

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and
Cultural Affairs
Supplemental Budget
Questions and Answers
Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

Question: What is the breakdown of the \$2.5 million for the Aspirations Program?

Answer:

- Provide for 18,000-25,500 additional credits of early college coursework which would be anywhere from 4,000-8,500 courses (depending on the range of 1-4 credits and from which institution).
- Continue or provide coursework for a range of 1,000-2,500 students
- Reflect the anticipated additional need of Spring 2021 courses due to the pandemic and would also mirror the trajectory of increased costs to the program that had previously been covered by the Department by allocating other funds which are no longer available.

Question: What is the detail for Part C on page 5 for the Department of Education?

Answer: That portion of statute is now repealed and was done so as these students would be funded under the State Agency Client appropriation, directly above that in Part C.