Amend printed bill, page 8, line 18, after "(5)" insert "(a)".

Page 8, after line 25 insert:

"(b) The amount of a grant awarded pursuant to this section must be at least twenty-five thousand dollars per budget year but must not exceed fifty thousand dollars per budget year for a grant awarded to a single local education provider and must not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars per budget year for a grant awarded to a group of local education providers. The department shall distribute the amount of each grant over three budget years.

(c) If the number of applications exceeds the amount appropriated for the grant program pursuant to subsection (6) of this section, the department in making recommendations and the state board in selecting recipients shall:

(I) Ensure that at least one recipient is a local education provider or group of local education providers that are rural school districts, as defined in section 22-7-1211, boards of cooperative services that consist of rural school districts, or charter schools that are located within rural school districts;

(II) Prioritize applicants that demonstrate a previous commitment of staff and resources toward development of a local accountability system;

(III) Recommend and select the grant recipients so as to distribute funding to a broad scope of projects located throughout the state; and

(IV) When appropriate, encourage applicants to work together toward shared goals."

Page 9, line 2, after the period add "Any unexpended and unencumbered money from an appropriation made for the purposes of this section remains available for expenditure by the department for the purposes of this section in the following fiscal year without further appropriation. In addition, the department may accept gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources for the purposes of this section; except that the department may not accept a gift, grant, or donation that is subject to conditions that are inconsistent with this section or any other law of the state. This section does not require the department to solicit money for implementation of this section.".
Page 13, after line 6, insert:

"(5) (a) In the third year of the grant program, the department shall contract with an external evaluator, which may be a state institution of higher education, to prepare a summary evaluation report of the implementation of the local accountability systems that receive grants. The evaluation must, at a minimum, include an evaluation of the success of each local accountability system in evaluating student success and the processes for ensuring a cycle of continuous improvement within the public schools of the participating local education providers. At the annual meeting held pursuant to subsection (1) of this section at the end of the first year of the grant program, the department, participating local education providers, and the accountability system partners shall identify the goals, tools, and measures to be addressed by the summary evaluation report. The data used for the summary evaluation report must include qualitative and quantitative measures.

(b) For purposes of the summary evaluation report, the department shall provide to the external evaluator information concerning the scores attained by students enrolled by the participating local education providers on the statewide assessments administered pursuant to section 22-7-1006.3 and information concerning student longitudinal academic growth, student academic achievement, and student academic growth to standards for the students enrolled by the participating local education providers. The department shall provide the information in the aggregate by grade level and disaggregated by student group, as defined in section 22-11-103, compared to scores attained in previous school years and compared to the state average scores. The department shall provide any necessary data for purposes of the summary evaluation report described in subsection (2)(a) of this section that is not readily available to the department.

(c) Beginning with the report that is submitted on or before January 15, 2023, and for each report submitted thereafter, the department shall include in the report described in subsection (2) of this section the summary evaluation report described in this subsection (5).

(d) The department may accept and expend gifts, grants, or donations, to pay the costs incurred in preparing the summary
1 EVALUATION REPORT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5)."

2 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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