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~~IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE:~~

~~(1) TO OFFER INCENTIVES TO COUNTY BOARDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A RANGE OF SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS; AND~~

~~(2) TO ENABLE COUNTY BOARDS TO DEVELOP A GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENT DATABASE THAT WILL SUPPORT THE RECOGNITION AND DISSEMINATION OF RESOURCES, INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS.~~

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To the extent funds are provided in the State budget or are available from other sources, the State Board shall provide guidance, consultative and technical assistance, and fiscal support for programs that include:

(1) Teacher training to incorporate instruction in methods and techniques that are designed to enable teachers to identify and teach gifted and talented ~~children~~ STUDENTS;

(2) Research undertaken to help develop new or modified curricula for gifted and talented ~~children~~ STUDENTS; and

(3) Evaluation, demonstration, and distribution of findings that are related to programs for gifted and talented ~~children~~ STUDENTS.]

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~~(A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL:~~

~~(1) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO ALL COUNTY BOARDS ON THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF PRIMARY GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS;~~

~~(2) WORK WITH BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ENTITIES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER PLANNING FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS;~~

~~(3) COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRUCTURED STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS THAT DIFFERENTIATES FOR DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS;~~

~~(4) TO THE EXTENT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET OR ARE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE COUNTY BOARDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS;~~

~~(5) DEVELOP EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS; AND~~