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2	Pass a waiver from R277-479-3(1) for Spectrum Academy for FY28-FY30	\$ -	\$ -	Due to uncertainty related to the temporary nature of the waiver, Spectrum would likely not expand
3	Amend rule or statute to exempt LEAs with more than 70% SPED students	\$ -	\$ -	Spectrum may expand but this would perpetuate a double standard in the formula/Creates uncertainty in the formula/Spectrum St. George expansion students would not generate SPED Add-On funding for the first year
4	Amend statute to exempt LEAs with more than 70% SPED students from R277-479-3(1) and to award to these LEAs 1.0 WPUs per SPED student in expansion campuses starting in FY28	\$ 1,072,117	\$ 1,072,117	Spectrum would expand but this would perpetuate a double standard in the formula
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