AN ACT regarding education.

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

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

(105 ILCS 5/1C-2)

Sec. 1C-2. Block grants.

- (a) For fiscal year 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State Board of Education shall award to school districts block grants as described in subsections (b) and (c). The State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement this Section. In accordance with Section 2-3.32, all state block grants are subject to an audit. Therefore, block grant receipts and block grant expenditures shall be recorded to the appropriate fund code.
- (b) A Professional Development Block Grant shall be created by combining the existing School Improvement Block Grant and the REI Initiative. These funds shall be distributed to school districts based on the number of full-time certified instructional staff employed in the district.
- (c) An Early Childhood Education Block Grant shall be created by combining the following programs: Preschool Education, Parental Training and Prevention Initiative. These funds shall be distributed to school districts and other entities on a competitive basis. Eleven Eight percent of this grant shall be used to fund programs for children ages 0-3.

(Source: P.A. 89-397, eff. 8-20-95; 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 90-653, eff. 7-29-98.)

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on July 1, 2003.