

Subject Special Education Grant: Lakes Country Service Cooperative

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Overview

The federal government categorizes special education services by instructional setting. A level 1 program is where the teacher delivers the services within the regular classroom for at least 80 percent of the day; a level 2 program is where the services are delivered outside of the regular classroom for more than 20 but less than 60 percent of the day; a level 3 program is where services are provided outside of the regular classroom setting but at the same site for at least 60 percent of the day; and a level 4 program provides services at least 50 percent of the day in a separate facility.

Instructional level 4 special education programs are often provided for a group of school districts through a cooperative unit such as an intermediate school district, a special education cooperative, or a service cooperative.

H.F. 1979 provides a grant of \$3 million to the Lakes Country Service Cooperative to support its level 4 program for students from its member districts during the program's first few years of operation.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Appropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates \$3 million from the general fund to the Department of Education for a grant to Lakes Country Service Cooperative to offset start-up operating costs, for capital expenses, and to reduce tuition adjustments that are charged to each student's district of residence.</p>