

**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State  
Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)  
Request Form**

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**Agency/Point of Contact:** MDE - Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations

**Title of Request:** Pandemic Enrollment Loss

**Date:** 8/9/2021 **Request Amount:** \$ 29,191,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2023

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

The Pandemic Enrollment Loss proposal will provide \$29.191 million in additional declining enrollment revenue for districts and charter schools to account for lost revenue due to enrollment losses for the 2020-2021 school year. Funds will support new, expanded, or enhanced early learning services, and evidenced-based practices addressing academic or student mental health needs.

In response to changing learning models offered by schools and safety concerns due to the pandemic, many school districts and charter schools experienced large enrollment losses in the 2020-2021 school year as families chose nonpublic and home school options and delayed kindergarten starts. This created a financial hardship for schools as districts anticipated less revenue than they had budgeted for. This ultimately affected students who have remained, since education services and personnel may have been reduced or offered less frequently to make up for budget losses.

Pandemic Enrollment Loss was part of the Governor's recommended budget to provide additional fiscal year 2021 funding for school districts, charter schools, and tribal contract schools. That proposal would have increased the percentage of the formula allowance used to calculate declining enrollment revenue from 28 to 48.5 percent of the basic formula allowance for fiscal year 2021, which in turn would have increased the declining enrollment allowance by \$1,346.24 per declining pupil, from \$1,838.76 to \$3,185.00. The additional state aid would have supported general operations of schools and soften the impact of this unanticipated enrollment loss on school budgets.

This federally funded Pandemic Enrollment Loss proposal would provide a similar increase at 20.5 percent of the basic formula allowance for the enrollment loss last year. The funding would support services for students that may have been foregone last year due to the budget losses in accordance with federal guidance on addressing education disparities and mitigating the impacts of the pandemic, including learning loss.

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