388.1654e Training pilot program; evidence-based parent-implemented models of intervention for the treatment of autism.

Sec. 54e. (1) From the general fund money appropriated under section 11, there is allocated for 2019-2020 only an amount not to exceed $350,000.00 for a pilot program to train at least 60 early on providers in the components of evidence-based parent-implemented models of intervention for the treatment of autism. To receive funding under this section, a program provider must agree to use the funds for training in these components for early on providers using an evidence-based program to conduct the training and may receive the funding in the form and manner prescribed by the department. The department shall ensure that early on providers in multiple intermediate districts are provided with training under this section and shall include early on providers in intermediate districts based on interest in the program and need for the training.

(2) The department shall conduct a survey of intermediate districts in the pilot program described under this section after implementation of the parent-implemented model of intervention pilot program to measure the impact of the program. The department shall report the findings from the survey to the legislature. The department may use existing vendors to conduct this data collection. The department may use not more than 10% of the allocation under this section for administration and management of the pilot program.

(3) As used in this section, "parent-implemented model of intervention" means a model in which parents directly use individualized developmentally appropriate intervention practices with their children to increase the social abilities of children with autism.

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