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[(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE THE GIFTED AND TALENTED ARE THOSE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED PERSONS AS HAVING DEMONSTRATED A POTENTIAL FOR OUTSTANDING ABILITIES. THESE STUDENTS HAVE A NEED FOR DIFFERENTIATED EDUCATION OR SERVICES BEYOND THOSE NORMALLY BEING PROVIDED BY THE REGULAR SCHOOL PROGRAM IN ORDER TO ACTUALIZE THEIR POTENTIALITIES. EVIDENCE OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CAPABILITIES MAY BE DETERMINED IN MANY WAYS, INCLUDING BOTH OBJECTIVE AND SUBJECTIVE MEASURES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INTELLIGENCE TESTS, ACHIEVEMENT TESTS, TEACHER NOMINATION, PROFESSIONAL ADJUDICATION, CREATIVITY TESTS, PEER NOMINATION, OR OTHERS WHICH ARE RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (1) GENERAL INTELLECTUAL ABILITY, (2) SPECIFIC ACADEMIC APTITUDE, (3) CREATIVE OR PRODUCTIVE THINKING, (4) LEADERSHIP ABILITY, (5) VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS, AND (6) SUPERIOR PSYCHOMOTOR ABILITY.

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(A) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET OR ARE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, MAY ESTABLISH EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES:

(1) NEW OR MODIFIED TEACHER TRAINING CURRICULA TO INCORPORATE INSTRUCTION IN METHODS AND TECHNIQUES DEVELOPED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES DESIGNED TO ENABLE TEACHERS EFFECTIVELY TO IDENTIFY AND TEACH GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN;

(2) RESEARCH AND CONSULTATIVE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN TO ASSIST STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL AGENCIES IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS CHAPTER;

(3) EVALUATION, DEMONSTRATION, AND DISSEMINATION OF FINDINGS RELATED TO PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS INDEPENDENTLY OR IN COOPERATION WITH ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION ENGAGING IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNDERTAKINGS AIMED AT GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN.

(B) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA TO GUIDE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN MAKING APPLICATIONS FOR ANY STATE FUNDS WHICH MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE AND FOR FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT.

THESE CRITERIA APPLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY DO NOT