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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 18, 2016

**TO:** The Honorable Jim Stamas, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

The Honorable Laura Cox, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

**FROM:** Stephanie Comai, Director  
Michigan Talent Investment Agency (TIA)

**SUBJECT:** PA 143 of 2015, Section 501(4)(c) – Michigan GED-to-School Program

Section 501 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 2015-16, Public Act 143 of 2015, requires the Workforce Development Agency (WDA) of TIA to provide an estimate of the full-year cost of the GED-to-School Program.

Pursuant to this requirement, we estimate that a full-year cost of the program, April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017, will be \$225,000, which would serve approximately 1,500 participants. This estimate is based on prior year data of individuals seeking high school completion/GED services.

In addition, pursuant to Section 501(5), the WDA will provide the required report on utilization of the program not later than September 30, 2016, which will include year-to-date expenditures. It is plausible, based on the actual figures reported, that all of the allocated funds (\$500,000) could be expended prior to the tentative completion date of September 30, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Ferrick in the TIA Office of Legislative Affairs at 517-373-6922.

cc: Members, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government  
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