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## **State Senate Passes Clarke Proposal to Audit Detroit Public Schools**

LANSING— Senator Hansen Clarke offered an amendment today to House Bill 4346, the Michigan Department of Education budget, that will enable state auditors to conduct a comprehensive performance audit of Detroit Public Schools. The amendment, which passed the Senate as part of the budget’s approval, will help identify waste and inefficiency and make recommendations on how to spend money more effectively to better educate Detroit Public School students.

“While we make major school budget decisions today, I felt it was an important opportunity to also address the fate of these funds,” said Senator Clarke. “When the State of Michigan took over control of Detroit Public Schools, there was a significant surplus of funding. Now there’s a growing deficit, and we need to get someone in there to clean house and get their financial house in order.”

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