

## “BOTTOM-LINE” for Graduation and Drop-out Rates (BF.II )

## APR PROBE:

Are High School **graduation rates**, and **drop-out rates**, for children with disabilities **comparable** to graduation rates and drop-out rates for nondisabled children?

## RELEVANT PART B PROVISIONS:

### 34 CFR §300.137 Performance Goals and Indicators

(Authority: 20 U.S.C.1412(a)(16))

The State must have on file with the Secretary information to demonstrate that the State :

- (b) Has established performance indicators that the State will use to assess progress toward achieving those goals that, at a minimum, **address the performance of children with disabilities on assessments, drop-out rates and graduation rates;**

## RELEVANT PART B PROVISIONS: (continued)

### Department of Education’s Plan for the Government Performance and Results Act:

Objectives:

- 8.2.1: GRADUATION DROPOUT RATES:** The percentage of children with disabilities that graduate high school with a regular high school diploma will increase.
- 8.2.2: DROPOUT RATES:** The percentage of children with disabilities that drops out of high school will decrease.

## WHAT CONTENT MUST EACH STATE INCLUDE IN ITS APR?

### Drop-out rates:

- States must use State-level drop-out data.
- Describe or list all student exiting categories used to determine the State drop-out rate
- Explain the calculation used in determining the drop-out rate for students with disabilities.

## WHAT CONTENT MUST EACH STATE INCLUDE IN ITS APR?

### Graduation rates:

- States must use State-level graduation data.
- Describe or list State conditions that lead to high school graduation, i.e. alternate diplomas, high stakes test, GED, etc.
- Explain the calculation used in determining the graduation rate for students with disabilities.

**WHAT ADDITIONAL CONTENT MUST THE STATE INCLUDE IF IT IDENTIFIES ANY NONCOMPLIANCE?**

**A plan**

Including strategies, proposed evidence of change, targets and timelines designed to ensure correction of the noncompliance within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed one year from the date OSEP accepts the plan.