

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

\*\*\*\*\* 388.1632q.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 2016 \*\*\*\*\*

**388.1632q.added Impact on vulnerable children of 1 versus 2 years of preschool education; pilot program.**

Sec. 32q. From the state school aid fund allocation under section 11, there is allocated to an eligible intermediate district an amount equal to \$175,000.00 in 2016-2017 for the purpose of this section. An intermediate district receiving a grant under this section shall partner with an early childhood collaborative to conduct a pilot program as provided under this section. It is the intent of the legislature that this is the first of 3 years of funding, and that funding shall continue in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Funding allocated to an intermediate district shall be used in partnership with a collaborative to conduct a pilot program to evaluate the relative impact on vulnerable children of 1 versus 2 years of preschool education. All of the following apply to the pilot program funded under this section:

(a) An eligible intermediate district is an intermediate district that is located in a county with a population as of the most recent federal decennial census that was greater than 500,000 but fewer than 800,000 and that has an early learning collaborative located within its boundaries.

(b) The funds shall be used for research, family coaching support, administration, information systems, and evaluation.

(c) In order to be eligible to receive the allocated funds, the early learning collaborative, in partnership with the intermediate district, shall provide the funding for all eligible children included in the pilot program.

(d) The early learning collaborative, in partnership with the intermediate district, shall develop a 3-year pilot program under the supervision of the office of great start in the department.

(e) For a child to be eligible for participation in the pilot program under this section, the child shall be 3 years of age as of the date specified for determining a child's eligibility to attend school under section 1147 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1147.

(f) A child participating in the pilot program shall meet the participant eligibility and prioritization guidelines as defined by the department.

(g) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall distribute funds under this section not later than November 15 of the fiscal year.

(h) The early learning collaborative, in partnership with the intermediate district, shall provide annual progress evaluations to the office of great start.

(i) By December 1, 2019, the early learning collaborative, in partnership with the intermediate district, shall provide a pilot program report and evaluation to the office of great start. The office of great start shall review the pilot program report and evaluation and, by February 15, 2020, provide a report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state school aid and to the senate and house fiscal agencies of its evaluation of the pilot program.

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