



2025-2026 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 8A.11: Extend Carryforward and Expand Uses for Institutional Trust Fund for Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 8A.11

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Section 8A.11 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) authorizes the State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) to place up \$15 million in unexpended funds appropriated for the Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities (PESA) into an institutional trust fund, instead of \$10 million.

Additionally, this section authorizes SEAA to use funds held in the PESA institutional trust fund to award scholarships when either of the following are met:

- The funds required to award scholarships to eligible students for a school year exceed the funds available for the distribution of awards.
- The funds appropriated for the PESA program in a fiscal year are insufficient to award scholarships to all eligible students.

This section became effective June 30, 2026.

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