

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**December 16, 2021**

**OFFICE OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

E. Approval of methodology to award ESSER III and American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to local stand-alone Alternative Education Programs

Background and Purpose: Of the 130 Alternative Education Programs operated by districts throughout the state, 80 are housed separately and are funded locally. The purpose of this methodology is to submit an equitable funding allocation through the use of ESSER and ARP funds to address learning loss in Alternative Education Facilities. Programs may include High School Equivalency Programs, Credit Recovery, or similar instructional opportunities as outlined in the facility's approved application.

Eligibility: Only local educational agencies (LEAs) operating stand-alone Alternative Education Programs as specified in Miss. Code Ann. §37-13-92 are eligible to receive grant funds.

Funding Source: Federal funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

Funding will be awarded based on the following methodology: Equal funding allocations totaling \$1.6 million will be awarded up to two (2) years to LEAs that apply and meet the specified criteria as referenced in the provision of Miss. Code Ann. § 37-13-92 in the operation of stand-alone Alternative Education Facilities.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None