House Democrats Deliver Real Solutions and Opportunities for Michigan

In 2019, Michigan House Democrats diligently worked to deliver real solutions to address our state’s most urgent challenges, reflecting the priorities and values of Michiganders across our great state. The key successes we secured during the first year of the 100th Legislature on behalf of our constituents and in partnership with our invaluable stakeholders are highlighted below.

House Democrats will continue to create real opportunities for all Michiganders by strengthening employment protections, building a 21st century economy that works for everyone, protecting our environment, improving our education system and ensuring everyone has access to the affordable, quality health care they deserve.

$100 Million in Budget Priorities Delivered and Important Policy Changes Achieved

Throughout the budget process, House Democrats successfully increased or retained critical funding to improve our schools, protect our environment and grow our economy. House Democrats also achieved important policy-related changes in the K-12 budget.

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Policy Changes

- **Prevented** mandatory redirection of $522 million in at-risk funds for underperforming schools across Michigan.
- **Modified** mandatory, automatic school closure measures in partnership agreements to provide the Department of Education discretion.
- **Limited** expansion of the Shared Time program to ensure scarce school funding is dedicated to public school students.
Constituent Outreach

2019 ROLLOUTS
- Enacted civil asset forfeiture reform
- Passed major criminal justice reforms with overwhelming bipartisan support, including:
  - Reforming criminal record expungement
  - Increasing funding for the Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation Fund
  - Enacting the Raise the Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction package
  - Enacting legislation that would allow for the parole of medically frail prison inmates
- Expanded access to opioid antagonists for local units of government to help fight the opioid epidemic
- Clarified in statute the scope of practice for Licensed Professional Counselors
- Passed the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA/LORA) reform package
- Passed bills in response to the Larry Nassar scandal to prevent and help victims of sexual abuse
- Codified the Wayfair v. South Dakota decision, closing a major tax loophole and increasing potential funding for Michigan schools

Legislative Highlights

2019
- 578 Bills Introduced
- 22 Public Acts

2017
- 534 Bills Introduced
- 11 Public Acts