388.1654d Early on services pilot program; grant eligibility; purposes; report.

Sec. 54d. (1) From the appropriations in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed $7,150,000.00 for 2019-2020 to intermediate districts for the purpose of providing state early on services pilot programs for children from birth to 3 years of age with a developmental delay or a disability, or both, and their families, as described in the early on Michigan state plan, as approved by the department.

(2) To be eligible to receive grant funding under this section, each intermediate district shall apply in a form and manner determined by the department.

(3) The grant funding allocated under this section must be used to increase early on services and resources available to children that demonstrate developmental delays to help prepare them for success as they enter school. State early on services include evaluating and providing early intervention services for eligible infants and toddlers and their families to address developmental delays, including those affecting physical, cognitive, communication, adaptive, social, or emotional development. Grant funds must not be used to supplant existing services that are currently being provided.

(4) The department shall distribute the funds allocated under subsection (1) to intermediate districts according to the department's early on funding formula utilized to distribute the federal award to Michigan under part C of the individuals with disabilities education act. Funds received under this section must not supplant existing funds or resources allocated for early on early intervention services. An intermediate district receiving funds under this section shall maximize the capture of Medicaid funds to support early on early intervention services to the extent possible.

(5) Each intermediate district that receives funds under this section shall report data and other information to the department in a form, manner, and frequency prescribed by the department to allow for monitoring and evaluation of the pilot projects and to ensure that the children described in subsection (1) received appropriate levels and types of services delivered by qualified personnel, based on the individual needs of the children and their families.

(6) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department.