
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the Digital Content and Curriculum Fund and provides for distribution of monies in the fund by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to local public school boards that meet certain criteria.

Proposed law establishes the Digital Content and Curriculum Fund as a special fund in the state treasury. Provides that subject to appropriation, monies in the fund shall be made available by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for public schools to provide La. classrooms with digital content and curriculum that directly impact student achievement and improve performance.

Proposed law provides that subject to availability, monies in the fund shall be distributed at the request of a school board and shall be based on the amount requested. Provides that a single request shall not exceed \$50,000.

Proposed law requires BESE to distribute monies from the fund on a first-come, first served basis to school boards that meet the following criteria:

- (1) Have technology infrastructure in place to facilitate usage of the digital content and curriculum.
- (2) Submit an explanation for how the distribution will be used to improve performance and enhance student achievement. Proposed law provides certain requirements for the explanation.

Proposed law defines "school board" for purposes of proposed law as each city, parish, or other local public school board and the governing authority of each charter school.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.41)