

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

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388.1632p.added Early childhood funding; block grants; report; carrying over unexpended funds.

Sec. 32p. (1) From the school aid fund appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$10,900,000.00 for 2012-2013 for the purpose of providing early childhood funding to intermediate school districts in block grants. The funding provided to each intermediate district under this section shall be equal to the sum of all funding allocated under former sections 32b and 32j, as those sections were in effect for 2011-2012. In order to receive funding under this section, each intermediate district shall provide an application to the office of great start not later than August 15, 2012, indicating the activities planned to be provided and children served under the block grant.

(2) Each intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts that receives funding under this section shall convene a local great start collaborative and a parent coalition to address the availability of the following 6 components of a great start system in its communities: physical health, social-emotional health, family supports, basic needs, economic stability and safety, and parenting education and early education and care. The goal of a local great start collaborative is to ensure that every child in the community is ready for kindergarten. Each local great start collaborative shall ensure the coordination and expansion of infrastructure or programming to support high-quality early childhood and childcare programs. An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts may reconstitute its local great start collaborative if that collaborative is found to be ineffective.

(3) Not later than December 1, 2013, each intermediate district shall provide a report to the department detailing the activities actually provided during 2012-2013 and the children actually served. The department shall compile and summarize these reports and submit its summary to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on school aid and to the house and senate fiscal agencies. The block grants allocated under this section implement legislative intent language for this purpose enacted in 2011 PA 62.

(4) An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts that receives funding under this section may carry over any unexpended funds received under this section for a fiscal year into the next fiscal year and may expend those unused funds in the next fiscal year. A recipient of a grant shall return any unexpended grant funds to the department in the manner prescribed by the department not later than September 30 of the next fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the funds are received.

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