

IC 20-20-11

Chapter 11. Research and Development Program

IC 20-20-11-1

"Program"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the research and development program established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-11-2

Purpose; implementation; surplus funds

Sec. 2. (a) The research and development program is established to fund certain programs, projects, studies, or other education initiatives undertaken or authorized to be undertaken by the department.

(b) The department shall implement the program.

(c) Unexpended money appropriated to the department for use in implementing the program under this chapter at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains available to the department for its continued use under this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

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Initiatives; evaluation; funding

Sec. 3. (a) The types of initiatives for which money appropriated to the program may be used include the following:

- (1) Conducting feasibility studies concerning the following:
 - (A) Mandating full-day or half-day kindergarten programs.
 - (B) Choice of enrollment programs.
 - (C) Establishing magnet schools.
- (2) An evaluation of P.L.390-1987(ss).
- (3) Exploring different or expanded testing methods.
- (4) An evaluation of the primetime program (as defined in IC 20-43-1-22).
- (5) Administering pilot programs concerning school academic readiness factors of students in kindergarten and grades 1 and 2.
- (6) Studying the implications of offering preschool programs for special education students.
- (7) Conducting the student services programs under IC 20-20-27.
- (8) The Indiana writing project.

(b) The evaluation of P.L.390-1987(ss) and the primetime program described in subsection (a)(2) and (a)(4) shall be conducted by an entity other than the department under a contract entered into by the department.

(c) The student services programs under subsection (a)(7) shall be funded under the program based upon criteria approved by the department. The programs must include a study of:

- (1) the role of the public school guidance counselor; and

(2) the guidance counselor proficiency statements developed under P.L.342-1989(ss), SECTION 39, as approved by the department.

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