

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

388.1635d Grants for teacher training program for children with dyslexia; program requirements.

Sec. 35d. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated under section 11, for 2024-2025 only, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for the department to provide grants to districts and intermediate districts for the purchase of 1 or more components or trainings through an eligible teacher training program for children with dyslexia from a provider of an eligible teacher training program for children with dyslexia as provided under this section.

(2) A provider that provides programming that meets all of the following is considered to be a provider of an eligible teacher training program for purposes of this section:

(a) Allows teachers to incorporate the 5 components essential to an effective reading program into their daily lessons. The 5 components described in this subdivision are phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

(b) Trains educators to teach reading using a proven, multisensory approach.

(c) Educates teachers on how to explicitly and effectively teach reading to beginning readers.

(d) Breaks reading and spelling down into smaller skills involving letters and sounds, and then builds on these skills over time.

(e) Uses multisensory teaching strategies to teach reading by using sight, hearing, touch, and movement to help students connect and learn the concepts being taught.

(3) Districts and intermediate districts may apply to the department for grants to purchase components or training through an eligible teacher training program from a provider of an eligible teacher training program, and, upon receiving an application but except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the department shall make payments to districts and intermediate districts for those purchases. The department shall make payments under this section on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

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