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Support HB2822 & HB3991: *The Supporting Newcomer Students Program*

HB2822 (Crespo) - House Amendment 1

Creates the Supporting Newcomer Students Program to provide funds to school districts serving students enrolling in American schools for the first time and specifies that CPS is eligible to receive no more than 30% of the appropriated funds annually.

HB3991 (Crespo) - House Amendment 1

Appropriates \$188 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois State Board of Education for the Supporting Newcomer Students Program.

Why is the Supporting Newcomer Students Program needed?

- According to ISBE: In FY2024, Illinois public school districts enrolled 36,200 newcomer students and the numbers continue to grow. Most of these students have not and will not be captured by the Evidence Based Funding Formula annual enrollment count.
- To address the unique needs of all newcomer students, school districts are reconfiguring limited facilities, adding additional class sections, paying for transportation, hiring additional staff, and so much more.
- HB2822 and HB3991 are essential to ensure school districts receive adequate funding to respond to the increasing enrollment of newcomer students.



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