

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Empowering Parents Grant Program provides funding to parents to help meet their child's educational needs and to address any learning loss. \$1,000 per student or a maximum of \$3,000 per family will be available for public and non-public students to address learning loss and provide support for our most at-risk students by providing resources in addition to what is available during the school day. Grants are available first to families whose Adjusted Gross Income is at or below \$60,000 per year, then to families earning up to \$75,000 and then to everyone else for as long as the funding lasts. Parents will be able to access and spend the grant funds on behalf of their child for approved educational expenses through a digital platform. A Parental Advisory Panel is established to help with the implementation and administration of the program. The purpose of the emergency clause is to allow the program to be instituted quickly by the State Board of Education and to get funding into the hands of parents as quickly as possible.

FISCAL NOTE

The Empowering Parents Grant Program will use \$50 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the direct grants to families. A state general fund appropriation of up to \$1,185,000 will be used to pay for costs to administer the program including staff (\$35,000 FY22 and \$100,000 FY23), the digital platform, (\$1,000,000 FY22), and the required program evaluation (\$50,000 FY23).

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