

30 (a) "Eligible school" means a Title 1 school that has not achieved adequate yearly
31 progress, as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq. in
32 the same subject area for two consecutive years.

33 (b) "Paraeducator" means a school employee who:

34 (i) delivers instruction under the direct supervision of a teacher; and

35 (ii) meets the requirements under Subsection (3).

36 (c) "Program" means the Title 1 Schools in Improvement Paraeducators Program
37 created in this section.

38 (2) The program is created to provide funding for eligible schools to hire paraeducators
39 to provide additional instructional aid in the classroom to assist students in achieving academic
40 success and assist the school in exiting Title 1 school improvement status.

41 (3) A paraeducator who is funded under this section shall have:

42 (a) earned a secondary school diploma or a recognized equivalent;

43 (b) (i) completed at least two years with a minimum of 48 semester hours at an
44 accredited higher education institution;

45 (ii) obtained an associates or higher degree from an accredited higher education
46 institution; or

47 (iii) satisfied a rigorous state or local assessment about the individual's knowledge of,
48 and ability to assist in instructing students in reading, writing, and mathematics; and

49 (c) received large group-, small group-, and individual-level professional development
50 that is intensive and focused and covers curriculum, instruction, assessment, classroom and
51 behavior management, and teaming.

52 (4) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the program
53 to eligible schools, in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

54 (5) Funds appropriated under the program may not be used to supplant other money
55 used for paraeducators at eligible schools.

56 (6) The State Board of Education shall submit an annual report to the Legislature's
57 Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee that includes information on:

