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HOUSE BILL DRH10814-MVa-186

Short Title: Certain Appropriations For Education/COVID. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Fraley, Clemmons, and Horn (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES IN RESPONSE TO
3 THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) CRISIS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Transfer of Funds from Reserves to Relief Fund. – The State Controller
6 shall transfer the sum of four hundred five million dollars (\$405,000,000) for the 2019-2020
7 fiscal year from the Coronavirus Relief Reserve established in Section 2.1 of S.L. 2020-4 to the
8 Coronavirus Relief Fund established in Section 2.2 of S.L. 2020-4.

9 **SECTION 2.** Appropriation of Funds from Relief Fund. – There is appropriated from
10 the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of four
11 hundred five million dollars (\$405,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year
12 to be allocated and used as provided in Section 3 of this act. The funds appropriated in this section
13 shall not revert at the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year but shall remain available to expend until
14 December 30, 2020.

15 **SECTION 3.** Allocations of Funds. – The Office of State Budget and Management
16 shall allocate the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act as follows:

- 17 (1) \$150,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction to improve Internet
18 connectivity for students by installing extended reach mobile Wi-Fi gateway
19 router devices in school buses and by providing community and home mobile
20 Internet access points. These funds shall be used only for the purchase of
21 devices and not for subscription services.
- 22 (2) \$65,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to local
23 school administrative units, charter schools, regional schools, and other
24 elementary or secondary schools operated by the State Board of Education to
25 purchase computers or other electronic devices for use by students and school
26 personnel in response to COVID-19.
- 27 (3) \$25,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction to hold in reserve and to
28 award as grants, in the discretion of the Department, to public school units
29 that apply for funds to support extraordinary costs associated with providing
30 services for exceptional children in response to the impacts of COVID-19.
- 31 (4) \$25,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated in a
32 manner consistent with the formula for the Instructional Support Allotment.
33 These funds shall be used for contracted services provided no later than
34 December 30, 2020, for school health support personnel to provide additional
35 physical and mental health support services for students in response to
36 COVID-19, including remote and in-person physical and mental health



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- 1 support services. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "school health
2 support personnel" shall refer to school counselors, school nurses, school
3 psychologists, and school social workers.
- 4 (5) \$15,000,000 to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
5 to be allocated to constituent institutions to cover necessary eligible expenses
6 for resources and supports for students impacted by COVID-19.
- 7 (6) \$60,000,000 to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
8 to be allocated to constituent institutions to provide institutional support for
9 necessary eligible expenses related to COVID-19 impacts.
- 10 (7) \$10,000,000 to the Community Colleges System Office to be allocated to
11 community college campuses to cover necessary eligible expenses for
12 resources and supports for students impacted by COVID-19.
- 13 (8) \$20,000,000 to the Community Colleges System Office to be used by the
14 System Office and to be allocated to community college campuses to provide
15 institutional support for necessary eligible expenses related to COVID-19
16 impacts.
- 17 (9) \$35,000,000 to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina
18 to be allocated to the State Education Assistance Authority (Authority) for the
19 Authority to provide funds to eligible private postsecondary institutions, as
20 defined in G.S. 116-280(3), in amounts as follows: (i) \$15,000,000 to provide
21 funds to cover necessary eligible expenses for resources and supports for
22 students impacted by COVID-19 and (ii) \$20,000,000 to provide institutional
23 support for private postsecondary institutions for necessary eligible expenses
24 related to COVID-19 impacts. The Authority shall provide these funds to each
25 eligible private postsecondary institution by apportioning an amount equal to
26 the following:
- 27 a. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the institution's relative share of
28 full-time equivalent students who were enrolled as of March 13, 2020,
29 who received scholarships pursuant to Article 34 of Chapter 116 of the
30 General Statutes for the spring semester of the 2019-2020 academic
31 year.
- 32 b. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the institution's relative share of
33 full-time equivalent students who were enrolled as of March 13, 2020,
34 who had not received scholarships pursuant to Article 34 of Chapter
35 116 of the General Statutes for the spring semester of the 2019-2020
36 academic year.
- 37 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.