

Eliminate the K-12 support cap

Removing the cap on support positions is a Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) 2023 study recommendation.

Amendments

- HB 30: <u>Item 125 #14h</u> (Reid), <u>Item 125 #43h</u> (Simonds)

Background

In FY2010, the General Assembly reduced funding to many programs in response to the Great Recession. This included a so-called temporary "cap" on support positions (including instructional aides, technology, and operations positions) recognized under the Standards of Quality (SOQ). Removing this cap on support positions comes as a recommendation of the 2023 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) study on the SOQ.

What these amendments would accomplish

These amendments would provide \$200.3 million in FY2025 and \$202 million in FY2026 to eliminate the cap placed in FY2010. Doing so would adjust the number of support positions from 20 per 1,000 students to 24 per 1,000 students in our public schools.

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