

25l Language in 24-25 School Budget

Sec. 25l.

(1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2024-2025 only an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 to an intermediate district for the deployment of an integrated online tool to identify and support students at risk of dropping out of high school.

(2) An intermediate district must apply for funding in a form and manner determined by the department. The application must demonstrate that the intermediate district is in partnership with an association that represents intermediate district administrators in this state for the purpose of deploying an integrated online tool to identify and support students at risk of dropping out of high school. The department shall open the application for funding under this section by not later than November 1, 2024.

(3) Funds received by an intermediate district under this section must be utilized, in partnership with an association that represents intermediate district administrators in this state, to do all of the following:

(a) Establish statewide operational support and offer to districts the use of an integrated online tool to support local early warning and intervention.

(b) Establish monitoring systems to identify and support students at risk of dropping out of high school.

(c) Provide access to the system, develop and deliver professional learning on its uses, and coordinate with the department on regional training and support efforts.

(d) Provide implementation support and technical assistance resources to aid in implementing an integrated online tool to identify and support students at risk of dropping out of high school for any district in the state.

(4) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section by December 1, 2024.

(5) Notwithstanding section 18a, funds allocated under this section may be available for expenditure until September 30, 2029. A recipient of funding under this section must return any unexpended funds to the department in the manner prescribed by the department by not later than October 30, 2029.