

HB1259



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB1259

by Rep. Michael J. Madigan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/1C-2

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning an early childhood education block grant.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 1C-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1C-2)

7 Sec. 1C-2. Block grants.

8 (a) For fiscal year 1999, and ~~and~~ each fiscal year
9 thereafter, the State Board of Education shall award to school
10 districts block grants as described in subsection (c). The
11 State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations
12 necessary to implement this Section. In accordance with Section
13 2-3.32, all state block grants are subject to an audit.
14 Therefore, block grant receipts and block grant expenditures
15 shall be recorded to the appropriate fund code.

16 (b) (Blank).

17 (c) An Early Childhood Education Block Grant shall be
18 created by combining the following programs: Preschool
19 Education, Parental Training and Prevention Initiative. These
20 funds shall be distributed to school districts and other
21 entities on a competitive basis. Not less than 14% of the Early
22 Childhood Education Block Grant allocation of funds shall be
23 used to fund programs for children ages 0-3. Beginning in

1 Fiscal Year 2016, at least 25% of any additional Early
2 Childhood Education Block Grant funding over and above the
3 previous fiscal year's allocation shall be used to fund
4 programs for children ages 0-3. Once the percentage of Early
5 Childhood Education Block Grant funding allocated to programs
6 for children ages 0-3 reaches 20% of the overall Early
7 Childhood Education Block Grant allocation for a full fiscal
8 year, thereafter in subsequent fiscal years the percentage of
9 Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding allocated to
10 programs for children ages 0-3 each fiscal year shall remain at
11 least 20% of the overall Early Childhood Education Block Grant
12 allocation. However, if, in a given fiscal year, the amount
13 appropriated for the Early Childhood Education Block Grant is
14 insufficient to increase the percentage of the grant to fund
15 programs for children ages 0-3 without reducing the amount of
16 the grant for existing providers of preschool education
17 programs, then the percentage of the grant to fund programs for
18 children ages 0-3 may be held steady instead of increased.
19 (Source: P.A. 98-645, eff. 7-1-14; 99-589, eff. 7-21-16.)