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Legislative Update

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FY 2025 Budget Bills Sent to House, Senate Floors

As of May 1, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have moved all of their budget bills, sending them to the floor of their respective chambers for consideration. The Senate passed four of its budget bills on Thursday. The House and Senate are next scheduled to meet on May 7.

Comprehensive information as to what is included in the:

- House School Aid budget bill (House Bill 5503) is available **here**
- Senate School Aid budget bill (Senate Bill 751) is available **here**

Once budget bills are approved by the Appropriations Committees and passed by the respective chambers, conference committees will be appointed to negotiate points of difference between the bills. Soon to come is an analysis comparing the executive, House, and Senate recommendations.



Also on the horizon is the second-of-the year Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference on May 17, during which updated revenue estimates will be used to make adjustments before passage of the appropriations bills.

Per statute, the Legislature must pass and present appropriations bills to the Governor by July 1 for the state budget that goes into effect October 1.

Public Comments Sought on Senate Map Redraw



The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission's work is underway to remap Senate Districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11, as mandated by a federal judicial panel. The remedial map is due to the U.S. District Court by June 27. Michigan residents are invited to share input via one of the IRCR's online portals or in person or virtually at a **public hearing in the Detroit-area on May 7, 8, or 9**. The public comment period closes June 21. **Click here** to sign up for public comment.



Governor Signs AED Bills

On April 27, during the NFL draft in Detroit, Governor Whitmer signed the cardiac emergency/AED bill package (House Bills 5527-5528) into law, creating Public Acts **36** and **37** of 2024. Both bills will take effect 91 days after the Legislature adjourns sine die later this year.

Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, schools in Michigan must:

- Develop cardiac emergency response plans
- Establish emergency response teams
- Place AEDs throughout campus and in athletic facilities
- Train school staff and hold annual simulations on using AEDs
- Ensure all high coaches are certified in AED usage as well as the administration of CPR

During the bill signing ceremony, the NFL announced it is donating 50 AEDs to schools across the state.

Cardiac Education Bill Taken Up in Committee

The House Health Policy Committee heard supportive testimony on legislation calling for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to develop and make publicly available educational materials and a training program on the risks and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest in athletes.

House Bill 4291 would also require schools and other entities that sponsor/operate youth athletic activities to distribute the educational materials to each athlete and their parent/guardian and obtain their written acknowledgment of receipt. Among other bill provisions, coaches and school athletic officials would be required to undergo annual training on sudden cardiac arrest.

The committee did not vote on the bill.

Democrats Resume House Majority

The 54-54 party split in the House came to an end on April 30, when Mai Xiong and Peter Herzberg were sworn in as Democratic representatives for the 13th and 25th House Districts, respectively.

Xiong and Herzberg won the special elections held on April 16 to fill the seats that had been vacant since November 2023, when then-Representatives Kevin Coleman and Lori Stone resigned after winning mayoral elections.


Rep. Peter Herzberg


Rep. Mai Xiong

Representatives Xiong and Herzberg have both been appointed to four legislative committees, with Xiong now a member of the House Education Committee.

Senate Panel Considers Out-of-State Teacher Exams



This week, the Senate Education Committee heard testimony on **Senate Bill 354**, which calls for expanding Michigan's recognition of teacher certification by allowing acceptance of teacher certification acquired through exams taken in other states or nationally. Currently, to teach in Michigan, educators must take the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification.

The committee did not vote on the bill.