



Substitute Senate Bill No. 911

Public Act No. 17-82

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Commissioner of Education shall designate an employee of the Department of Education, preferably an employee who has experience working with gifted and talented students, to be responsible for providing information and assistance to local and regional boards of education and the parents or guardians of students. Such information and assistance shall relate to awareness about, identification of and the provision of services to, gifted and talented students.

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Department of Education shall develop guidelines regarding the provision of services to gifted and talented students in schools. Such guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to, best practices for (1) addressing the intellectual, social and emotional needs of gifted and talented students in schools, and (2) providing educator training and professional development relating to gifted and talented students. Not later than January 1, 2018, the department shall make such guidelines available to local and regional boards of education.

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