

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

***** 388.1699k.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017 *****

388.1699k.added Cybersecurity competitive events; programs; grants; application; form and manner; eligibility; distribution of funding; work project; carrying over unexpended funds; completion date.

Sec. 99k. (1) From the appropriation in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for 2017-2018 for competitive grants to districts that provide pupils in grades 6 to 12 with expanded opportunities to improve computer science skills by participating in cybersecurity competitive events hosted by Merit Network, Incorporated, known as Michigan High School Cyber Challenge, or hosted by the Air Force Association, known as Cyberpatriot. Programs funded under this section are intended to increase the number of pupils demonstrating proficiency in science and mathematics on state assessments and to increase the number of pupils who are college- and career-ready upon high school graduation. Notwithstanding section 17b, grant payments to districts under this section shall be paid on a schedule determined by the department. The department shall set maximum grant awards for each competition in a manner that both maximizes the number of teams that will be able to receive funds and the geographical distribution of teams.

(2) A district applying for a grant under this section shall submit an application in a form and manner determined by the department. To be eligible for a grant, a district shall demonstrate in its application that the district has established a partnership with at least 1 sponsor, business entity, higher education institution, or technical school, shall submit a spending plan, and shall pay at least 25% of the cost of the selected cybersecurity program.

(3) The department shall distribute the grant funding under this section for the following purposes:

(a) Grants to districts to pay for stipends not to exceed \$1,500.00 for 1 coach or mentor per team.

(b) Grants to districts for event registrations, materials, travel costs, and other expenses associated with the preparation for and attendance at events and competitions. Each grant recipient shall provide a local match from other private or local funds for the funds received under this subdivision equal to at least 50% of the costs of participating in an event.

(c) Grants to districts for awards to teams that advance to state and world championship competitions. The department shall determine an equal amount per team for those teams that advance to the state championship and a second equal award amount to those teams that advance to the world championship for the selected cybersecurity program.

(4) The funds allocated under this section are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2017-2018 are carried forward into 2018-2019. The purpose of the work project is to continue to implement the projects described under subsection (1). The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2020.

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