

**273.9 Funding.**

1. School districts shall pay for the programs and services provided through the area education agency and shall include expenditures for the programs and services in their budgets, in accordance with [this section](#).

2. School districts shall pay the costs of special education instructional programs with the moneys available to the districts for each child requiring special education, by application of the special education weighting plan in [section 256B.9](#). Special education instructional programs shall be provided at the local level if practicable, or otherwise by contractual arrangements with the area education agency board as provided in [section 273.3](#), [subsection 5](#), but in each case the total money available through [section 256B.9](#) and [chapter 257](#) because of weighted enrollment for each child requiring special education instruction shall be made available to the district or agency which provides the special education instructional program to the child, subject to adjustments for transportation or other costs which may be paid by the school district in which the child is enrolled. Each district shall cooperate with its area education agency to provide an appropriate special education instructional program for each child who requires special education instruction, as identified and counted within the certification by the area director of special education or as identified by the area director of special education subsequent to the certification, and shall not provide a special education instructional program to a child who has not been so identified and counted within the certification or identified subsequent to the certification.

3. The costs of special education support services provided through the area education agency shall be funded as provided in [chapter 257](#). Special education support services shall not be funded until the program plans submitted by the special education directors of each area education agency as required by [section 273.5](#) are modified as necessary and approved by the director of the department of education according to the criteria and limitations of [chapters 256B](#) and [257](#).

4. The costs of media services provided through the area education agency shall not be funded until the program plans submitted by the administrators of each area education agency as required by [section 273.4](#) are modified as necessary and approved by the director of the department of education according to the criteria of [section 273.6](#).

5. The state board of education shall adopt rules under [chapter 17A](#) relating to the approval of program plans under [this section](#).

[C51, §417; R60, §648, 2074; C73, §771, 1776; C97, §2742, 2831, 2832; S13, §2742, 2831, 2832; SS15, §2734-b; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §4456 – 4458, 5232 – 5234; C46, §301.12 – 301.14, 340.13 – 340.15; C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §273.13; C75, 77, 79, 81, §273.9]

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1460; 89 Acts, ch 135, §60; 91 Acts, ch 97, §38; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §95; 2012 Acts, ch 1023, §157

Referred to in [§256B.2](#), [§256B.8](#), [§256B.9](#), [§273.2](#), [§273.3](#), [§273.23](#)