# 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.

\$40,500,000	Increase to MI-Choice Waiver Long Term Care Program
\$30,000,000	Doubled special education funding
\$12,000,000	Rail Grade Separation Project
\$5,000,000	Local PIHP Match Phase Out
\$4,000,000	Public Safety Initiative
\$4,000,000	Various education and health care programs
\$2,000,000	Sexual assault services grants
\$1,500,000	Flip the Script Program
\$1,000,000	Double Up Food Bucks

#### **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**







### **Legislative Highlights**

2019



578
BILLS
INTRODUCED



PUBLIC ACTS

2017



534
BILLS
INTRODUCED



#### **2019 ROLLOUTS**

**Repeal the Steal** 

**Transparent. Accountable. Breathable.** 

**Payroll Fraud** 

**Protecting Michigan Workers** 

Working Hard for Working Families
HOPE Plan

Michigan Reproductive Health Act

**Small Business, Big Impact** 

- **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
- **Codified** the *Wayfair v. South Dakota* decision, closing a major tax loophole and increasing potential funding for Michigan schools

