

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

388.1632t Three year-old preschool pilot program; Clinton County RESA.

Sec. 32t.

(1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2023-2024 only an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000.00 to Clinton County RESA (CCRESA) for a 3-year-old preschool pilot program to provide services to children who do not meet the age eligibility criteria for the great start readiness program, but meet all other eligibility criteria for the great start readiness program. These services must be designed for children who are age 3 and must be similar to the services provided through the great start readiness program. The program described in this section must be administered by CCRESA Strong Beginnings Implementation Team under the direction of the department, office of great start, with assessment, data, and collection analysis for the program being provided by Michigan State University.

(2) The department must pay the funding under this section to Clinton County RESA in installments over 3 years. The department shall determine the amount to be used in each year.

(3) This section is intended to provide funding to serve at least 1,000 children over the next 3 school years, evaluate outcomes, and create a scalable 3-year-old preschool model. Clinton County RESA shall maintain funding at no less than the amount received in 2022-2023 under this section for current participants. At the end of the pilot, Clinton County RESA shall provide a report to the department detailing all of the following:

- (a) How the pilot was conducted.
- (b) Demographics of the children served.
- (c) Outcomes achieved.
- (d) Challenges the pilot faced and how the implementation team responded.
- (e) A model this state could use to scale the program statewide, if funding were available.

(4) The funds allocated under this section for 2023-2024 are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2023-2024 are carried forward into 2024-2025. The purpose of the work project is to pilot a 3-year-old preschool program as provided under this section. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2027.

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

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