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

***** *388.1699b.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023* *****

388.1699b.added Computer science professional development and learning programs.

Sec. 99b. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed $4,000,000.00 for 2023-2024 only to a district to develop and implement teacher professional development programs for computer science and computational thinking courses and content.

(2) Funding received under subsection (1) may be used only for the following purposes:

(a) High-quality professional learning for K to 12 computer science content. The costs associated with professional learning as described in this subdivision include, but are not limited to, travel to workshops. As used in this subdivision, "high-quality profession learning" means learning that is sustained, intensive, collaborative, job embedded, data driven, and classroom focused.

(b) Supports for K to 12 computer science professional learning, including, but not limited to, mentoring and coaching.

(c) Creation of resources to support implementation.

(d) Professional learning offerings that identify strategies to include underrepresented groups.

(e) Participation in the Strategic CSforALL Resource and Implementation Planning Tool (SCRIPT) process with a trained facilitator of this state.

(3) To be eligible to receive funding under this section, a district must apply for funding in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The application must, at a minimum, address how the district will do all of the following:

(a) Reach new and existing teachers with little to no computer science background.

(b) Use research- or evidence-based practices for high-quality professional development.

(c) Focus the professional learning on the mastery of all areas of computer science standards as approved by the state board of education in 2019.

(d) Reach and support marginalized racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in computer science.

(e) Provide teachers with concrete experience with hands-on, inquiry-based practices.

(f) Accommodate the particular teacher and student needs in each district and school.

(g) Ensure that participating districts shall begin offering the courses or content within the same or next school year after the teacher receives the professional learning.

(h) Commit to completing the SCRIPT process.

(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 continue to support computer science implementation. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2025.

(5) A district that receives funding under this section shall submit a report to the department by June 30, 2024. The report must include all of the following:

(a) The number of teachers prepared.

(b) Students reached, including the number and percentage of students reached disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.

(c) The number and percentage of students with passing AP exam scores for high school AP courses, by gender, race, and ethnicity, once that data is available.

(d) The number of teachers that started implementing computer science compared to the number of prepared teachers that attended professional learning.

(e) The number of elementary students who are provided integrated computer science opportunities.

(f) Progress in building a systematic K to 12 computer science plan using the SCRIPT rubric.

(g) Any agreements to provide preassessments and postassessments of teacher readiness for teaching computational thinking and computer science and any data related to those assessments.

(6) The department shall make the report submitted under subsection (5) available on a publicly accessible website.

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Compiler's note: Former MCL 388.1699b, which pertained to training program for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instruction, was repealed by Act 85 of 2015, Eff. Oct. 1, 2015.

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