



2019-2020 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(86): Covid-19 Pandemic Alternative Education Options for Students with Disabilities

Committee:
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Analysis of: Sec. 3.3(86) of S.L. 2020-4

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OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2020-4, Sec. 3.3(86), as enacted by S.L. 2020-97, Sec. 1.2, provides additional funds to the State Education Assistance Authority to fund Personal Education Savings Accounts (PESAs) and Special Education Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (SWD Scholarships). Eligible students who (i) applied for these scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year within established application deadlines and (ii) were not awarded scholarships as of September 4, 2020, must be awarded funds for the fall semester of the 2020-2021 school year only. If feasible, any remaining scholarship funds must be distributed to additional eligible students under the same conditions.*

Students awarded PESAs with these funds will not receive priority award of future PESA scholarships. Students awarded SWD Scholarships will be deemed to meet the public school enrollment requirements for eligibility for SWD Scholarships in the 2021-2022 school year, but will not receive priority in the award of those scholarships.

This subdivision became effective September 4, 2020.

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