

~~STRENGTHENING K-16 CONNECTIONS, STANDARDS, COMPETENCIES, ASSESSMENTS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATORS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.~~

~~11-7A-02.~~

~~(A) BEGINNING IN THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR AND IN EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE K-16 PARTNERSHIP SHALL WORK TO DEVELOP A SEAMLESS SYSTEM OF EDUCATION BY ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY BOARDS TO IMPLEMENT REGIONAL K-16 PARTNERSHIPS TO ADDRESS INEQUITIES IN THE ACCESS OF DISADVANTAGED AND CAPABLE STUDENTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION.~~

~~(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE FUNDING IN THE BUDGET FOR THE K-16 PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP THE PARTNERSHIPS.~~

~~(C) IN DEVELOPING THESE PARTNERSHIPS, THE K-16 PARTNERSHIP SHALL TARGET PARTNERSHIPS THAT INCLUDE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENT BODIES IN WHICH AT LEAST 40% OF THE STUDENTS RECEIVE FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED COST LUNCHES.~~

~~(D) (1) THE K-16 PARTNERSHIP SHALL DEVELOP INDICATORS AGAINST WHICH TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF PARTNERSHIPS CREATED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(2) THE INDICATORS FOR EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL SHALL INCLUDE:~~

~~(I) STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON STATE ASSESSMENTS;~~

~~(II) RATE OF STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION;~~

~~(III) RATE OF COLLEGE MATRICULATION;~~

~~(IV) RATE OF TEACHER CERTIFICATION;~~

~~(V) RATE OF RETENTION OF CERTIFIED TEACHERS; AND~~

~~(VI) RATE OF TEACHER PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PRE AND POST SERVICE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.~~

~~11-7A-03.~~

~~(A) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2002 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE K-16 PARTNERSHIP SHALL DEVELOP AND SEEK STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BRIDGE PROGRAMS TO LINK STATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE FRESHMEN WITH 2-YEAR AND 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOCATED IN THE STATE.~~

~~(B) UNDER THE PROGRAMS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOCATED IN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE SERVICES TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT INCLUDE INTENSIVE ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES.~~