefighters training council act, 1966 PA 291, MCL 29.374, would have been utilized to allocate the total amount appropriated in part 1 for firefighter training grants. (b) The amount of the payments approved by the firefighters training council for allocation to each county. (c) The amount of the payments actually expended or encumbered within each county. (d) A description of any other payments or expenditures made under the authority of the firefighters training council. (e) The amount of payments approved for allocations to counties that was not expended or encumbered and lapsed back to the fireworks safety fund.

Bill Introductions:

No activity at this time.

Bill Activity:

PASSED, ENROLLED or ADOPTED By the CHAMBER

No activity at this time.