



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5865

Introduced 1/4/2023, by Rep. Fred Crespo

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that the State Board of Education shall implement and administer a program to make New Arrival Student Grants available to school districts to support the needs of students who are undocumented immigrants, have entered the United States in refugee status, or have applied for asylum in the United States. Provides that to receive a grant under this program, a school district shall submit an application to the State Board of Education at such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information as the State Board of Education may reasonably require. Provides that in awarding funds under this program, the State Board of Education may consider (i) the number of new arrival students enrolled in preschool, elementary school, and secondary school within the school district, (ii) the needs of new arrival students in the school district, and (iii) the ability of the school district to meet the needs of new arrival students. Effective July 1, 2023.

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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 adding Section
5 2-3.196 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.196 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.196. New Arrival Student Grant Program.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "new arrival student" means a
9 student who (i) is an undocumented immigrant, (ii) has entered
10 the United States in refugee status, or (iii) has applied for
11 asylum in the United States.

12 (b) Subject to specific State appropriation, the State
13 Board of Education shall implement and administer a program to
14 make New Arrival Student Grants available to school districts
15 to support the needs of new arrival students in the school
16 district.

17 (c) To receive a grant under this program, a school
18 district shall submit an application to the State Board of
19 Education at such time, in such manner, and containing or
20 accompanied by such information as the State Board of
21 Education may reasonably require. A school district organized
22 under Article 34 of this Code is not eligible to receive funds
23 awarded under this program.

1 (d) The State Board of Education, subject to appropriation
2 for this program, shall annually disseminate a request for
3 applications to the program, and funds shall be distributed
4 annually. In awarding funds under this program, the State
5 Board of Education may consider (i) the number of new arrival
6 students enrolled in preschool, elementary school, and
7 secondary school within the school district, (ii) the needs of
8 new arrival students in the school district, and (iii) the
9 ability of the school district to meet the needs of new arrival
10 students.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
12 2023.