

ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citations Relating to Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 102, Educational Programs, Subchapter A, Grants, §102.1, State Engineering and Science Recruitment Fund (SENSR) Grant Program

Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 51, Provisions Generally Applicable to Higher Education, Subchapter M, Engineering and Science Recruitment Fund, as repealed by Senate Bill 215, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013 (excerpts)

TEC, §51.603, Fund:

- (a) The engineering and science recruitment fund is created as a special fund in the State Treasury.
- (b) For any biennium the legislature may appropriate general revenue to the fund in an amount that does not exceed the amount of donations to eligible nonprofit organizations from private sources during the preceding biennium.
- (c) The commissioner shall administer the engineering and science recruitment fund in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education.
- (d) The commissioner may accept federal and private grants for the purposes of this subchapter. Federal grants for the purposes of this subchapter shall be appropriated for that purpose. Private grants shall be administered in accordance with the terms of the grant.

TEC, §51.605, Fund Allocation:

- (a) The commissioner shall allocate the fund in accordance with guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education. Funding shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of women and underrepresented minority group students participating in eligible programs. The guidelines must ensure that programs approved for funding:
 - (1) use professional volunteers at each level of instruction;
 - (2) require parental involvement;
 - (3) coordinate with public school preparation for scientific and mathematical careers;
 - (4) coordinate with postsecondary educational institutions;
 - (5) involve organizations of women and minority group members;
 - (6) provide demonstrated professional leadership in educational activities for women and minority group members; and
 - (7) are compatible with state and federal laws governing education.
- (b) The commissioner shall allocate the fund as follows:
 - (1) the commissioner shall first allocate available funds to provide to each eligible program an amount equal to, at most, 50 percent of the amount of contributions the program received during the preceding fiscal year, as certified by the chief executive officer of the institution applying for the funds and verified by the commissioner;
 - (2) after all grants have been made under Subdivision (1) of this subsection for which applications have been received by a date set by rule of the board, the commissioner may allocate funds for the establishment or continued operation of eligible programs that have not received contributions; and

- (3) the commissioner may allocate any amount remaining in the fund on January 1 of each year among the institutions receiving grants under Subdivision (1) of this subsection in proportion to each program's share of the total amount allocated under that subdivision.
- (c) Preference shall be given to programs that stress the development of mathematical and scientific competence.
- (d) In making allocations, the commissioner may solicit advice from public or private organizations working for the recruitment of women or minority group members into engineering and science careers.
- (e) The comptroller shall issue warrants drawn on the fund on receipt of vouchers approved by the commissioner.
- (f) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules establishing procedures by which an entity must apply for funding and account for any funds received.