

TITLE VIII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8002. Definitions.

- Adds new definitions of dual enrollment, early college high school, cohort graduation rates, exemplary teacher, core academic subjects, expanded learning time, evidence-based, school leader, and professional development as well as other items (pp. 778-807).

Sec. 8005. Consolidation of State Administrative Funds for Elementary and Secondary Education Programs.

- Adds language allowing use of funds to include evaluating fiscal, administrative, staffing, and any other key operational functions (p. 808).

Sec. 8006. Consolidation of Funds for Local Administration.

- Allows for the consolidation of administrative funds or program funds without violation of supplement not supplant requirements (p. 808).

Sec. 8013. Waivers of Statutory and Regulatory Requirements (pp. 815 – 827).

- School districts must request State approval for waiver (State may submit to ED) which must be approved so long as it meets the requirements (State must provide evidence that it does not).
- Schools may submit waivers to LEA, which may submit to SEA.
- ED must waive provisions within 120 days, so long as request meets requirements.
- Secretary of Education may not disapprove a request for reasons outside conditions of law, may not place any conditions on approval of waiver request (including standards, assessments, accountability, evaluations, etc.)

Sec. 8019. Maintenance of Effort.

- The MOE section has been changed, apparently to make meeting MOE less difficult. Under the new law, reductions in funding will now only occur in instances when MOE was not met in a given fiscal year AND only if MOE was also not met in one or more of the five immediately preceding fiscal years (p. 840).

Sec. 8022. Prohibited Uses of Funds (p. 841).

- Funds may not be used for construction, renovation, or repair of school facilities, or for transportation, unless otherwise specifically authorized.

Sec. 8032. Consultation with the Governor, and

Sec. 8540. Consultation with the Governor (p. 855).

- SEA must give Governor the opportunity to review and sign the State plans under Title I and Title II.