

HB 264 -- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS SPECIAL FUND

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Currently, unclaimed prize money from the State Lottery is required to be reverted back to the State Lottery Fund.

This bill creates the "After School Programs Special Fund" and requires unclaimed prize money to be deposited into that fund. The bill states that the "After School Programs Special Fund" shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-lottery educational resources for after-school educational programs and shall be distributed to eligible programs by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Program eligibility is outlined in the bill and DESE will prioritize programs based on criteria specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 2185 (2020).