

HB1556



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1556

by Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez

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, except that the State Board of
22 Education shall award to a school district having a population
23 exceeding 500,000 inhabitants 37% of the funds in each fiscal

1 year. Not less than 14% of the Early Childhood Education Block
2 Grant allocation of funds shall be used to fund programs for
3 children ages 0-3. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2016, at least 25%
4 of any additional Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding
5 over and above the previous fiscal year's allocation shall be
6 used to fund programs for children ages 0-3. Once the
7 percentage of Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding
8 allocated to programs for children ages 0-3 reaches 20% of the
9 overall Early Childhood Education Block Grant allocation for a
10 full fiscal year, thereafter in subsequent fiscal years the
11 percentage of Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding
12 allocated to programs for children ages 0-3 each fiscal year
13 shall remain at least 20% of the overall Early Childhood
14 Education Block Grant allocation. However, if, in a given
15 fiscal year, the amount appropriated for the Early Childhood
16 Education Block Grant is insufficient to increase the
17 percentage of the grant to fund programs for children ages 0-3
18 without reducing the amount of the grant for existing providers
19 of preschool education programs, then the percentage of the
20 grant to fund programs for children ages 0-3 may be held steady
21 instead of increased.

22 (Source: P.A. 99-589, eff. 7-21-16; 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)