



Synopsis of Proposed Amendment to Rule 160-4-7-.18 Grants for Services

The State Board of Education Rule 160-4-7-.18 *Grants for Services* encompasses three state grants. It is being amended to offer flexibility for local educational agencies (LEAs) to maximize state funding. Specifically the Grant for Residential and Reintegration Services clarifies language for the locally funded portion and allows for a greater reimbursement amount for residentially placed students if funds permit.

The amendment also updates language for the Grant to Access State Interagency Service to clarify updated state agency names and specify costs permitted as a result of the grant.

The amendment omits the third grant listed, Grant for Low Incidence Program Services. This grant is not funded with state funding and a state board rule is not needed. However, the Georgia Department of Education is committed to resources for these students and allows LEAs to apply for a “High Cost Grant” that partially funds exceptionally costly needs of students with disabilities.