

HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 7.45: **Economically Disadvantaged Public School Support Funds**

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OVERVIEW: Section 7.45 of S.L. 2023-134 creates a new statute requiring the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to establish the Economically Disadvantaged Public Schools Support Program (Program). The Program will provide funds to support the efforts of economically disadvantaged public schools that exceeded expected growth in the prior school year to continue to exceed growth. To the extent funds are available, DPI must allocate the funds annually to each governing body of an economically disadvantaged public school based on the relative proportion of students in each public school governed by the body. The funds will be used for curriculum, activities necessary to support students and instructional support personnel, and bonuses and retention programs for eligible employees, in the discretion of the governing body.

This section became effective July 1, 2023.

