

**HB5706**



**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2017 and 2018**

**HB5706**

by Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/1C-2

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning an early childhood education block grant.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 1C-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1C-2)

7 Sec. 1C-2. Block grants.

8 (a) For fiscal year 1999, and ~~and~~ each fiscal year  
9 thereafter, the State Board of Education shall award to school  
10 districts block grants as described in subsection (c). The  
11 State Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations  
12 necessary to implement this Section. In accordance with Section  
13 2-3.32, all state block grants are subject to an audit.  
14 Therefore, block grant receipts and block grant expenditures  
15 shall be recorded to the appropriate fund code.

16 (b) (Blank).

17 (c) An Early Childhood Education Block Grant shall be  
18 created by combining the following programs: Preschool  
19 Education, Parental Training and Prevention Initiative. These  
20 funds shall be distributed to school districts and other  
21 entities on a competitive basis, except that the State Board of  
22 Education shall award to a school district having a population  
23 exceeding 500,000 inhabitants 37% of the funds in each fiscal

1 year. Not less than 14% of the Early Childhood Education Block  
2 Grant allocation of funds shall be used to fund programs for  
3 children ages 0-3. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2016, at least 25%  
4 of any additional Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding  
5 over and above the previous fiscal year's allocation shall be  
6 used to fund programs for children ages 0-3. Once the  
7 percentage of Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding  
8 allocated to programs for children ages 0-3 reaches 20% of the  
9 overall Early Childhood Education Block Grant allocation for a  
10 full fiscal year, thereafter in subsequent fiscal years the  
11 percentage of Early Childhood Education Block Grant funding  
12 allocated to programs for children ages 0-3 each fiscal year  
13 shall remain at least 20% of the overall Early Childhood  
14 Education Block Grant allocation. However, if, in a given  
15 fiscal year, the amount appropriated for the Early Childhood  
16 Education Block Grant is insufficient to increase the  
17 percentage of the grant to fund programs for children ages 0-3  
18 without reducing the amount of the grant for existing providers  
19 of preschool education programs, then the percentage of the  
20 grant to fund programs for children ages 0-3 may be held steady  
21 instead of increased.

22 (Source: P.A. 99-589, eff. 7-21-16; 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)