

**1. Title V, Part A -- Innovative Programs**

*a. In accordance with section 5112(a)(1) of the ESEA, provide the SEA's formula for distributing program funds to LEAs. Include information on how the SEA will adjust its formula to provide higher per-pupil allocations to LEAs that have the greatest numbers or percentages of children whose education imposes a higher-than-average cost per child, such as –*

- i. Children living in areas with concentrations of economically disadvantaged families;*
- ii. Children from economically disadvantaged families; and*
- iii. Children living in sparsely populated areas.*

ISBE proposes to use the allocation method that it used for Title VI of the 1994 reauthorization of ESEA. ISBE allocates 70% of LEA funds to all eligible LEAs based on public and nonprofit private school enrollments. The remaining 30% of LEA funds are allocated on a low-income census count basis. To be eligible for the 30% pool of funds, LEAs must have, at minimum, a low-income census count of 20 students or 10% of the enrollment, whichever is less. This is more restrictive than the Title I eligibility requirement for 10 low-income eligibles or 2%. In 2002-2003, 119 LEAs will not be eligible for the 30% pool. 85% of Illinois' Title V allocation will be distributed using this method.

*b. Identify the amount or percentage the state will reserve for each state-level activity under section 5121, and describe the activity.*

ISBE will use 15% of the amount allowed for state activities for staff salaries and related costs for the administrative purposes detailed in section 5121 of *NCLB*:

- allocating funds to local educational agencies;
- planning, supervising, and processing state educational agency funds; and
- monitoring and evaluating programs under this part.

The remaining 85% of state activity funds will be used during the reauthorization period for one or more of the allowable activities listed in the legislation, including the implementation of the IVHS, eLearning programs, the required technology assessment of Illinois 8<sup>th</sup> graders, standards implementation, gifted education initiatives, and salaries for those staff involved in innovative programs.

- Statewide education reform, school improvement programs and technical assistance and direct grants to local educational agencies, which assist such agencies under section 5131, Local Uses of Funds for Title V, Part A.
- Support for the design and implementation of high-quality annual student assessments.
- Support for implementation of academic achievement standards.
- Support for programs to assist in the implementation of ISBE's safe school choice policy described in section 9532.