



S.B. 196

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Department of Education to establish a pilot project to implement and evaluate the effectiveness of the "Heart 'E' Heart" healthy lifestyle curriculum in 170 classrooms in grades one, two, and three in selected school districts in Portage and Summit counties.
- Makes an appropriation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill requires the Department of Education, for fiscal year 2003, to establish a pilot project to implement and evaluate the effectiveness of the "Heart 'E' Heart" healthy lifestyle curriculum program designed to promote and enhance physical activity, nutritious eating habits, safety, and abstention from alcohol, tobacco, and drugs amongst first, second, and third grade students and their families. The Department is to select six school districts in Portage county and five school districts in Summit county, and from those districts, choose 170 classrooms teaching grades one, two, or three to implement and evaluate the program.

The bill appropriates \$82,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2003 for the purposes of the program. The Department is to use the money for the purchase of one set of the curriculum materials for each pilot project classroom, for introductory meetings, and for administrative costs.

The bill states that it is the intent of the General Assembly to continue authorization of the pilot project in 170 classrooms in Portage and Summit counties during fiscal years 2004 and 2005 and to appropriate for those fiscal years additional money for introductory meetings and administrative costs.

HISTORY

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