

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

***** 388.1697b.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022 *****

388.1697b.added Allocation for school resource officers; application process; department of state police; work project.

Sec. 97b. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2022-2023 an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.00 to public schools, districts, and intermediate districts as prescribed in this section.

(2) To receive funding under this section, a public school, district, or intermediate district must apply for the funding to the department of state police, grants and community services division, in a form and manner prescribed by the department of state police, and must pledge, in its application, that it will provide 50% matching funds for the funds it receives under this section.

(3) The department of state police shall not award funding under subsection (1) to a public school, district, or intermediate district in relation to the same school building more than once in a single grant application period. If a district submits an application under subsection (2) relating to a school building and a public school within that district also submits an application for funding in relation to that same school building, the department of state police shall not allocate funding under subsection (1) twice for that school building. If a public school, district, or intermediate district submits more than 1 application, the department of state police shall first consider the most recent application submitted in considering funding under subsection (1).

(4) A public school, district, or intermediate district that receives funding under this section shall use the funding only to ensure that it has at least 1 school resource officer at its school, district, or intermediate district to do 1 or more of the following in his or her service at the school, district, or intermediate district:

(a) Assist school administration in ensuring the physical safety of school buildings of the school, district, or intermediate district and the individuals inside the school buildings.

(b) Work with school administration to develop safety procedures for potential threats in school buildings of the school, district, or intermediate district.

(c) Welcome, counsel, and mentor students.

(d) Educate students about law-related topics, as appropriate.

(e) De-escalate aggression that occurs between students or between students and school, district, or intermediate district staff.

(f) Mentor students as advisors and role models.

(5) Funds allocated under this section for 2022-2023 are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2022-2023 are carried forward into 2023-2024. The purpose of the work project is to continue providing funding to support public schools, districts, and intermediate districts in having school resource officers at schools, districts, or intermediate districts. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2027.

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

(7) As used in this section, "public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, MCL 380.5.

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