

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 758**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, from the following funds:

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

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Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0
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1	Full-time equated classified positions	546.0	
2	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 163,219,000</b>
3	Total interdepartmental grants and		
4	intradepartmental transfers		332,400
5	<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 162,886,600</b>
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Total federal revenues		20,357,900
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	Total local revenues		0
10	Total private revenues		21,300
11	Total other state restricted revenues		61,950,900
12	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 80,556,500</b>
13	<b>Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND</b>		
14	<b>SUPPORT</b>		
15	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
16	Full-time equated classified positions	37.0	
17	Unclassified salaries--FTE positions	6.0	\$ 1,033,200
18	Accounting service center		1,177,400
19	Commissions and boards		23,800
20	Emergency management--FTEs	8.0	3,553,100
21	Emerging contaminants in food and agriculture--		
22	FTEs	6.0	2,109,900
23	Executive direction--FTEs	23.0	3,354,600
24	Property management		785,000
25	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 12,037,000</b>
26	Appropriated from:		
27	Federal revenues:		
28	HHS, multiple grants		439,000

1	USDA, multiple grants		600,000
2	Deferred federal revenue funding		15,000
3	Special revenue funds:		
4	Agriculture licensing and inspection fees		158,300
5	Dairy and food safety fund		219,600
6	Feed control fund		8,100
7	Fertilizer control fund		10,600
8	Freshwater protection fund		175,700
9	Gasoline inspection and testing fund		26,400
10	Industry support funds		57,000
11	Michigan craft beverage council fund		8,800
12	Private forestland enhancement fund		16,300
13	Refined petroleum fund		21,000
14	Weights and measures regulation fees		5,000
15	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,276,200</b>
16	<b>Sec. 103. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>		
17	Information technology services and projects	\$	2,366,400
18	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,366,400</b>
19	Appropriated from:		
20	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
21	Special revenue funds:		
22	Agriculture licensing and inspection fees		93,000
23	Dairy and food safety fund		76,400
24	Feed control fund		15,000
25	Fertilizer control fund		15,000
26	Freshwater protection fund		15,000
27	Gasoline inspection and testing fund		32,400
28	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,119,600</b>

1	<b>Sec. 104. FOOD SAFETY AND ANIMAL HEALTH</b>		
2	Full-time equated classified positions	212.0	
3	Animal disease prevention and response--FTEs	63.0	\$ 11,103,000
4	Animal feed safety--FTEs	10.0	2,100,800
5	Food safety and quality assurance--FTEs	103.0	18,833,700
6	Indemnification - livestock depredation		15,000
7	Michigan animal agriculture alliance		3,000,000
8	Milk safety and quality assurance--FTEs	36.0	5,999,300
9	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 41,051,800</b>
10	Appropriated from:		
11	Federal revenues:		
12	HHS, multiple grants		3,244,200
13	USDA, multiple grants		1,209,500
14	Special revenue funds:		
15	Agriculture licensing and inspection fees		72,900
16	Animal welfare fund		150,000
17	Consumer and industry food safety education		
18	fund		242,500
19	Dairy and food safety fund		5,506,700
20	Feed control fund		1,431,200
21	Industry food safety education fund		114,100
22	Marihuana regulatory fund		350,000
23	Marihuana regulation fund		349,900
24	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 28,380,800</b>
25	<b>Sec. 105. ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY</b>		
26	Full-time equated classified positions	120.5	
27	Agriculture climate resiliency		\$ 1,000,000
28	Environmental stewardship - MAEAP--FTEs	27.0	10,825,300

1	Local conservation districts		6,000,000
2	Pesticide and plant pest management--FTEs	82.0	14,506,900
3	Right-to-farm--FTEs	6.5	1,042,100
4	Soil health/regenerative agriculture--FTEs	5.0	1,024,900
5	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 34,399,200</b>
6	Appropriated from:		
7	IDG from MDEGLE, biosolids		95,600
8	Federal revenues:		
9	Department of interior		96,300
10	EPA, multiple grants		1,142,700
11	USDA, multiple grants		2,046,100
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Private - slow-the-spread foundation		21,300
14	Agriculture licensing and inspection fees		4,626,800
15	Fertilizer control fund		1,372,700
16	Freshwater protection fund		8,528,400
17	Horticulture fund		70,000
18	Industrial hemp fund		685,700
19	Industry support funds		228,100
20	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 15,485,500</b>
21	<b>Sec. 106. AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
22	Full-time equated classified positions	68.0	
23	Agricultural preservation easement grants		\$ 1,900,000
24	Agricultural support--FTEs	5.0	1,000,000
25	Agriculture development--FTEs	15.0	4,848,700
26	Fair food network - double up food bucks		2,000,000
27	Farm to family--FTEs	3.0	2,000,000
28	Farmland and open space preservation--FTEs	10.0	1,638,000

1	Food and agriculture investment program		2,474,800
2	Food and agriculture supply chain--FTE	1.0	804,900
3	Fruit and vegetable inspections--FTEs	8.0	1,308,100
4	Intercounty drain--FTEs	5.0	883,800
5	Michigan craft beverage council--FTE	1.0	1,341,500
6	Migrant labor housing--FTEs	9.0	1,389,500
7	Producer security/grain dealers--FTEs	6.0	1,033,400
8	Qualified forest program--FTEs	4.0	8,107,000
9	Rural development fund grant program--FTE	1.0	2,008,200
10	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 32,737,900</b>
11	Appropriated from:		
12	Federal revenues:		
13	USDA, multiple grants		8,085,600
14	Special revenue funds:		
15	Agricultural preservation fund		3,538,000
16	Agriculture licensing and inspection fees		5,100
17	Commodity inspection fees		700,300
18	Grain dealers fee fund		874,600
19	Industry support funds		223,600
20	Michigan craft beverage council fund		1,311,500
21	Migratory labor housing fund		145,100
22	Private forestland enhancement fund		1,080,100
23	Rural development fund		2,008,200
24	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 14,765,800</b>
25	<b>Sec. 107. LABORATORY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>		
26	Full-time equated classified positions	108.5	
27	Central licensing and customer call center--		
28	FTEs	13.0	\$ 1,553,500

1	Consumer protection program--FTEs	42.0	7,179,900
2	Laboratory services--FTEs	42.5	8,873,900
3	USDA monitoring--FTEs	11.0	1,725,100
4	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 19,332,400</b>
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
7	IDG from LARA (LCC), liquor quality testing		
8	fees		236,800
9	Federal revenues:		
10	EPA, multiple grants		180,600
11	HHS, multiple grants		1,572,600
12	USDA, multiple grants		1,726,300
13	Special revenue funds:		
14	Agriculture licensing and inspection fees		356,400
15	Dairy and food safety fund		532,500
16	Feed control fund		194,900
17	Fertilizer control fund		25,500
18	Freshwater protection fund		48,500
19	Gasoline inspection and testing fund		1,932,500
20	Grain dealers fee fund		8,200
21	Industrial hemp fund		323,200
22	Migratory labor housing fund		31,200
23	Refined petroleum fund		3,520,700
24	Testing fees		358,700
25	Weights and measures regulation fees		755,300
26	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 7,528,500</b>
27	<b>Sec. 108. FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS</b>		
28	County fairs, shows, and expositions		\$ 500,000

1	Fairs and racing	258,600
2	Fruit and vegetable prescription program	100
3	Horse racing advisory commission	125,000
4	Purses and supplements - fairs/licensed tracks	1,353,600
5	Standardbred breeders' awards	345,900
6	Standardbred purses and supplements - licensed	
7	tracks	991,100
8	Standardbred sire stakes	720,000
9	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 4,294,300</b>
10	Appropriated from:	
11	Special revenue funds:	
12	Agriculture equine industry development fund	3,794,200
13	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 500,100</b>
14	<b>Sec. 109. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
15	Animal welfare grants	\$ 500,000
16	Farmers market upgrades	100
17	Craft beverage council wine/agri-tourism	
18	promotion	100
19	Minority-owned food and agriculture ventures	500,000
20	Soil health workshops and education	249,900
21	Study on funding and role of conservation	
22	districts	249,900
23	Cost sharing for no-till adoption in western	
24	Lake Erie Basin	9,000,000
25	Risk mitigation costs of no-till adoption in	
26	western Lake Erie Basin	4,000,000
27	Soil health education in western Lake Erie	
28	Basin	2,500,000



1	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 17,000,000</b>
2	Appropriated from:	
3	Special revenue funds:	
4	Work project lapse funds	15,500,000
5	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

11 Sec. 201. In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the  
 12 state constitution of 1963, for the fiscal year ending September  
 13 30, 2025, total state spending from state sources under part 1 is  
 14 \$142,507,400.00 and state spending under part 1 from state sources  
 15 to be paid to local units of government is \$8,800,000.00. The  
 16 following itemized statement identifies appropriations from which  
 17 spending to local units of government will occur:

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

19	Agriculture preservation easement grants	\$ 1,900,000
20	Environmental stewardship/MAEAP	1,100,000
21	Local conservation districts	3,000,000
22	Qualified forest program	1,400,000
23	Rural development fund grant program	1,400,000
24	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,800,000</b>

25 Sec. 202. The appropriations under this part and part 1 are  
 26 subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101  
 27 to 18.1594.

28 Sec. 203. As used in part 1 and this part:

29 (a) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural

1 development.

2 (b) "Director" means the director of the department.

3 (c) "Fiscal agencies" means the Michigan house fiscal agency  
4 and the Michigan senate fiscal agency.

5 (d) "FTE" means full-time equated.

6 (e) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

7 (f) "MAEAP" means the Michigan agriculture environmental  
8 assurance program.

9 (g) "MDEGLE" means the Michigan department of environment,  
10 Great Lakes, and energy.

11 (h) "Standard report recipients" means the senate and house  
12 appropriations subcommittees on agriculture and rural development  
13 the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy  
14 offices, and the state budget office.

15 (i) "Subcommittees" means all members of the subcommittees of  
16 the house and senate appropriations committees with jurisdiction  
17 over the budget for the department.

18 (j) "TB" means tuberculosis.

19 (k) "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

20 Sec. 204. The department shall use the internet to fulfill the  
21 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement includes  
22 transmitting reports to the standard report recipients and any  
23 other required recipients by email and posting the reports on an  
24 internet site.

25 Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the  
26 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the  
27 following apply to the expenditure of funds appropriated in part 1:

28 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign  
29 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of

1 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are  
2 available.

3 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,  
4 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are  
5 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

6 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,  
7 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and  
8 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of  
9 comparable quality.

10 Sec. 206. The department shall not take disciplinary action  
11 against an employee of the department for communicating with a  
12 member of the legislature or legislative staff, unless the  
13 communication is prohibited by law and the department is exercising  
14 its authority as provided by law.

15 Sec. 207. Consistent with section 217 of the management and  
16 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare  
17 a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1.  
18 The report must list all travel by classified and unclassified  
19 employees outside this state in the previous fiscal year that was  
20 funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the  
21 department's budget. The department shall submit the report to the  
22 standard report recipients and to the senate and house  
23 appropriations committees. The report must include all of the  
24 following information:

25 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

26 (b) The total transportation and related expenses of each  
27 travel occurrence and the proportions funded with state general  
28 fund/general purpose revenues, state restricted revenues, federal  
29 revenues, and other revenues.

1           Sec. 208. (1) The department shall not use funds appropriated  
2 in part 1 to hire a person to provide legal services that are the  
3 responsibility of the attorney general. This section does not apply  
4 to legal services for bonding activities or to outside legal  
5 services that the attorney general authorizes.

6           (2) The department shall make timely reimbursement to the  
7 department of the attorney general for legal services provided by  
8 the department of the attorney general to the department. If the  
9 department fails to make timely reimbursement, the department of  
10 the attorney general may increase the amount billed to include a  
11 penalty for late reimbursement. As used in this section, "timely  
12 reimbursement" means reimbursement not later than 60 days after the  
13 department receives a bill for the legal services from the  
14 department of the attorney general.

15           Sec. 209. Not later than December 15, the state budget office  
16 shall prepare and submit a report that provides estimates of the  
17 total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the  
18 close of the previous fiscal year. The report must summarize the  
19 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation  
20 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The state  
21 budget office shall submit the report to the standard report  
22 recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate and house  
23 appropriations committees.

24           Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,  
25 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for  
26 federal contingency authorization. Amounts appropriated under this  
27 section are not available for expenditure until they have been  
28 transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of  
29 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

1           (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is  
2 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for state  
3 restricted contingency authorization. These funds are not available  
4 for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line  
5 item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget  
6 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

7           (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is  
8 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for local  
9 contingency authorization. These funds are not available for  
10 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item  
11 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,  
12 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

13           (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is  
14 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private  
15 contingency authorization. These funds are not available for  
16 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item  
17 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,  
18 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

19           Sec. 211. The department shall cooperate with the department  
20 of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable  
21 website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is  
22 not limited to, all of the following for the department:

- 23           (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.  
24           (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.  
25           (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,  
26 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and  
27 payment description.  
28           (d) The number of active department employees by job  
29 classification.

1 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

2 Sec. 212. Not later than 14 days after the release of the  
3 executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate  
4 with the state budget office to provide an annual report on  
5 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund  
6 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the  
7 previous 2 fiscal years. The report must be submitted to the  
8 standard report recipients and to the chairpersons of the senate  
9 and house appropriations committees.

10 Sec. 213. The department shall maintain, on a publicly  
11 accessible website, information that identifies, tracks, and  
12 regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and improve  
13 the department's performance.

14 Sec. 214. To the extent permissible under the management and  
15 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall  
16 take all reasonable steps to ensure geographically disadvantaged  
17 business enterprises compete for and perform contracts to provide  
18 services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly  
19 encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract  
20 with certified geographically disadvantaged business enterprises  
21 for services, supplies, or both. As used in this section,  
22 "geographically disadvantaged business enterprises" means that term  
23 as defined in Executive Directive No. 2019-08.

24 Sec. 215. On a quarterly basis, the department shall report on  
25 the number of full-time equated positions in pay status by civil  
26 service classification, including a comparison by line item of the  
27 number of full-time equated positions authorized from funds  
28 appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of full-time equated  
29 positions employed by the department at the end of the reporting

1 period. The report must be submitted to the senate and house  
2 appropriations committees and to the standard report recipients.

3 Sec. 216. It is the intent of the legislature that the  
4 department maximize the efficiency of the state workforce and, if  
5 possible, prioritize in-person work, and post its in-person,  
6 remote, or hybrid work policy on its website.

7 Sec. 217. If the state administrative board, acting under  
8 section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount  
9 appropriated under this part or part 1, the legislature may, by a  
10 concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected  
11 to and serving in each house, inter-transfer funds within this part  
12 or part 1 for the particular department, board, commission,  
13 officer, or institution.

14 Sec. 218. The department shall receive and retain copies of  
15 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department  
16 shall follow federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-  
17 term retention of records. The department may electronically retain  
18 copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state  
19 guidelines.

20 Sec. 219. Not later than April 1, the department shall report  
21 on each specific policy change made to implement a public act  
22 affecting the department that took effect during the previous  
23 calendar year. The department shall submit the report to the  
24 standard report recipients, to the senate and house appropriations  
25 committees, and to the joint committee on administrative rules.

26 Sec. 220. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the  
27 department shall do the following:

28 (a) Report any amounts of severance pay for a department  
29 director, deputy director, or other high-ranking department

1 official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement with  
 2 the director or official is signed. The name of the director or  
 3 official and the amount of severance pay must be included in the  
 4 report required by this subdivision.

5 (b) Not later than February 1, report on the total amount of  
 6 severance pay remitted to former department employees during the  
 7 previous fiscal year and the total number of former department  
 8 employees that were remitted severance pay during the previous  
 9 fiscal year.

10 (2) Reports required by this section must be submitted to the  
 11 standard report recipients and to the senate and house  
 12 appropriations committees.

13 (3) As used in this section, "severance pay" means  
 14 compensation that is both payable or paid on the termination of  
 15 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned  
 16 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement  
 17 benefits.

18 Sec. 221. To the extent possible, the department shall not  
 19 expend appropriations under part 1 until all existing authorized  
 20 work project funds available for the same purposes are exhausted.

21 Sec. 222. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used to  
 22 restrict or impede a marginalized community's access to government  
 23 resources, programs, or facilities.

24 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, local governments  
 25 shall report any action or policy that attempts to restrict or  
 26 interfere with the duties of the local health officer.

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28 **DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT**

29 Sec. 301. (1) The department may establish a fee schedule and



1 collect fees for the following work activities and services:

2 (a) Pesticide and plant pest management propagation and  
3 certification of virus-free foundation stock.

4 (b) Fruit and vegetable inspection and grading services at  
5 shipping and termination points and processing plants.

6 (c) Laboratory support analyses of food, livestock, and  
7 agricultural products for disease, foreign products for disease,  
8 toxic materials, foreign substances, and quality standards.

9 (d) Laboratory support test samples for other state and local  
10 agencies and public or private organizations.

11 (2) The department may receive and expend revenue from the  
12 fees authorized under subsection (1), subject to appropriation, to  
13 recover expenses associated with the work activities and services  
14 described in subsection (1). Fee revenue collected by the  
15 department under subsection (1) does not lapse to the state general  
16 fund at the end of the fiscal year but carries forward for  
17 appropriation by the legislature in the subsequent fiscal year.

18 (3) The department shall notify the subcommittees, the fiscal  
19 agencies, and the state budget office 30 days before proposing  
20 changes in fees authorized under this section or under section 5 of  
21 1915 PA 91, MCL 285.35.

22 (4) On or before February 1 of each year, the department shall  
23 provide a report to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies, and the  
24 state budget office detailing all the fees charged by the  
25 department under the authorization provided in this section,  
26 including, but not limited to, rates, number of individuals paying  
27 each fee, and the revenue generated by each fee in the previous  
28 fiscal year.

29 Sec. 302. (1) The department may contract with or provide

1 grants to local units of government, institutions of higher  
2 education, or nonprofit organizations to support activities  
3 authorized by appropriations in part 1. As used in this section:

4 (a) "Contracts" includes, but is not limited to, contracts for  
5 delivery of groundwater/freshwater programs, MAEAP technical  
6 assistance, forest management, invasive species monitoring,  
7 wildlife risk mitigation.

8 (b) "Grants" includes, but is not limited to, grants promoting  
9 proper pesticide disposal, and research grants for the purpose of  
10 enhancing the agricultural industries in this state.

11 (2) The department shall provide notice of contracts or grants  
12 authorized under this section to the subcommittees, the fiscal  
13 agencies, and the state budget office not later than 7 days before  
14 the department notifies contract or grant recipients.

15 Sec. 303. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for emerging  
16 contaminants in food and agriculture the department shall support  
17 efforts to identify and respond to the impacts of emerging  
18 contaminants to the food and agriculture sector, help address and  
19 mitigate current issues caused by emerging contaminants, and work  
20 to prevent and minimize future impacts. The department shall  
21 coordinate these efforts with other state agencies, federal  
22 agencies, tribal governments, local governments, institutions of  
23 higher learning, and the food and agriculture sector. Emerging  
24 contaminants include but are not limited to pesticides, dioxins,  
25 and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

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27 **FOOD SAFETY AND ANIMAL HEALTH**

28 Sec. 401. (1) The department shall report on the previous  
29 fiscal year's activities of the bureau of food safety and animal

1 health. The report must include information on activities and  
2 outcomes of the dairy safety and inspection program, the food  
3 safety inspection program, the foodborne illness and emergency  
4 response program, and the food service program.

5 (2) The report must include information on significant  
6 foodborne outbreaks and emergencies, including any significant  
7 enforcement actions taken related to food safety during the prior  
8 calendar year.

9 (3) The department shall include in the report all  
10 indemnification payments for livestock depredation made in the  
11 previous calendar year and shall include all of the following:

12 (a) The reason for the indemnification.

13 (b) The amount of the indemnification.

14 (c) The person for whom the indemnification was paid.

15 (4) The report must be transmitted on or before April 1 of  
16 each year.

17 Sec. 402. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the  
18 department shall pay for all whole herd bovine TB testing costs and  
19 individual animal testing costs in the modified accredited zone and  
20 buffer counties as referenced in the current memorandum of  
21 understanding between the department and the USDA to maintain  
22 split-state status requirements. These costs include indemnity and  
23 compensation for injury causing death or downer to animals.

24 Sec. 403. The department shall use its resources to  
25 collaborate with the USDA to monitor bovine TB, consistent with the  
26 current required memorandum of understanding between the department  
27 and the USDA.

28 Sec. 404. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for animal  
29 disease prevention and response, the department shall use

1 \$200,000.00 to cover costs associated with testing of registered  
2 privately owned cervid facilities as follows:

3 (a) Required surveillance testing for chronic wasting disease.

4 (b) Infected herd bovine TB testing.

5 Sec. 405. (1) On or before October 15 of each year, the  
6 department shall provide to the subcommittees, the fiscal agencies,  
7 and the state budget office a report on bovine TB status and  
8 department activities.

9 (2) For each fiscal quarter following the report required in  
10 subsection (1), the department shall provide an update. The  
11 quarterly update reports must identify significant impacts to the  
12 program, including new incidence of bovine TB in this state,  
13 department activity associated with specific new incidence of  
14 bovine TB, any changes in USDA requirements or movement orders, and  
15 information and data on wildlife risk mitigation plan  
16 implementation in the modified accredited zone; implementation of a  
17 movement certificate process; progress toward annual surveillance  
18 test requirements; efforts to work with slaughter facilities in  
19 this state, as well as those that slaughter a significant number of  
20 animals from this state; and educational programs and information  
21 for this state's livestock community.

22 Sec. 406. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan  
23 animal agriculture alliance, the department shall work with animal  
24 industry representatives and state research universities to  
25 continue an animal research grant program.

26

27 **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

28 Sec. 501. The department shall report on the previous calendar  
29 year's activities of the bureau of environment and sustainability

1 on or before April 1 of each year.

2 Sec. 502. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for  
3 agricultural climate resiliency and the funds appropriated in part  
4 1 for soil health/regenerative agriculture, the department shall  
5 promote the principles of soil health and regenerative agriculture,  
6 including maintaining soil cover, minimization of soil disturbance,  
7 plant and crop diversity, maintenance of live plants and roots, and  
8 integration of livestock into cropping systems.

9 (2) The department shall promote the goals of soil health and  
10 regenerative agriculture, including increasing soil organic matter  
11 content, improving soil water infiltration capacity, increasing  
12 soil water holding capacity, improving soil biological capacity to  
13 break down plant residue and other substances and to maintain soil  
14 aggregation, improving soil nutrient sequestration and cycling  
15 capacity, reducing nutrient losses, and increasing carbon  
16 sequestration capacity of soil.

17 (3) The department shall promote the practices of soil health  
18 and regenerative agriculture, which include the use of no-till  
19 farming, intercropping, cover crops, multispecies cover crops, roll  
20 cropping managed rotational grazing, and other practices identified  
21 that utilize natural biological processes to advance the goals of  
22 soil health and regenerative agriculture.

23 Sec. 503. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for  
24 agricultural climate resiliency, the department shall maintain an  
25 agricultural climate resiliency program.

26 (2) The purpose of the agricultural climate resiliency program  
27 described in this section is to promote the usage and  
28 implementation of best regenerative agricultural farming practices  
29 and new technologies related to environmental sustainability,

1 including measures to address the impacts of climate change.  
2 Program goals include enhancing soil and plant health, soil carbon  
3 sequestration, efficient use of water, and protection of water  
4 resources.

5 (3) Through the program described in this section, the  
6 department shall also do all of the following:

7 (a) Promote the principles of soil health and regenerative  
8 agriculture, including maintaining soil cover, minimization of soil  
9 disturbance, plant and crop diversity, maintenance of live plants  
10 and roots, and integration of livestock into cropping systems.

11 (b) Promote the goals and principles of soil health and  
12 regenerative agriculture, including increasing soil organic matter  
13 content, improving soil water infiltration capacity, increasing  
14 soil water holding capacity, improving soil biological capacity to  
15 break down plant residue and other substances and to maintain soil  
16 aggregation, improving soil nutrient sequestration and cycling  
17 capacity, reducing nutrient losses, and increasing carbon  
18 sequestration capacity of soil.

19 (4) Program funds described in subsection (1) may not be used  
20 for applied research into the precision application of fertilizer,  
21 pesticides or herbicides.

22 (5) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for agricultural  
23 climate resiliency, not less than \$1,000,000.00 in ongoing funding  
24 must be used by the department to partner with a state land-grant  
25 university to develop, implement, and evaluate a soil health,  
26 regenerative agriculture, and climate resiliency program. The  
27 partnership described in this subsection must be focused on  
28 researching and assisting the agricultural industry in implementing  
29 climate resiliency, soil health, and regenerative agricultural

1 principles and techniques. Partnership goals must include, but are  
2 not limited to, establishing program priorities, developing  
3 metrics, implementing goals, evaluating outcomes, and engaging with  
4 stakeholders.

5 (6) In the report required under section 501 of this part, the  
6 department shall provide information on the agricultural climate  
7 resiliency program, including department activities, uses of  
8 program funds by activity or project, contractors, grantees, and a  
9 summary of projects and project results.

10 Sec. 504. (1) Subject to subsection (2), from the funds  
11 appropriated in part 1 for soil health/regenerative agriculture,  
12 the department shall maintain a program with the purpose of  
13 advancing the adoption of soil health and regenerative agriculture  
14 principles in agriculture in this state.

15 (2) The department may engage partners to achieve the purposes  
16 of the program described in this section, including agriculture  
17 extension offices, the national resources conservation service,  
18 conservation districts, and nongovernmental organizations to build  
19 farmer-to-farmer networks to disseminate practices and information  
20 to improve adoption of soil health and regenerative agriculture  
21 practices, and other needs that the department identifies to  
22 improve adoption of these principles. Program funds under this  
23 section may not be used for applied research into precision  
24 application of fertilizer, pesticides, or herbicides.

25 (3) Through the program described in this section, the  
26 department shall promote all of the following:

27 (a) The principles of soil health and regenerative  
28 agriculture, which include maintaining soil cover, minimization of  
29 soil disturbance, plant/crop diversity, maintenance of continual

1 live plant/root, and integration of livestock into cropping  
2 systems.

3 (b) The goals of the principles of soil health and  
4 regenerative agriculture, which include increasing soil organic  
5 matter content, improving soil water infiltration capacity,  
6 increasing soil water holding capacity, improving soil biological  
7 capacity to break down plant residue and other substances and to  
8 maintain soil aggregation, improving soil nutrient sequestration  
9 and cycling capacity, reducing nutrient losses, and increasing  
10 carbon sequestration capacity of soil.

11 (c) The practices of soil health and regenerative agriculture,  
12 which include the use of no-till farming, intercropping, cover  
13 crops, multispecies cover crops, roll cropping, managed rotational  
14 grazing, and other practices identified that utilize natural  
15 biological processes to advance the goals of soil health and  
16 regenerative agriculture.

17 (4) The program's objectives for the program described in this  
18 section must be accomplished by utilizing state employees or  
19 contracts with service providers, or both. Any program partners  
20 receiving funding shall indicate the conservation outcomes they are  
21 intending to achieve and how they will measure achievement of those  
22 outcomes and provide a report to the department on the uses of  
23 funding received and achievement of any outcomes.

24 (5) In the report required under section 501 of this part, the  
25 department shall provide information on the program described in  
26 this section, including department activities, uses of program  
27 funds by activity or project, contractors, grantees, and a summary  
28 of projects and project results.

29 Sec. 505. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for



1 environmental stewardship/MAEAP must be used to support department  
2 agriculture pollution prevention programs, including groundwater  
3 and freshwater protection programs under part 87 of the natural  
4 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
5 324.8701 to 324.8717, and technical assistance in implementing  
6 conservation grants available under the federal farm bill.

7 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for environmental  
8 stewardship/MAEAP, \$3,000,000.00 must be used to establish a  
9 contractual agreement with the Michigan State University extension  
10 for the purpose of assisting MAEAP programs. The agreement must  
11 reflect negotiated goals, outcomes, and performance standards  
12 between the 2 parties.

13 In negotiating the agreement, the department must:

14 (a) Prioritize the hiring of existing MAEAP technicians for  
15 equivalent positions within extension by considering relevant work  
16 experience and years of services in the MAEAP program.

17 (b) Encourage collaboration between extension and the  
18 conservation districts for the use and maintenance of necessary  
19 resources including office space, records, or equipment.

20 (c) Consult with the MAEAP Advisory Council (MCL 324.8708)  
21 regarding the standards included in the agreement and provide for  
22 continued input from the council.

23 (3) Prior to confirmation of the contract, the department  
24 shall present the agreement to the Michigan commission of  
25 agriculture and rural development for input and recommendations.

26 (4) The contract between the department and extension must be  
27 signed and operational no later than March 1, 2025.

28 (5) By not later than June 1, 2025, the department shall  
29 report to the agriculture committees and subcommittees of the

1 Senate and House of Representatives on the status of the transition  
2 of MAEAP technical staff to extension.

3 Sec. 506. The department may receive and expend federal  
4 revenues up to a total of \$1,000,000.00 in excess of the federal  
5 revenue appropriated in part 1 for environmental stewardship and  
6 MAEAP activities. The department shall notify the subcommittees,  
7 the fiscal agencies, and the state budget office prior to expending  
8 federal revenues authorized under this section.

9 Sec. 507. (1) From the appropriations in part 1 for local  
10 conservation districts, \$3,000,000.00 must be distributed in equal  
11 amounts to local conservation districts in this state that were in  
12 operation in the previous fiscal year.

13 (2) From the appropriations in part 1 for local conservation  
14 districts, \$3,000,000.00 must be distributed to local conservation  
15 districts through memoranda of understandings (MOU) between the  
16 department and districts, with distribution dependent upon the  
17 execution and maintenance of memoranda of understandings (MOU)  
18 agreements on the provision of services delivered and appropriate  
19 reporting of the provision of services.

20 (3) On or before March 1, the department shall report on the  
21 previous calendar year's activities of local conservation  
22 districts. The report must include descriptions of local  
23 conservation district activities and the use of funding, including  
24 uses of appropriations made in part 1 as provided in subsection  
25 (1). The report must also include an accounting of funds spent as  
26 provided in subsection (2), including a list of districts that  
27 entered into memoranda of understandings (MOU) agreements with the  
28 department and the services the districts performed as part of the  
29 agreements. In preparing this report, the department shall

1 coordinate with representatives of local conservation districts.

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3 **LABORATORY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM**

4 Sec. 601. The department shall report by April 1 on the  
5 previous calendar year's activities of the laboratory division.

6 Sec. 602. No funds from the appropriations in part 1 may be  
7 used for the purpose of consolidating state-run laboratories.

8

9 **AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT**

10 Sec. 701. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the  
11 food and agriculture investment program, the department shall  
12 operate a food and agriculture investment program.

13 (2) The food and agriculture investment program shall do all  
14 of the following:

15 (a) Expand the Michigan food and agriculture sector.

16 (b) Promote food security.

17 (c) Develop local and regional food systems.

18 (d) Grow Michigan exports.

19 (e) Promote the development of value-added agricultural  
20 production.

21 (f) Support urban farms, food hubs, food incubators, and  
22 community-based processing facilities with a focus on new and  
23 expanding protein processors.

24 (g) Promote the expansion of farm markets, flower markets, and  
25 urban agriculture, including hoop houses.

26 (h) Increase food processing activities within this state by  
27 accelerating investment projects and infrastructure development  
28 that support growth in production agriculture and food and  
29 agriculture processing, expand opportunity to new agricultural

1 producers and processors, promote agriculture tourism and  
2 agricultural heritage, and develop agricultural education and  
3 interpretation activities.

4 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, the  
5 department may receive and expend funds received from outside  
6 sources for the food and agriculture investment program.

7 (4) Before the allocation of funding, all projects must  
8 receive approval from the Michigan commission of agriculture and  
9 rural development, except for projects selected through a  
10 competitive process by a joint evaluation committee selected by the  
11 director and consisting of representatives that have agriculture,  
12 food security, local and regional food systems, business, and  
13 economic development expertise. Projects funded through the food  
14 and agriculture investment program will be required to have a grant  
15 agreement that outlines milestones and activities that must be met  
16 in order to receive a disbursement of funds. Projects must also  
17 identify measurable project outcomes.

18 (5) The department shall include, in the agriculture  
19 development annual report, a report on the food and agriculture  
20 investment program for the previous fiscal year that includes a  
21 listing of the grantees, award amounts, match funding, project  
22 locations, and project outcomes.

23 (6) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the food  
24 and agriculture investment program are designated as a work project  
25 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds do not  
26 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are available for  
27 expenditures for projects under this section until the projects  
28 have been completed. The following is in compliance with section  
29 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL

1 18.1451a:

2 (a) The purpose of the project is to promote and expand the  
3 Michigan food and agriculture sector, grow Michigan exports, and  
4 increase food processing activities within the state.

5 (b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state  
6 employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

7 (c) The estimated cost of this project is identified in the  
8 appropriation line item.

9 (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is  
10 September 30, 2027.

11 (7) The department may expend money from the funds  
12 appropriated in part 1 for the food and agriculture investment  
13 program, including all of the following activities:

14 (a) Grants.

15 (b) Loans or loan guarantees.

16 (c) Infrastructure development.

17 (d) Other economic assistance.

18 (e) Program administration.

19 (f) Export assistance.

20 (8) The department shall expend no more than 5% from the funds  
21 appropriated in part 1 for the food and agriculture investment  
22 program for administrative purposes.

23 (9) In awarding grants under the food and agriculture  
24 investment program, the department shall identify and encourage  
25 applications from members of socially disadvantaged groups, women,  
26 veterans, and beginning farmers and ranchers. In awarding grants  
27 under the food and agriculture investment program, the department  
28 must also prioritize Michigan-based small businesses, nonprofits,  
29 and organizations promoting agriculture and food security

1 activities.

2 Sec. 703. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for fair  
3 food network - double up food bucks, the department shall work with  
4 the fair food network to ensure that at least 80% of the funds  
5 allocated to the double up food bucks program are directly used for  
6 the payments to participating vendors.

7 (2) The department shall work with the department of health  
8 and human services to do all of the following:

9 (a) Notify recipients of food assistance program benefits that  
10 food assistance program benefits can be accessed at many farmer's  
11 markets in this state with bridge cards.

12 (b) Notify recipients of food assistance program benefits  
13 about the double up food bucks program and that it is administered  
14 by the fair food network. Food assistance program recipients shall  
15 receive information about the double up food bucks program.

16 (3) The department shall work with the fair food network to  
17 expand access to the double up food bucks program in each of the  
18 state's counties with grocery stores or farmer's markets that meet  
19 the program's eligibility requirements.

20 (4) On or before June 1, the department shall submit a report  
21 on activities and outcomes of the double up food bucks program. The  
22 report must contain all of the following:

23 (a) Counties in this state with participating double up food  
24 bucks vendors, the number of vendors by county, and the name and  
25 location of vendors, as of May 1, 2024.

26 (b) Counties in this state with participating double up food  
27 bucks vendors, the number of vendors by county, and the name of  
28 location of vendors, as of May 1, 2025. The report must highlight  
29 counties and vendors added to the program since May 1, 2023.

1 (c) Number of individuals participating in the program, by  
2 county.

3 Sec. 706. (1) By not later than April 1, the department shall  
4 report on the previous calendar year's activities of the  
5 agriculture development division.

6 (2) The report described in subsection (1) must include the  
7 following information on any grants awarded during the prior fiscal  
8 year:

9 (a) The name of the grantee.

10 (b) The amount of the grant.

11 (c) The purpose of the grant, including measurable outcomes.

12 (d) Additional state, federal, private, or local funds  
13 contributed to the grant project.

14 (e) The completion date of grant-funded activities.

15 (3) The report must include the following information on the  
16 Michigan craft beverage council established under section 303 of  
17 the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1303:

18 (a) Council activities and accomplishments for the previous  
19 fiscal year.

20 (b) Council expenditures for the previous fiscal year by  
21 category of administration, industry support, research and  
22 education grants, and promotion and consumer education.

23 (c) Grants awarded during the previous fiscal year and the  
24 results of research grant projects completed during the previous  
25 fiscal year.

26 (4) The report must identify grant recipients who are members  
27 of socially disadvantaged groups, women, veterans, and beginning  
28 farmers and ranchers.

29 Sec. 707. Unexpended industry support fund revenues at the end

1 of the fiscal year may be carried forward into the industry support  
2 fund in the succeeding fiscal year and do not lapse to the general  
3 fund.

4 Sec. 708. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for the qualified  
5 forest program are for the purpose of increasing the knowledge of  
6 nonindustrial private forestland owners regarding sound forest  
7 management practices and increasing the amount of commercial timber  
8 production from those lands.

9 (2) The department shall work in partnership with stakeholder  
10 groups and other state and federal agencies to increase the active  
11 management of nonindustrial private forestland to foster the growth  
12 of this state's timber product industry.

13 Sec. 709. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the  
14 department shall maintain coordination with the department of  
15 treasury to improve the timely processing and issuance of tax  
16 credits under section 36109 of the natural resources and  
17 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.36109, for the  
18 Michigan's farmland and open space preservation program under parts  
19 361 and 362 of the natural resources and environmental protection  
20 act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.36101 to 324.3116 and 324.36201 to  
21 324.36207. The improvement of timely processing and issuance, as  
22 described in this section, includes, but is not limited to:

23 (a) Timely review of mailed applications and paperwork.

24 (b) Timely and proactive communications to applicants on the  
25 status of their application.

26 (c) The provision of a clear and understood timeline for the  
27 issuance of any tax credits.

28

29 **FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS**



1           Sec. 801. All appropriations from the agriculture equine  
2 industry development fund must be spent on equine-related purposes.  
3 No funds from the agriculture equine industry development fund must  
4 be expended for non-equine-related purposes without prior approval  
5 of the legislature.

6           Sec. 802. From the funds appropriated in part 1 from  
7 agriculture equine industry development funds, available revenue  
8 must be allocated in the following priority order:

9           (a) To support all administrative, contractual, and regulatory  
10 costs incurred by the department and the Michigan gaming control  
11 board.

12           (b) Any remaining funds collected through September 30, 2024,  
13 after the obligations in subdivision (a) have been met, must be  
14 prorated equally among the county fairs, supplements, breeders'  
15 awards, and sire stakes awards to eligible race meeting licensees  
16 in accordance with section 20 of the horse racing law of 1995, 1995  
17 PA 279, MCL 431.320.

18           Sec. 803. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for county  
19 fairs, shows, and expositions, the department shall administer a  
20 county fairs, shows, and expositions grant program. The program  
21 must have the following objectives:

22           (a) Assist in the financing of building improvements or other  
23 capital improvements at county fairgrounds of this state.

24           (b) Provide financial support, promotion, prizes, and premiums  
25 of equine, livestock, and other agricultural commodity expositions  
26 in this state.

27           (2) The department shall award grants on a competitive basis  
28 to county fairs or other organizations from the funds appropriated  
29 in part 1 for county fairs, shows, and expositions grants. Grantees

1 will be required to provide a 50% cash match with grant awards and  
2 identify measurable project outcomes. A county fair organization  
3 that received a county fair capital improvement grant in the prior  
4 fiscal year must not receive a grant from the appropriation in part  
5 1.

6 (3) From the amount appropriated in part 1 for county fairs,  
7 shows, and expositions, up to \$25,000.00 must be expended for the  
8 purpose of financial support, promotion, prizes, and premiums of  
9 equine, livestock, and other agricultural commodity expositions and  
10 festivals in this state.

11 (4) All fairs receiving grants under this section must provide  
12 a report to the department on the financial impact resulting from  
13 the capital improvement project on both fair and nonfair events.  
14 These reports are due for 3 years immediately following the  
15 completion of the capital improvement project.

16 (5) The department shall identify criteria, evaluate  
17 applications, and provide recommendations to the director for final  
18 approval of grant awards.

19 (6) The department may expend money from the funds  
20 appropriated in part 1 for the county fairs, shows, and expositions  
21 for administering the program.

22 (7) The unexpended portion of the appropriation in part 1 for  
23 county fairs, shows, and expositions grants are designated as a  
24 work project appropriation and any unencumbered or unallotted funds  
25 do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are available for  
26 expenditures for projects under this section until the projects  
27 have been completed. The following is in compliance with section  
28 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL  
29 18.1451a:

1 (a) The purpose of the project is to support building  
2 improvements or other capital improvements at county fairgrounds of  
3 this state.

4 (b) All grants will be distributed in accordance with this  
5 section and the grant guidelines published prior to the request for  
6 proposals.

7 (c) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state  
8 employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

9 (d) The estimated cost of the project is \$500,000.00.

10 (e) The tentative completion date for the work project is  
11 September 30, 2027.

12 (8) The department shall provide a year-end report on the  
13 county fairs, shows, and expositions grants no later than December  
14 1, 2025 that includes a listing of the grantees, award amounts,  
15 match funding, project outcomes, and department costs of grant  
16 administration.

17

18 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

19 Sec. 901. (1) From the 1-time funds appropriated in part 1 for  
20 minority-owned food and agriculture ventures, the department shall  
21 create a grant program to expand minority businesses in food and  
22 agriculture. Grant recipients must be majority minority-owned or  
23 ventures that are providing access to predominately majority  
24 minority-owned businesses.

25 (2) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for minority-  
26 owned food and agriculture ventures are designated as a work  
27 project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds do  
28 not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are available for  
29 expenditures for projects under this section until projects have

1 been completed. The following is in compliance with section  
2 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL  
3 18.145a-18.1451a:

4 (a) The purpose of the project is the expansion of minority-  
5 owned businesses in food and agriculture.

6 (b) The project is to be accomplished by utilizing state  
7 employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

8 (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$500,000.00.

9 (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is  
10 September 30, 2029.

11 Sec. 902. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for soil  
12 health workshops and education are designated as a work project  
13 appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds do not  
14 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are available for  
15 expenditures for those projects until the projects have been  
16 completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of  
17 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.145a: a  
18 18.1451a:

19 (a) The purpose of the project is to promote the goals of the  
20 principles of soil health and regenerative agriculture.

21 (b) The project is to be accomplished by utilizing state  
22 employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

23 (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$249,900.00

24 (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is  
25 September 30, 2029.

26 Sec. 903. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for  
27 study on funding and role of conservation districts are designated  
28 as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted  
29 funds do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are available

1 for expenditures for those projects until the projects have been  
2 completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of  
3 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.145a:

4 (a) The purpose of the project is to create a report on the  
5 role and funding of conservation districts with recommendations as  
6 to their future role and funding.

7 (b) The project is to be accomplished by utilizing contracts  
8 with service providers.

9 (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$249,900.00.

10 (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is  
11 September 30, 2029.

12 Sec. 904. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for cost  
13 sharing for no-till adoption in western Lake Erie Basin are  
14 designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or  
15 unallotted funds do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are  
16 available for expenditures for those projects until the projects  
17 have been completed. The following is in compliance with section  
18 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.145a:  
19 18.1451a:

20 (a) The purpose of the project is to support cost sharing for  
21 no-till adoption in the western Lake Erie Basin.

22 (b) The project is to be accomplished by utilizing state  
23 employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

24 (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$9,000,000.00.

25 (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is  
26 September 30, 2029.

27 Sec. 905. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for risk  
28 mitigation costs of no-till adoption in western Lake Erie Basin are  
29 designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or

1 unallotted funds do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are  
2 available for expenditures for those projects until the projects  
3 have been completed. The following is in compliance with section  
4 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.145a:  
5 18.1451a:

6 (a) The purpose of the project is to support risk mitigation  
7 costs of no-till adoption in western Lake Erie.

8 (b) The project is to be accomplished by utilizing state  
9 employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

10 (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$4,000,000.00.

11 (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is  
12 September 30, 2029.

13 Sec. 906. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for soil  
14 health education in western Lake Erie Basin are designated as a  
15 work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted  
16 funds do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and are available  
17 for expenditures for those projects until the projects have been  
18 completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of  
19 the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.145a: 18.1451a:

20 (a) The purpose of the project is to promote soil health  
21 education in western Lake Erie Basin.

22 (b) The project is to be accomplished by utilizing state  
23 employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

24 (c) The estimated cost of this project is \$2,500,000.00.

25 (d) The tentative completion date for the work project is  
26 September 30, 2029.

27 Sec. 907. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that the  
28 state budget director use their authority under section 451a of the  
29 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a, to lapse a

1 total of \$15,500,000.00 appropriated under 2021 PA 87 for work  
2 project number TW3069022, designated for agriculture nutrient best  
3 management voluntary practices.

4 (2) It is the intent of the legislature that funds  
5 appropriated in part 1 from work project lapse funds are available  
6 for expenditure for the purposes identified in part 1 using  
7 proceeds of the work project lapse listed in subsection (1).

8 (3) It is the intent of the legislature that an appropriation  
9 using the proceeds from the lapsed work project identified under  
10 subsection (1) may be spent only if the appropriation is for a  
11 purpose that is an allowable use of the fund source for the work  
12 project identified to be lapsed under subsection (1).