

HB 1076 -- Eligibility for State School Aid

Sponsor: Stevenson

Currently, nine-tenths of 1% of the state school aid appropriation, not including categorical aid, is reserved to the Commissioner of Education for use in addressing statewide areas of critical need. This bill deletes the percentage requirement and many of the specifications for organizations that receive funds for supplying professional development programs and substitutes a requirement that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education request funds for a quality professional development program. All of the current areas of critical need and the priority of areas of critical need for management teams for academically deficient schools, grants for districts failing to achieve assessment standards, and for family literacy programs are maintained. The bill also deletes the requirement that the department devote one-tenth of 1% of the state aid appropriation to its Success Leads to Success grant program.