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SB 2133 (Garrett)/HB 1831 (Hernandez)

- SB 2133/HB 1831 changes to the way that Chicago Public Schools (CPS) receives bilingual education funding, so that CPS would receive funding under the same parameters as every other district in the state.
- Under current statute, CPS receives a percentage of the overall appropriation for bilingual education, which was set based on student population of the district at that time.
- In 1995, CPS had approximately 60% of the total statewide population of students eligible for bilingual services. That percentage has declined significantly over the past 15 years due to shifting population demographics. BY 2008, the numbers had completely flipped and CPS under 40 % of the eligible population but was still receiving 60% of the appropriation based on the parameters of the block grant set in 1995.
- **ISBE proposed SB 2133/HB 1831 as a means to provide more equitable distribution of bilingual funding statewide. No longer will CPS receive a percentage of funds off the top of the appropriation based on a population it no longer has. Instead, the district will submit claims like every other district in the state and will receive grant funds on the basis of those claims.**
- **This will not be a change in the way CPS has received funding in the past two fiscal years:** For the past two fiscal years, ISBE has been able to treat CPS like all other districts in the state because funding for bilingual education was done through lump sum grant appropriations instead of a specific line item in the budget by the General Assembly. The district has submitted claims and all districts throughout the state have been treated equally.
- SB 2133/HB 1831 will codify the practice of requiring CPS to submit claims to ISBE as it has done over the past two fiscal years. This change would allow the State to continue providing a more equitable distribution of funds to districts.

Chart of shifting bilingual populations

Year	Number Served by CPS	Number Served by Downstate	Total Students Served
1990	42,260	22,589	64,914
1995	71,227	47,382	118,669
2000	71,664	72,191	143,905
2008	74,789	114,450	189,239
2009	65,080	130,436	195,516
2010	52,905	131,280	184,185

