

SB 5206 - DIGEST

Requires an elementary school, that receives approval from the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide a career and technical program in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) directly to students, to receive funding at the same rate as a high school operating a similar program.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Allocate grants to elementary schools to develop or upgrade high-demand career and technical education programs; and

(2) Implement a grant program to fund K-12 STEM programs provided by a national entity that is exempt from certain taxation.

Requires that priority is given, for awards from the grant program, to schools that have an enrollment of seventy percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for awarding grants to fund a curriculum of K-12 STEM courses.