

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT  
Committee on Education.

SB19-204 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 8, line 18, after "(5)" insert "(a)".

2 Page 8, after line 25 insert:

3        "(b) THE AMOUNT OF A GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS  
4 SECTION MUST BE AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
5 BUDGET YEAR BUT MUST NOT EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
6 BUDGET YEAR FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO A SINGLE LOCAL EDUCATION  
7 PROVIDER AND MUST NOT EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
8 BUDGET YEAR FOR A GRANT AWARDED TO A GROUP OF LOCAL EDUCATION  
9 PROVIDERS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT OF EACH  
10 GRANT OVER THREE BUDGET YEARS.

11        (c) IF THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT  
12 APPROPRIATED FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)  
13 OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
14 THE STATE BOARD IN SELECTING RECIPIENTS SHALL:

15            (I) ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE RECIPIENT IS A LOCAL EDUCATION  
16 PROVIDER OR GROUP OF LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT ARE RURAL  
17 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-7-1211, BOARDS OF  
18 COOPERATIVE SERVICES THAT CONSIST OF RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR  
19 CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS;

20            (II) PRIORITIZE APPLICANTS THAT DEMONSTRATE A PREVIOUS  
21 COMMITMENT OF STAFF AND RESOURCES TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A  
22 LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM;

23            (III) RECOMMEND AND SELECT THE GRANT RECIPIENTS SO AS TO  
24 DISTRIBUTE FUNDING TO A BROAD SCOPE OF PROJECTS LOCATED  
25 THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

26            (IV) WHEN APPROPRIATE, ENCOURAGE APPLICANTS TO WORK  
27 TOGETHER TOWARD SHARED GOALS.".

28 Page 9, line 2, after the period add "ANY UNEXPENDED AND  
29 UNENCUMBERED MONEY FROM AN APPROPRIATION MADE FOR THE  
30 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE  
31 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION IN THE FOLLOWING  
32 FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. IN ADDITION, THE  
33 DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE  
34 OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT  
35 THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION THAT  
36 IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION  
37 OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE. THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE  
38 DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT MONEY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.".

1 Page 13, after line 6, insert:

2         "(5) (a) IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE  
3 DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN EXTERNAL EVALUATOR, WHICH  
4 MAY BE A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TO PREPARE A  
5 SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL  
6 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS THAT RECEIVE GRANTS. THE EVALUATION  
7 MUST, AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF THE SUCCESS OF EACH  
8 LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM IN EVALUATING STUDENT SUCCESS AND  
9 THE PROCESSES FOR ENSURING A CYCLE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT  
10 WITHIN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION  
11 PROVIDERS. AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)  
12 OF THIS SECTION AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE GRANT PROGRAM,  
13 THE DEPARTMENT, PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, AND  
14 THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM PARTNERS SHALL IDENTIFY THE GOALS,  
15 TOOLS, AND MEASURES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE SUMMARY EVALUATION  
16 REPORT. THE DATA USED FOR THE SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT MUST  
17 INCLUDE QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE MEASURES.

18         (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THE SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT, THE  
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE EXTERNAL EVALUATOR  
20 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SCORES ATTAINED BY STUDENTS  
21 ENROLLED BY THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS ON THE  
22 STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
23 22-7-1006.3 AND INFORMATION CONCERNING STUDENT LONGITUDINAL  
24 ACADEMIC GROWTH, STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, AND STUDENT  
25 ACADEMIC GROWTH TO STANDARDS FOR THE STUDENTS ENROLLED BY THE  
26 PARTICIPATING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
27 PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IN THE AGGREGATE BY GRADE LEVEL AND  
28 DISAGGREGATED BY STUDENT GROUP, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-11-103,  
29 COMPARED TO SCORES ATTAINED IN PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEARS AND  
30 COMPARED TO THE STATE AVERAGE SCORES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
31 PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE EXTERNAL EVALUATOR ONLY TO THE  
32 EXTENT ALLOWABLE UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW. EACH LOCAL  
33 EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL  
34 PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY DATA FOR PURPOSES OF THE SUMMARY  
35 EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
36 THAT IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

37         (c) BEGINNING WITH THE REPORT THAT IS SUBMITTED ON OR  
38 BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2023, AND FOR EACH REPORT SUBMITTED  
39 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE REPORT  
40 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION THE SUMMARY  
41 EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5).

42         (d) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,  
43 OR DONATIONS, TO PAY THE COSTS INCURRED IN PREPARING THE SUMMARY

1 EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5).".

2 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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