

**273.1 Intent.**

It is the intent of the general assembly to provide an effective, efficient, and economical means of identifying and serving children from under five years of age through grade twelve who require special education and any other children requiring special education as defined in [section 256B.2](#); to provide for media services and other programs and services for pupils in grades kindergarten through twelve and children requiring special education as defined in [section 256B.2](#); to provide a method of financing the programs and services; to provide services to school districts under a contract with those school districts; to improve student achievement; and to close student achievement gaps.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §273.1]

[87 Acts, ch 224, §44](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1002, §4](#)

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