

SENATE PASSES GENERAL OMNIBUS BUDGET BILL – The *Senate* passed a \$63 billion budget bill that covers all state agencies except for K-12, higher education, and community colleges.

The bigger picture: The *Senate* passed *Senate Bill 878* on Wednesday after a lengthy session day and over 50 amendments put forward by *Senate Republicans*. *Senate Democrats* stated that the General Omnibus budget funds the state’s top priorities while trying to combat the federal actions that have placed pressure on the state’s finances. *Senate Appropriations Chair Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing)* said that the budget aims to provide more funding for childcare, school meals, and expanded workforce training. *Senator Anthony* added that the budget seeks to “cushion the blow” of federal Medicaid and other cuts.

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EDUCATION OMNIBUS PASSES SENATE – The *Senate* passed an education omnibus budget on Thursday that *Democrats* say provide record per-pupil funding.

The bigger picture: Passing along party lines, *Senate Bill 860* includes \$22 billion in School Aid funding, \$2.59 billion for higher education, and \$490.8 million for community colleges. While *Democrats* spoke on investing in literacy programs, *Republicans* were not impressed. Saying that policies that sent Michigan to the bottom of reading and math score rankings nationally continue in this budget.

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SENATE PASSES SELFRIDGE SUPPLEMENTAL – On Thursday, the *Senate* passed a \$1 billion supplemental including funding for the Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

The bigger picture: The passed supplemental intends to fund improvements to the Selfridge Air National Guard Base as well as Medicaid caseload adjustments. \$152 million of the supplemental is intended for the National Guard Base, \$511.7 million is for Medicaid adjustments. *Democrats* have said that the Selfridge funding is continuing the critical state funding for the base, while *Republicans* claimed that the *Senate* majority passed a package that contains “unnecessary pork projects.”

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Rx KIDS TO EXPAND IN THE SUMMER – *Governor Gretchen Whitmer* has announced that the Rx Kids programs will reach 20 additional communities this summer.

The bigger picture: Rx Kids, a program that provides cash payments to new and expecting mothers, will open enrollment for several communities on June 1, with more enrollment possibilities being released on July 1. Expansions into Genesee and Wayne counties are expected later this summer as well. The program got started in 2024 in Flint and contains a \$1,500 payment during pregnancy and \$500 per month for between six and 12 months following childbirth.

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ODDS AND ENDS

- The *Senate* sent *Senate Bills 757-760* to the *House* in a 20-17 vote with two *Republicans* voting in support and one *Democrat* voting against. The bills would ban social media platforms from pushing addictive feeds to minors without parental approval. Minors would also be blocked from accessing AI chatbots among other preventative measures.

- **House Bill 5514** was passed by the **House** this week. The bill prohibits the use of certain restraints such as handcuffs, chains, straitjackets, and blindfolds when transporting youths to treatment programs. Transportation services would also be prohibited from transporting the youths between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. The bill passed the **House** 104-1 with **Representative Steve Carra (R-Three Rivers)** being the single no vote.
- The **House** also passed **House Bill 5836**, which repeals Cesar E. Chavez Day, by a margin of 103-2. The bill was proposed after accusations against the honoree were published last month. House Democrats put forward an amendment that would change the name of the holiday to “Farm Workers Day” but it was not adopted.
- The **House** passed a bill that would amend the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Office Act to transfer the Office of Prosecuting Attorneys Coordination and its supervisory agency to the **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs**. **House Bill 5719** passed 60-45.
- **House Bill 4733** was also passed by the **House** 85-20 this week. The bill aims to open regulations on preserved fish, allowing people to own an unlimited number of days’ worth of catches as long as the fish have been canned, cured, or frozen.
- The **House Energy Committee** reported **House Bills 5710** and **5711** on Tuesday. The bills would eliminate clean and renewable energy standards from 2023.
- **Representative Ron Robinson (R-Utica)** announced the creation of the Michigan Building Trades Caucus on Wednesday. The bipartisan group will focus on strengthening the skilled trade workforce throughout the state. **Representative Joey Andrews (D-St. Joseph)** and **Senator Ed McBroom (R-Vulcan)** will serve as vice chairs beside **Representative Robinson**.