

Package of Special Education Actions

2015-16 (In Millions)

Program Area	Action	Amount
Proposition 98 Funds		
Infant and toddler services	Increase funding for districts to serve children with disabilities ages birth to three (brings total funding to \$119 million).	\$30.0
Preschool slots	Fund 2,500 additional part-day State Preschool slots, with priority given to students with disabilities.	12.1
Learning and behavioral supports	Provide funding for one or two county offices of education to develop statewide resources, provide trainings, and allocate subgrants to improve how districts meet students' learning and behavioral needs.	10.0 ^a
Preschool training, parent information, and rate increase	Specify that State Preschool contractors must provide staff training and parent education on how to identify and meet students' special needs. Increase part-day reimbursement rate by 1 percent to cover associated costs.	6.0
State Special Schools	Provide one-time increase for instructional activities at the state's schools for deaf and blind students. ^b	3.0 ^c
Fund swap	Redirect federal funds from local assistance to state-level activities, then backfill with Proposition 98 funds.	2.0
Subtotal		(\$63.1)
Federal Funds^d		
Office of Administrative Hearings	Increase funding for state-level hearings regarding special education disputes (brings total funding to \$12.8 million).	\$1.9 ^a
Alternative dispute resolution	Increase funding for local grants to help districts and families resolve disputes without a trial (brings total funding to \$1.95 million).	1.7
State-level improvement activities	Fund CDE to develop resources and provide technical assistance to districts implementing the new federally required statewide plan for improving services for students with disabilities.	0.5
Subtotal		(\$4.0)
Total		\$67.1

^a One-time allocation scored to 2014-15 Proposition 98 guarantee.

^b The budget also requires that these schools spend at least \$4.8 million from their non-Proposition 98 funds in 2015-16 to address critical facility maintenance needs.

^c Funded with one-time Proposition 98 Reversion Account monies.

^d New state-level activities funded in part by an increase in the state's federal grant and in part by redirecting \$2 million from local assistance.

CDE = California Department of Education.

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