

**Excerpts from Chapter 951, 2005 Acts of Assembly,  
(2004-2006 Appropriation Act) regarding Required Local Effort  
for Mandatory Standards of Quality Programs**

**Item 146 B.7., Chapter 951, 2005 Acts of Assembly, (2004-2006  
Appropriation Act)**

7. The Department of Education shall make calculations at the start of the school year to ensure that school divisions have appropriated adequate funds to support their estimated required local expenditure. The Department of Education shall also make calculations after the close of the school year to verify that the required local effort level, based on actual March 31st Average Daily Membership, was met. The Department of Education shall specify the calculations to determine if a school division has appropriated and expended its required local expenditure for the Standards of Quality. This calculation may include but is not limited to the following calculations:

a. The total expenditures for operation, defined as total expenditures less all capital outlays, expenditures for debt service, facilities, non-regular day school programs (such as adult education, preschool, and non-local education programs), and any transfers to regional programs or escrow accounts will be calculated.

b. The following state funds will be deducted from the amount calculated in paragraph a. above: revenues from the state sales and use tax (returned on the basis of the latest triennial count of school age population) for sales in the fiscal year in which the school year begins; total receipts from state funds (except state funds for non-regular day school programs and state funds used for capital or debt service purposes); and the state share of any balances carried forward from the previous fiscal year. Any qualifying state funds that remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year will be added to the amount calculated in paragraph a. above.

c. The following federal funds will also be deducted from the amount calculated in paragraph a. above: total receipts from federal funds (except federal funds for non-regular school programs, Impact Aid funds P.L. 95-561 [formerly P.L. 81-874 and P.L. 81-815], and Forest Reserve,) and any federal funds carried forward from the previous fiscal year. Any federal funds that remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year and any capital expenditures paid from federal funds will be added to the amount calculated in paragraph a. above.

d. Tuition receipts and receipts from payments from other cities or counties will also be deducted from the amount calculated in paragraph a., then

e. The final amount calculated as described above must be equal to or greater than the required local expenditure defined in paragraph A 5.

f. The Department of Education shall collect the data necessary to perform the calculations of required local expenditure as required by this section.

g. A locality whose expenditure in fact exceeds the required amount from local funds may not reduce its expenditures unless it first complies with all of the Standards of Quality.

**Item 146 B.8., Chapter 951, 2005 Acts of Assembly, (2004-2006 Appropriation Act)**

8.a. Any sum which a locality, as of the end of a school year, has not expended, pursuant to paragraph B 7 above, for the Standards of Quality shall be paid by the locality into the general fund of the state treasury. Such payments shall be made not later than the end of the school year following that in which the under expenditure occurs.

b. Whenever the Department of Education has recovered funds as defined in the preceding paragraph a, the Secretary of Education is authorized to repay to the locality affected by that action, seventy-five percent (75%) of those funds upon his determination that:

1) The local school board agrees to include the funds in its June 30 ending balance for the year following that in which the under expenditure occurs;

2) The local governing body agrees to reappropriate the funds as a supplemental appropriation to the approved budget for the second year following that in which the under expenditure occurs, in an appropriate category as requested by the local school board, for the direct benefit of the students;

3) The local school board agrees to expend these funds, over and above the funds required to meet the required local expenditure for the second year following that in which the under expenditure occurs, for a special project, the details of which must be furnished to the Department of Education for review and approval;

4) The local school board agrees to submit periodic reports to the Department of Education on the use of funds provided through this project award; and

5) The local governing body and the local school board agree that the project award will be cancelled and the funds withdrawn if the above conditions have not been met as of June 30 of the second year following that in which the under expenditure occurs.

c. There is hereby appropriated, for the purposes of the foregoing repayment, a sum sufficient, not to exceed 75 percent of the funds deposited in the general fund pursuant to the preceding paragraph a.