

§ 115C-310.11. Advanced teaching roles grants.

(a) Term. – Any funds awarded to an ATR unit pursuant to this section shall be subject to availability and awarded for a term of up to three years, in the discretion of the State Board of Education. An ATR unit shall not be eligible to receive funding for more than two terms. The State Board of Education shall authorize a second term of State funds in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

(b) Use of State Funds. – State funds shall be used for any of the following purposes, as defined by the State Board of Education:

- (1) Development of ATR plans.
- (2) Development of professional development courses for teachers in advanced teaching roles that lead to improved student outcomes.
- (3) Transition costs associated with designing and implementing ATR plans. Transition costs may include employing staff members or contractors to assist with design and implementation of the plan.
- (4) Development of the design and implementation of compensation plans that focus on teacher professional growth and student outcomes and the transition costs associated with designing and implementing new compensation plans, including employing staff members or contractors to assist with design and implementation of the plan.

(c) Renewal of Award of State Funds. – An ATR unit that received an initial award of State funds pursuant to this section may apply for a second term of funding for up to three years. Renewal of an award of State funds is in the discretion of the State Board of Education. The ATR unit may apply at any time (i) after the initial award of State funds expires or (ii) within 90 days prior to the date the initial award of State funds is set to expire. Upon receipt of an application for renewal, the State Board of Education shall do the following:

- (1) Review the unit to ensure the unit is complying with the approved ATR plan and criteria established by the State Board of Education.
- (2) Grant or deny the application within 60 days of its receipt.

(d) Non-Reversion. – Funds awarded to an ATR unit under this section shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall remain available until October 1 of the subsequent fiscal year. (2024-57, s. 3J.16(a).)