

HB 2137 -- CREATIVE CLASSROOM ACT

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This bill establishes the Creative Classroom Act. The bill requires school districts to distribute to each school in the district giving instruction in a grade or grades not higher than the fifth grade an amount equal to \$25 multiplied by the number of students enrolled in the school.

The bill does not apply to a school district that does not receive moneys from the state, exclusive of moneys restricted for other specific purposes by law, sufficient to distribute the amount required to each school in the district.

Teachers in schools receiving funds under this bill shall be reimbursed by their schools for supplies they purchase to facilitate creative learning environments for their students. Teachers must submit receipts for the supplies to be eligible for reimbursement, and schools shall designate an administrator to review all such receipts to ensure teachers are being reimbursed only for supplies used to establish creative learning environments. Teachers may be reimbursed for no more than an amount equal to \$25 multiplied by the number of students in the teacher's classroom.

The bill also requires any audit of a school district performed by the State Auditor to include an examination of whether teachers are properly reimbursed, as specified in the bill.