

## USE OF "AT-RISK" PUPIL FUNDING

**House Bill 4641**

**Sponsor: Rep. Kirk A. Profit**

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4385 AS INTRODUCED 4-16-97

Under the State School Aid Act, school districts and public school academies are eligible to receive funds in addition to the basic foundation allowance based on the number of pupils who meet the income eligibility criteria for free breakfast, lunch, or milk under the National School Lunch Act. These additional funds are to be used for operating a school breakfast program, reducing class sizes in certain school buildings, adult education, and for providing instructional programs and certain noninstructional services (including medical or counseling services) for at-risk pupils. House Bill 4641 would amend this provision to allow the use of at-risk pupil funding for professional development for teachers and other instructional staff to train them in responding to the special needs of at-risk pupils.

(An "at-risk" pupil means a student who meet at least two of the following criteria:

C is a victim of child abuse or neglect;

C is below grade level in English language and communication skills or mathematics;

C is a pregnant teenage or teenage parent;

C is eligible for a federal free or reduced-price lunch subsidy;

C has "atypical" behavior or attendance patterns;

C has a family history of school failure, incarceration, or substance abuse;

C did not achieve at least a score of "moderate" on the most recent MEAP reading or mathematics test taken, or who received a score of less than 50 percent of the objectives on the most recent MEAP science test taken; and,

C for a student in grades K-3, is at risk of not meeting the district's core academic curricular objectives in English language, communication skills, or mathematics.)

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