

## **Appropriation Request**

### **Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in Schools**

#### **Sen. Karen Mayne**

This appropriation request would increase the statutory annual appropriation from the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program for Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in Schools. The request is for \$300,000 one-time for FY2018 to provide an initial boost to current gang prevention efforts, followed by an ongoing \$300,000 beginning in FY2019.

The requested funds would be appropriated to the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program. This would be accompanied by a statutory change raising the annual appropriation for Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in Schools to \$1.5 million. The intent for the one-time \$300,000 appropriation in FY2018 is also to add additional funds to the Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in Schools.

In order to make the statutory change, the public education supplemental appropriations bill will need to make the following modifications to 53A-17a-166:

#### **53A-17a-166 Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program.**

(1)

(a) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (1)(b), the State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program to school districts and charter schools according to a formula adopted by the State Board of Education, after consultation with local education boards.

(b)

(i) The State Board of Education shall appropriate ~~\$1,200,000~~ \$1,500,000 from the appropriation for Enhancement for At-Risk Students for a gang prevention and intervention program designed to help students at-risk for gang involvement stay in school.

(ii) Money for the gang prevention and intervention program shall be distributed to school districts and charter schools through a request for proposals process.

(2) In establishing a distribution formula under Subsection (1)(a), the State Board of Education shall use the following criteria:

(a) low performance on statewide assessments described in Section 53A-1-602;

(b) poverty;

(c) mobility; and

(d) limited English proficiency.

(3) A local education board shall use money distributed under this section to improve the academic achievement of students who are at risk of academic failure.

(4) The State Board of Education shall develop performance criteria to measure the effectiveness of the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program.