

May 19, 2010

H 1876. AMEND DROPOUT PREVENTION GRANTS. Filed 5/19/10. *TO AMEND THE CRITERIA USED BY THE COMMITTEE ON DROPOUT PREVENTION TO AWARD THE DROPOUT PREVENTION GRANTS, TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON DROPOUT PREVENTION TO USE EVALUATIONS FROM PRIOR GRANT CYCLES TO IDENTIFY EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMMATIC ELEMENTS THAT ARE EFFECTIVE AND REPLICABLE, AND TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO STUDY HIGH SCHOOLS THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THEIR DROPOUT RATE TO IDENTIFY PROGRAMS THAT MERIT REPLICATION AND ASSESS THE PROGRESS OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE NO LONGER RECEIVING DROPOUT PREVENTION GRANTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON DROPOUT PREVENTION AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.*

Amends Section 7.13(b)(3) of SL 2009-451 (Appropriations Act) to require that when dropout prevention grant applications are of equal quality and merit, grants be given to applicant counties with no current grant recipients. Amends the same Section to give grant priority to programs that have either a four-year cohort graduation rate of less than 60% in the most recent school year and one of two prior school years (this was previously the single criteria with the graduation rate set at 65%), or have a performance composite under 50%. Indicates that grant applications containing multiple evidence-based programmatic elements shown as effective and reliable will receive priority (should also demonstrate the potential for success). Directs the Committee on Dropout Prevention to look at past grant cycle evaluations to identify the relevant elements. Designates up to \$100,000 for 2010-11 for the Committee on Dropout Prevention to study high schools that have significantly reduced their dropout rate and counties that have not received dropout prevention grants, and to identify their successful programs. Effective July 1, 2010.

Intro. by Parmon.

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