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Legislative Update

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Economists Report School Aid Revenue Slightly Down

Economists from the State Budget Office, House Fiscal Agency, and Senate Fiscal Agency convened on May 17 for the second and final Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) of the year. The overall message: Michigan has a strong and stable economy, despite a slight dip in School Aid Revenue that is likely due to slower consumer spending.

The purpose of the annual May conference is to update, after income tax season, January forecasts of the state's revenue. Dollar amounts agreed to at the May conference ultimately inform legislators of how much is available for the state's current and next fiscal year budgets.

For both fiscal years 2024 and 2025, economists project the state will have slightly more revenue to work with in the General Fund but a little less in the School Aid Fund than originally forecasted.

Click here for the School Aid Fund economic outlook and budget review presented at the May CREC.

Conference Committees to Begin Budget Negotiations

Now that the House and Senate have passed their versions of the fiscal year 2025 state budget and legislators know how much revenue the state is projected to have, legislative conference committees can begin the negotiation phase of the state budget process.

A conference committee is a small group of Senators and Representatives from both parties who have been appointed to negotiate a single spending plan they think the House and Senate can approve.



The committees will meet during June to come to agreement on the spending plan. Final budget bills will then head to the floor of each chamber, where they will be subject to up-or-down / yay-or-nay votes, with no opportunities for legislators to offer amendments. This is on track to take place by July 1. The bills will then go to Governor Whitmer for her review.

Redistricting Commission Seeks Public Comment on Draft Senate Maps

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission has put forth for public comment **six draft maps** for redrawing Senate districts in and around Detroit.

A redraw was mandated in November 2023 by a three-judge panel, which found Senate districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11 to be unconstitutional.

Each of the draft maps—titled Cardinal, Crane, Dove, Finch V2, Heron, and Sterling V3—would make major changes to Senate districts in the tri-county Metro Detroit area.

The public comment period closes June 21. The commission has until June 27 to submit its final proposal to the U.S. District Court. The court is to adopt a remedial Senate districting plan by July 26.





PSA Requirements Bills Pass House

This week the House passed two bill packages (House Bills **5231-5234** and **5269**) that would require public school academies to:

- Post salary information on their website by November 1 of each year
- Include the name of their authorizer and education management organization, if applicable, on all signage, advertising, and promotional materials

Immunization Bills Introduced in Senate

A package of three bills (Senate Bills **875**, **876**, **877**) were introduced in the Senate this week that would modify grade requirements for certain immunizations.

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, children entering the 12th grade—in addition to those entering 7th grade and first-time school enrollees—would be required to be immunized according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's childhood immunization schedule or present a statement of exemption.

The bills were referred to the Senate Health Policy Committee.