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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND REVISED USES FOR FEDERAL 3 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS; TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR 4 SCHOOL NUTRITIONAL NEEDS; TO EXTEND THE ABILITY OF CERTAIN 5 GOVERNMENTAL RETIREES TO ENGAGE IN PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT 6 WITHOUT AFFECTING RETIREMENT; TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS SYSTEM MODERNIZATION 7 8 PLAN; TO WAIVE MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR A CERTAIN COMPETITIVE 9 GRANT PROCESS FOR NONPROFITS; AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES. 10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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12 PART I. REVISIONS TO S.L. 2020-4

SECTION 1.1.(a) Section 2.3 of S.L. 2020-4 reads as rewritten:

14 "SECTION 2.3. The State Controller shall establish a Local Government Coronavirus Relief 15 Reserve (Local Reserve) in the General Fund to maintain certain federal funds transferred from 16 the Reserve established in Section 2.1 of this act that are eligible to mitigate the impact of the 17 COVID-19 outbreak in North Carolina on the revenue of local governments. The State Controller 18 shall transfer the sum of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) from the Reserve to the 19 Local Reserve. It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate a sum of up to one hundred 20 fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) if local governments experience a revenue shortfall and the CARES Act, P.L. 116-136, is amended to allow the use of federal funds for that purpose. Funds 21 22 that are reserved in the Local Reserve do not constitute an "appropriation made by law," as that 23 phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution."

SECTION 1.1.(b) Section 3.1 of S.L. 2020-4 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 3.1. Transfer of Funds from Reserves to Relief Fund. – The State Controller
shall transfer the sum of one billion two hundred seventy-five million nine hundred eighty-eight
thousand twenty-nine dollars (\$1,275,988,029) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year from the Reserve
established in Section 2.1 of this act, and the sum of one-three hundred fifty-million dollars
(\$150,000,000) -(\$300,000,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year from the Local Government
Coronavirus Relief Reserve established in Section 2.3 of this act, to the Fund established in
Section 2.2 of this act."

SECTION 1.1.(c) Section 3.2 of S.L. 2020-4 reads as rewritten:

33 "SECTION 3.2. Appropriation of Funds from Relief Fund to OSBM. – There is appropriated
 34 from the Fund to OSBM the sum of one billion four hundred twenty five million nine hundred



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1		asand twenty nine dollars (\$1,425,988,029) two billion ni	<u>.</u>
2		eight thousand twenty-nine dollars (\$2,095,988,029) in n	6
3 4		iscal year to be allocated and used as provided in Section ed in this section shall not revert at the end of the 2019-2020	
5		to expend until December 30, 2020."	
6		FION 1.1.(d) Section 3.3 of S.L. 2020-4 reads as rewritte	en:
7		3.3. Allocations of Funds. – OSBM shall allocate the	
8	Section 3.2 of thi		iunus appropriated in
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10	(2)	\$150,000,000 <u>\$300,000,000</u> to OSBM for allocation to	counties ineligible to
11		receive direct funding from the federal Coronavirus R	
12		by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securit	
13		116-136. OSBM shall allocate these funds by providin	•
14		to receive funding under this section a base allocation	••••
15		thousand dollars (\$250,000), with the remaining funds	distributed to eligible
16		counties on a per capita basis using the United States Ce	
17		2019 county population totals. A county may sha	all allocate a portion
18		twenty-five percent (25%) of these funds for use by mu	inicipalities within the
19		county, but only if the transfer qualifies as a necessary	v expenditure incurred
20		due to the public health emergency and meets the other	her criteria of section
21		601(d) of the Social Security Act. Such The county sh	all determine the total
22		amount allocated to a municipality within the county.	If a municipality that
23		receives funds under this subdivision does not have a p	-
24		developed by September 1, 2020, the municipality shall	
25		county for use by the county or redistribution to other	-
26		the county. Additionally, the funds allocated in this sub	
27		recoupment by the United States Treasury Inspector Ge	•
28		been used in a manner consistent with section 601(d)	•
29		Act. Further, the funds may only be used to support exp	
30		and municipalities that are consistent with the most rece	
31		States Treasury Department guidance for the federal Co	
32		Counties and municipalities are liable to the State	-
33		mishandling of these funds, and subject to clawback	
34 25		measures, including the reduction or elimination of o	-
35		local government officer, official, or employee who vio	
36 37		be subject to a civil action by the State and held persona	
38		the State. Beginning October 1, 2020, and then quantum and municipality receiving funds under this sub-	-
38 39		county and municipality receiving funds under this sub- OSBM on the use of allocated funds until all fund	-
40		accounted for.	is are expended and
40 41		accounted for.	
41	 (4)	\$300,000,000 to OSBM to allocate to the General Main	tenance Reserve in the
43	(+)	Highway Fund for the Department of Transportation;	
44		shall not transfer these allocated funds to the Department	-
45		guidelines in "Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for St	
46		and Tribal Governments," dated April 22, 2020, are	
40 47		States Department of the Treasury to authorize the u	•
48		Coronavirus Relief Fund for the purpose of replacing l	
49		COVID-19 emergency, or a subsequent act of Congress	
50		funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for the purp	
51		revenue due to the COVID-19 emergency. 30 days p	
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1 2		funds pursuant to this subsection, OSBM shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. On or before April 1,
3		2021, the Department shall submit a report on the status of utilizing these
4		funds and a revenue update to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
5		Committee (JLTOC) and the Fiscal Research Division. The Governor may not
6		use the funds described in this subdivision to make budget adjustments under
7		G.S. 143C-6-4 or to make reallocations under G.S. 166A-19.40(c).
8		Notwithstanding Section 3.2 of this act, if, by June 15, 2020, by September 1,
9		2020, the guidelines in "Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State,
10		Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments," dated April 22, 2020, are not
11		revised by the United States Department of the Treasury to authorize the use
12		of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for the purpose of replacing lost
13 14		revenue due to the COVID-19 emergency, or a subsequent act of Congress
14		does not authorize the use of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for the purpose of replacing lost revenue due to the COVID-19 emergency, the State
15		Controller shall transfer the funds described in this subdivision to the Reserve
10		and the funds shall remain unspent until appropriated by an act of the General
18		Assembly.
19		165011019.
20	(6)	\$75,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction for emergency school
21		nutrition services services, including innovative school meals, provided to
22		students in response to COVID-19 by public school units participating in the
23		National School Lunch Program or Program, School Breakfast Program
24		Program, or Summer Food Service Program from March 16, 2020, through
25		the end of the 2019-2020 school year. December 30, 2020. Funds for these
26		services shall be allocated in the same manner as if the participating public
27		school units were reimbursed by school meal receipts or federal funds.
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29	(32)	\$5,000,000 \$7,425,000 to OSBM to allocate to the North Carolina Association
30		of Free and Charitable Clinics (NCAFCC), a nonprofit organization, to be
31		used for distribution to its member clinics to cover the cost of eligible health
32		services provided during the COVID-19 emergency. emergency and other
33 34		costs allowed pursuant to federal guidance. By August 1, 2020, NCAFCC
34 35		shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on a plan for allocating the
35 36		fundar services and the Fiscal Research Division on a plan for anocating the funds received under this section, and by February 1, 2021, on the use of these
37		funds by recipients.
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39	(34)	\$5,000,000 <u>\$7,425,000</u> to OSBM to allocate to the North Carolina
40	(-)	Community Health Centers Center Association (NCHCA), (NCCHCA), a
41		nonprofit organization, to be used for distribution to its member health centers
42		to cover the cost of eligible health services provided during the COVID-19
43		emergency. emergency and other costs allowed pursuant to federal guidance.
44		By August 1, 2020, NCHCA-NCCHCA shall report to the Joint Legislative
45		Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research
46		Division on a plan for allocating the funds received under this section, and by
47		February 1, 2021, on the use of these funds by recipients.
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49 50	(42)	\$2,250,000 <u>\$3,550,000</u> to the Department of Health and Human Services,
50		Division of Social Services, to assist in serving children in foster care during
51		the COVID-19 emergency. These funds shall be used for monthly

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1 2 3 4		supplemental payments in the amount of one hund each child receiving foster care assistance payr beginning with the month of April 2020, throu continuing until funds are exhausted.	nents for the months of
5		\$5,000,000 \$15,000,000 to the Department of Course	nana fan a Narth Carolina
6 7	(44)	\$5,000,000 <u>\$15,000,000</u> to the Department of Commonprofit corporation with which the Department	
8		G.S. 143B-431.01(b) as a stimulus investment i	n Visit North Carolina's
9 10		marketing budget to be used for the following purp amounts:	poses and in the following
11		a. \$4,500,000 \$14,500,000 for developing CO	VID-19-specific concepts
12		strategies, and materials tailored to educate p	
12		in a safe and socially distant way and	
13		reintroduction of the pandemic.	(ii) prevent community
15		b. \$500,000 for research tools and analysis ne	ecessary to implement the
16		provisions of this subdivision.	ceessary to implement the
17		provisions of this subdivision.	
18	 (47)	\$10,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture and	Consumer Services to be
19	<u> </u>	used in accordance with Section 4.2A of this act.	
20	<u>(48)</u>	\$2,000,000 to the General Assembly to be used	to cover allowable costs
21	<u></u>	incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	
22	(49)	\$750,000 to the Department of Information Techn	hology, Government Data
23	<u> </u>	Analytics Center (GDAC), to develop a COVID-1	
24		reporting tool to provide insight into how State	-
25		impacting North Carolina businesses. The GDAC sh	-
26		of State Budget and Management and the Gold	en LEAF Foundation on
27		development of the tool and leverage its existing p	ublic-private partnerships
28		to develop the platform.	
29	<u>(50)</u>	\$4,800,000 to the University of North Carolina at	Chapel Hill to be used for
30		the UNC School of Medicine's Asheville Campus.	• • •
31		the UNC School of Medicine, other UNC Syst	
32		Mountain Area Health Education Center for CO	VID-19 related response
33		activities, including outreach and education.	
34	<u>(51)</u>	\$15,000,000 to the Department of Commerce for	
35		Economic Investment Committee pursuant to Section	
36	<u>(52)</u>	\$120,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety	
37		Management to be used as the State match for	
38		Management Agency public assistance funds pro	ovided in response to the
39 40	(52)	<u>COVID-19 pandemic.</u>	a for the state wide health
40	<u>(53)</u>	\$2,600,000 to OSBM to provide additional fundin	
41 42		information exchange network known as NC He	
42 43		implement the following COVID-19 related operation	ons and improvements for
43 44		<u>NC HealthConnex:</u> <u>a.</u> <u>Building data exchanges and patient match</u>	ing sorvices between NC
44 45		a. <u>Building data exchanges and patient match</u> <u>HealthConnex and the State's electronic dis</u>	-
45 46		NC Electronic Disease Surveillance System	
40 47		Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Too	-
48		monitor the ongoing impact of COVID-19 i	
49		b. Developing public health dashboards to en	
50		to identify emerging trends and at-risk	_
51		operations and point of care decisions.	t - F to to ouppoint

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1		c. Providing COVID-19 test results delivery services to NC
2		HealthConnex participants to support care coordination and help
3		ensure the safety of frontline providers.
		d. Providing care management teams with detailed clinical histories and
		identification of emerging at-risk patients for improved patient care.
		e. Developing a pilot analytics project to (i) identify skilled nursing
		facilities, group homes, and other long-term care facilities at greatest
,		risk for COVID-19 outbreaks and associated complications, (ii) assist
		state surveyors with quality assurance, and (iii) target specific public
)		health interventions, funding opportunities, policies, and patient safety
		regulations that are most effective in preventing the spread of
2		infectious disease in these facilities.
		The purpose of this subdivision is to enable the use of near real-time data in
		monitoring and analyzing the number of patients who have been confirmed
		positive with, tested for, suspected of having, or received medical care for
		symptoms associated with COVID-19, for a more complete understanding of
		the true impact of the virus and to quickly identify emerging hotspots for
		public health intervention.
	<u>(54)</u>	\$3,500,000 to the Administrative Office of the Courts to be used as a grant for
)		Caitlyn's Courage, Inc., in accordance with Section 4.2C of this act.
	<u>(55)</u>	\$2,000,000 to the Wildlife Resources Commission, to be allocated to the
		Outdoor Heritage Special Fund (Budget Code: 24351; Fund Code: 2291) for
		the Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council's NC Schools Go Outside grant
		program to provide local opportunities for young people to reengage with
i		learning experiences in safe outdoor settings.
	<u>(56)</u>	\$400,000 to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for the State
5		Library's NC Kids Digital Library for enhancement of digital offerings to
		students lacking physical access to local libraries due to the COVID-19
		emergency.
)	<u>(57)</u>	\$400,000 to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to allocate to
		the North Carolina Museum of History for (i) the development and
		implementation of and access to virtual history programs for statewide student
		educational purposes and (ii) online public access to the historical content of
		the North Carolina Museum of History during the closure of facilities due to
		the impact of "stay-at-home" orders.
	<u>(58)</u>	\$1,000,000 to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to allocate
		to the North Carolina Zoological Park ("Zoo") to facilitate and assist with the
		costs of health and safety enhancements to protect the public and Zoo staff,
)		ensuring the limited reopening of the Zoo does not result in community spread
)		of COVID-19.
	<u>(59)</u>	\$725,000 to the Department of Commerce to allocate to the High Point
2		International Home Furnishings Market Authority Corporation, a nonprofit
3		corporation, to expand and enhance public health and safety measures to
Ļ		enable the Market to open during its international shows which are critical to
, -	(- 2)	North Carolina's economy and jobs.
	<u>(60)</u>	\$1,500,000 to the Department of Commerce for a North Carolina nonprofit
		corporation with which the Department contracts pursuant to
8		G.S. 143B-431.01(b), for grants targeted for those areas of the State that are
)		most dependent on the travel and tourism economy to promote North Carolina
0		tourism as the State begins to reopen. The nonprofit corporation shall consult

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1		with the North Carolina Travel Industry Association	ion, Inc., a nonprofit
2		corporation, to disburse the grants described in this sub	
3	<u>(61)</u>	\$500,000 to the Department of Commerce to allocate	to the North Carolina
4		Biotechnology Center to provide grants and educa	ational job placement
5		services to connect workers displaced or unemployed of	due to COVID-19 with
6		essential job openings at life science companies that ar	
7		treatment, therapy, vaccines, and equipment in response	se to COVID-19.
8 9	<u>(62)</u>	<u>\$2,500,000 to the Department of Commerce to be us</u> Section 4.2D of this act.	ed in accordance with
10	(63)	\$7,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction	n to provide personal
1	<u>(00)</u>	protective equipment for public schools, in respon	-
2		pandemic, to facilitate in-person instruction for the 2	
3		Personal protective equipment provided pursuant to	-
4		meet applicable federal standards and guidelines from t	
5		Control and Prevention.	
6	(64)	\$5,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction to	hold in reserve and to
17	<u>(0.17</u>	award as grants, in the discretion of the Department,	
18		that apply for funds to provide access to services for ex	
9		have lost critical services as a result of school closures	-
20	(65)	\$3,000,000 to the University of North Carolina at Pem	
21	<u>(00)</u>	analytics project focusing on providing a better under	
22		and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularl	
23		communities.	
24	(66)	\$2,000,000 to the University of North Carolina	at Pembroke for the
25	<u>(00)</u>	Department of Nursing in the College of Health Scien	
26		specialized medical and patient safety training to addr	
27		and procedures necessary when caring for COVID-19	
28		facility settings.	<u></u>
29	(67)	\$5,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human	Services. Division of
30	<u></u>	Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substa	
31		be allocated to group homes for individuals with intelle	
32		disabilities, or both, to support the implementation of	A
33		for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for p	
34		address the introduction and spread of COVID-19 am	
35		of these facilities. As used in this subdivision, "gro	oup home" means any
36		facility that (i) is licensed under Chapter 122C of the	e General Statutes, (ii)
37		meets one of the definitions of a supervised living fact	
38		27G .5601(c)(1) through 10A NCAC 27G .5601(c)(3)	-
39		.5601(c)(6), and (iii) serves minors or adults whose	
0		mental illness or a developmental disability but	· · ·
41		diagnoses.	· ·
12	(68)	$\overline{\$7,000,000}$ to OSBM to be allocated as grants in	equal amounts to the
43	<u> </u>	following hospitals: (i) Good Hope Hospital, Inc., (ii) I	
14		Medical Center, (iii) Cape Fear Valley Health Hoke	
45		Valley Medical Center, (v) Davis Regional Medical	• • • • •
46		Healthcare System Blue Ridge, and (vii) AdventHealth	
17		funds shall be used to offset expenses incurred for pro-	
8		North Carolina to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic	
.9		not use these funds for any purpose other than to offe	-
0		related to patient care provided in North Carolina as a r	
51		pandemic:	<u></u>
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		<u>a.</u>	Up to sixty percent (60%) of lost revenues from	foregone elective
		_	procedures during the emergency period, net of fed	-
			from the CARES Act.	
		<u>b.</u>	Supplies and equipment purchased in accordance	e with Centers for
			Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.	
		<u>c.</u>	Rapid ramp up of infection control and triage train	ing for health care
		_	professionals.	<u> </u>
		<u>d.</u>	A retrofit of separate areas to screen and treat patie	ents with suspected
			COVID-19 infections, including isolation areas in	-
			emergency departments.	*
		<u>e.</u>	An increase in the number of patient care beds	s to provide surge
			capacity.	
		<u>f.</u>	Transportation of patients with confirmed or sus	pected COVID-19
			safely to or from rural facilities.	
		<u>g.</u>	Development of plans, provision of training, and t	he implementation
			of expanded telehealth capabilities.	
		<u>h.</u>	The procurement of staff or consultants to help mit	igate the burden of
			extensive review of new and incoming federal ar	nd State regulatory
			guidelines.	
		<u>i.</u>	Salary support for furloughed employees.	
		<u>As a</u>	condition of receiving the funds allocated in this subc	livision, each grant
			ient shall submit a detailed written report to the Hou	
		<u>Subc</u>	ommittee on Health and Human Services, the Sena	ate Appropriations
			mittee on Health and Human Services, and the	
			sight Committee on Health and Human Services by I	
			contains a breakdown of all expenditures from the fu	
		-	subdivision and the total amount of funds received	
			f Fund provided for in P.L. 116-136 and any other C	•
		-	lation or other legislation enacted by Congress during	calendar year 2020
	(-	pport the national response to COVID-19.	
	<u>(69)</u>	-	00,000 to OSBM to allocate to any county designated	-
		-	wo area, as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08, with a population	
		-	000, that has a hospital located within its borders	
			wing criteria: (i) provided care to patients in North Car	
			ID-19 pandemic, (ii) is not affiliated with a university	
			iled a petition in U.S. Bankruptcy Court seeking relie	
			e U.S. Bankruptcy Code within the five-month per	
			tive date of this section. The county shall distribute th	
		-	ch eligible hospital for the purpose of offsetting exp	
		-	ding care to patients in North Carolina as a result	
		-	emic. Any county, county officer, county official, or	
			uses these allocated funds for any purpose other fied in this subdivision shall be subject to a civil action	
			personally liable to reimburse the State. These func	
			t expenses incurred for providing patient care in	
			and to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant recipients shall	
		-	ty purpose other than to offset the following costs rel	
			ded in North Carolina as a result of the COVID-19 pa	
		-	Up to sixty percent (60%) of lost revenues from	
		<u>a.</u>	procedures during the emergency period, net of fed	-
			from the CARES Act.	
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	b. Supplies and equipmer	t purchased in accordance with Centers for
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		ncluding isolation areas in or around hospital
	emergency departments	
	e. An increase in the nu	mber of patient care beds to provide surge
	capacity.	
	f. Transportation of patie	nts with confirmed or suspected COVID-19
	safely to or from rural f	
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	of expanded telehealth	
	h. The procurement of stat	f or consultants to help mitigate the burden of
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	guidelines.	
	i. Salary support for furlo	ughed employees.
	As a condition of receiving the	funds allocated in this subdivision, each grant
	recipient shall submit a detaile	d written report to the House Appropriations
	Subcommittee on Health and	Human Services, the Senate Appropriations
	Committee on Health and H	Iuman Services, and the Joint Legislative
	Oversight Committee on Healt	h and Human Services by December 1, 2020,
	that contains a breakdown of a	Il expenditures from the funds received under
	this subdivision and the total	amount of funds received from the Provider
	Relief Fund provided for in P.I	116-136 and any other COVID-19 recovery
	legislation or other legislation e	nacted by Congress during calendar year 2020
	to support the national response	e to COVID-19.
<u>(70)</u>	\$4,300,000 to OSBM to be a	llocated to the Children's Advocacy Centers
	(CACNC) of North Carolina, I	nc., a nonprofit corporation, to be distributed
		s State that are in good standing with CACNC
	to cover the cost of increased c	hild caseloads and the statewide provision of
	more effective and available	virtual counseling due to the COVID-19
	pandemic.	
		cated to the Crossnore School and Children's
	-	fare organization, supporting children and
		or COVID-19 related preventative measures to
		lose congregate living facility."
	ON 1.1.(e) S.L. 2020-4 is ame	nded by adding the following new sections to
read:		
	ON FOR SMALL MEAT PR	
"SECTION 4		
		eneral Assembly finds that the COVID-19
emergency has resu	ulted in serious and substantial i	mpacts on the food supply chain. In particular,
emergency has resu small livestock pro-	ulted in serious and substantial i oducers in the State have found	mpacts on the food supply chain. In particular, that bottlenecks and lack of capacity among
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1 2		b) Use. – The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall funds allocated in subdivision (47) of Section 3.3 of this act are sufficient
3	to improve COVID-19	related slowdowns and mitigate capacity reductions. If the Department
4		not sufficient, the Department shall notify the State Controller, and the
5		eposit the funds into the Coronavirus Relief Reserve. Amounts deposited
6		this subsection are receipts that do not constitute an "appropriation made
7		is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North Carolina Constitution. If
8		ines funding is sufficient, the Department shall use the funds to provide
9	0	ubsection (c) of this section to reduce or prevent impacts on the supply
10		the State caused by COVID-19, or to improve the resiliency of the fresh
11	meat supply chain to fu	•
12		c) Grant Types and Criteria. – The Department shall develop policies and
13	-	bursement of the grants authorized by this section that include, at a
14	minimum, the following	
15		Department may provide three categories of grants:
16	a.	Capacity enhancement grant. – This grant is available to an eligible
17		meat processing facility that is experiencing slowdowns in production
18		or has limited capacity to accommodate increased demand for meat
19		processing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A capacity enhancement
20		grant may be used for expansion of an existing eligible facility and for
21		fixtures or equipment at an existing eligible facility that will expand
22		animal throughput, processing capacity, the amount or type of
23	h	products produced, or processing speed.
24	b.	Workforce development grant. – This grant is available to an eligible
25 26		meat processing facility that is experiencing slowdowns in production
26 27		or has limited capacity to accommodate increased demand for meat
27 28		processing due to workforce limitations or reductions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A workforce development grant may be used
28 29		for educational and workforce training provided either by the facility
29 30		or by an institution of higher education.
31	с.	Planning grant. – This grant is available to a nonprofit entity or
32	С.	institution of higher education to complete feasibility or siting studies
33		for a new eligible meat processing facility.
33 34	(2) Eligi	ble facility. – For purposes of this section, an eligible meat processing
35	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ity is a meat processing facility that either:
36	a.	Meets both of the following requirements:
37	u.	1. The plant contracts with independent livestock producers to
38		process animals owned by the producers.
39		2. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
40		contracts with Department inspectors to conduct federal
41		inspection activities authorized by the Talmadge-Aiken Act of
42		1962 (7 U.S.C. § 1633) at the plant, the plant is otherwise
43		regulated by the USDA, or the plant is a State-inspected
44		facility; or
45	b.	Is a catfish aquaculture operation that raises and processes catfish.
46	(3) The	Department may prioritize projects that will create additional jobs.
47		pients shall provide matching funds for the grant in the amount of one
48		r (\$1.00) from nongrant sources for every two dollars (\$2.00) provided
49	by th	ne grant.
50		d) Grant-Supported Property Transferred or Removed from Service. –
51	As used in this section,	the term "disposed of" means disposed of, taken out of service, or moved

out of State. If fixtures or equipment purchased with grant funds provided by this act are disposed
 of during a period of time as the Department may specify following the date the fixtures or
 equipment funded by this act is placed in service, the grant recipient shall repay to the Department
 a proportionate share of the grant funding received as the Department may specify.

5 Funds received by the Department under this section shall be transferred to the Office 6 of State Budget and Management (OSBM) and OSBM shall transfer the amount of the disallowed 7 allocation to the Reserve established in Section 2.1 of this act. Amounts transferred into the 8 Coronavirus Relief Reserve pursuant to this section are receipts that do not constitute an 9 "appropriation made by law," as that phrase is used in Section 7(1) of Article V of the North 10 Carolina Constitution.

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"JOB RETENTION GRANTS

13 "SECTION 4.2B.(a) Purpose, Use. – The purpose of this section is to use funds from the 14 Coronavirus Relief Fund to help businesses in North Carolina during the COVID-19 pandemic 15 by providing economic support to businesses and nonprofits who experienced business interruption in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic and who did not participate in the 16 17 federal Paycheck Protection Program, the federal Main Street Lending Program, or the North 18 Carolina Rapid Recovery Loan Program. The Department of Commerce shall use the funds 19 allocated in subdivision (51) of Section 3.3 of this act to provide grants awarded by the Economic 20 Investment Committee for the program and purpose provided in this section.

"SECTION 4.2B.(b) Job Retention Program. – There is created the COVID-19 Job
 Retention Program to be administered by the Economic Investment Committee. The Committee
 may provide a one-time grant to a business or nonprofit that retained jobs during and after the
 COVID-19 pandemic and meets the conditions of this section.

25 "SECTION 4.2B.(c) Eligibility. – A business or nonprofit is eligible for a grant under this
 26 Program if it meets all of the following conditions:
 27 (1) It employs at least ninety percent (90%) of the number of full-time employees,

- (1) It employs at least ninety percent (90%) of the number of full-time employees, or full-time equivalent employees, during the COVID-19 period in North Carolina as it employed in North Carolina for the pay period ending on or about February 28, 2020.
 - (2) It demonstrates that it experienced an economic loss in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:
 - a. For a business, its sales for the COVID-19 period are at least ten percent (10%) below its sales for the same period in the preceding calendar year.
 - b. For a nonprofit, its gross receipts for the COVID-19 period are at least ten percent (10%) below its gross receipts for the same period in the preceding calendar year.

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(3) It did not participate in the Paycheck Protection Program, the Main Street Lending Program, or the Rapid Recovery Loan Program.

"SECTION 4.2B.(d) Maximum Grant Amount. – The grant amount may be up to two
months of the eligible entity's average monthly payroll costs from the last year plus an additional
twenty-five percent (25%) of that amount. The grant amount may not exceed two hundred fifty
thousand dollars (\$250,000).

45 "SECTION 4.2B.(e) Grant Program Limit. – The total of all funds granted under this 46 Program may not exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000). The Economic Investment 47 Committee must calculate the total amount of grants requested from the applications timely filed 48 under subsection (f) of this section. If the total amount of grants requested exceeds the maximum 49 amount of funds available under this subsection, the Committee must reduce each grant award 50 on a proportionate basis. The Committee's grant determinations based on applications timely 51 filed are final.

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"SEC	TION	4.2B.(f) Application. – A business must apply to	the Economic Investment
Committe	ee for a	grant on a form prescribed by the Committee and m	nust include any supporting
		equired by the Committee. The application must be f	
or before	Septem	ber 1, 2020. The Committee may not accept late app	plications.
	-	4.2B.(g) Definitions. – The following definitions ap	
	(1)	Business. – An entity subject to income tax under	
	(-)	the General Statutes.	
	(2)	CARES Act The federal Coronavirus Aid, Reli	ief, and Economic Security
		Act, P.L. 116-136.	
	(3)	COVID-19 period. – The period beginning on Ma May 31, 2020.	urch 1, 2020, and ending on
	(4)	Economic Investment Committee. – Defined in G	.S. 143B-437.51.
	(5)	Full-time employee. – Defined in G.S. 143B-437.	
	(6)	Main Street Lending Program. – Defined in sectio	
	(7)	Nonprofit. – An entity exempt from income tax u	
	(\prime)	or G.S. 105-130.11(a)(6).	nder 0.5. 105 150.11(u)(5)
	(8)	Paycheck Protection Program. – Defined in secti	ions 1102 and 1106 of the
	(0)	CARES Act.	ions 1102 and 1100 of the
	(9)	Payroll costs. – Same meaning as defined for	nurnoses of the Paycheck
	(\mathcal{I})	Protection Program, including the one hundred to	•
		annualized cap amount for each employee.	
	(10)	Rapid Recovery Loan Program. – Loans provider	d under Section 1.2 of this
	(10)	act.	d under Section 4.2 of this
	(11)	act. Sales. – Defined in G.S. 105-130.4.	
	(11)	Sales. – Defined in 0.5. 105-150.4.	
"DOME	STIC V	IOLENCE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM	
		4.2C.(a) The General Assembly finds that the	COVID 10 pandamia has
		ation, uncertainty, and economic instability, which	1
		ee, and due to the stay-at-home orders in effect, vi	
		ever before. It further finds that in order to combat	0
		the COVID-19 pandemic, victims need access to	b technology that provides
		tification if the offender is within close proximity. 4.20 (b) The fenderal ended in order dimension (54) of the	
		4.2C.(b) The funds allocated in subdivision (54) of s	
		Office of the Courts shall be used to provide a grant to	
		c violence prevention pilot programs (pilot program	
		f which shall have small district court caseloads,	
		court caseloads, and three of which shall have lar	-
•	-	e, Inc., shall consult and collaborate with the Adminis	
		of District Court Judges of each of the selected judicia	al districts when developing
1 1 0		plementation plans for each judicial district.	
		4.2C.(c) The pilot programs created by this sec	ction shall do each of the
following			
	(1)	Provide judges in the participating judicial distric	1 0
		positioning system (GPS) electronic monitoring	
		pretrial release for defendants of crimes related	
		domestic abuse, and violations of a domestic viole	ence protective order.
	(2)	Establish local implementation teams that shall, a	at a minimum, consider for
		inclusion (i) district court judges, (ii) superior cou	rt judges, (iii) assistant and
		elected district attorneys, (iv) assistant and appo	
		deputy, assistant, and elected clerks of superior c	-
		officers, (vii) domestic violence victims advocate	
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1 2		and (ix) representatives of the Department of Adult Justice.	Correction and Juvenile
3 4 5	(3)	Operate a 24-hour monitoring center that contacts violates a relevant condition of pretrial release oprotective order.	
6 7	(4)	Train all pilot program participants, including, but no offenders, regarding the GPS tracking devices utilized	ed by the pilot programs.
8		4.2C.(d) The electronic monitoring devices used by following aparifications:	the pilot programs shall
9 10	(1)	following specifications: The ability to automatically switch cellular networks	ensuring that the device
11	(1)	is not dependent upon one particular cellular networks	
12 13	(2)	The ability to detect, record, and report the deliberar of GPS signals.	-
14	(3)	A disposable strap.	
15 16	(4)	A minimum single charge, 48-hour battery life via an the option of a fixed charger, mobile charger, or both	1.
17 18	(5)	The ability to detect and store the time and date of an device at a level high enough to cause malfunction.	ny physical impact to the
18 19	(6)	The ability to record the offender's immediate location	on at all times
20	(7)	The ability to automatically notify the victim if	
21		restricted proximity to the victim pursuant to a court	
22	"SECTION	4.2C.(e) The funds described in this section shall on	nly be used by Caitlyn's
23	Courage, Inc., fo	or project expenses and shall not be used to pay for lobl	oying the North Carolina
24		ly, salaries, travel, or other administrative costs.	
25		4.2C.(f) In consultation with participating judicia	
26 27		sity Department of Criminal Justice, Caitlyn's Courage	-
27		the pilot programs created by this section to the Joi ustice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Oversig	•
20 29		vices, and the Fiscal Research Division of the North Car	
30	by April 1, 2021		Conna Conorar Association
31	v 1 '	4.2C.(g) The report required by this section shall incl	ude, at a minimum, each
32	of the following	• • • •	
33	(1)	Any recommendations regarding the continuation, e	xpansion, or elimination
34		of the pilot programs.	
35	(2)	Current and future estimated costs associated with	implementing the pilot
36	(2)	programs.	
37 38	(3)	Any recommended legislation related to the pilot pro	ograms.
38 39	"DI ASMA CAI	MES PILOT PROGRAM	
40		4.2D.(a) Program Established. – The Department of	of Commerce Office of
41		logy, and Innovation (Office), shall administer a statew	
42		ess to innovative digital and personalized learning so	1 1 0 1
43	-	idge the gap between chemistry and physical science	e
44		tion (CTE) career pathways. The local school ad	
45	incorporate the s	science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STI	EM) focused educational
46		m developed by Plasma Games, Inc., in select STEM	
47		courage student interest and workforce development	• 1
48		ed in North Carolina, including careers in the phan	
49 50	0.	echnology, textile, material science, energy, minerals a ields. The pilot shall be conducted for the 2020-2021 sc	

1 "SECTION 4.2D.(b) Plans for Pilot Implementation. – A local school administrative unit 2 participating in the pilot shall provide the Office with a plan for the placement of the 3 STEM-focused educational technology developed by Plasma Games, Inc., in its schools. The 4 plan shall include implementation of the educational game as a teaching tool for classroom 5 teachers and a new learning platform for students to increase student engagement and discussion, 6 enrich lessons with real-world applications and purpose in STEM fields, and create moments of 7 connection for students with lasting impact on their career pathways. The plan shall also include 8 provisions for professional development and training for teachers, administrators, and other 9 school personnel to facilitate the implementation and success of the pilot.

10 "SECTION 4.2D.(c) Funds for the Pilot. – The Office shall use the funds allocated in 11 subdivision (62) of Section 3.3 of this act to provide funds to local school administrative units participating in the pilot. These funds shall be used for licensing fees for the educational software, 12 13 Plasma Games' operating costs, and for implementation of the pilot by the local school 14 administrative units.

15 **"SECTION 4.2D.(d)** Reporting Requirements. – The local school administrative units 16 participating in the pilot shall provide a report by May 1, 2021, to the Office on implementation 17 of the pilot for that school year, including (i) the use of the funds described in subsection (c) of 18 this section, (ii) the number of students impacted by the pilot and the number of students pursing 19 STEM-related CTE career pathways as a result of the pilot, measured by the number of students 20 declaring interest in a career with a chemistry-dependent industry located in North Carolina and 21 the number of students pursuing higher education in a chemistry-related major or technical 22 certification at a school in North Carolina, (iii) demand and feedback by teachers on the use of 23 the STEM-focused educational technology, and (iv) any other information requested by the 24 Office.

25 The Office shall provide a report by June 1, 2021, to the Joint Legislative Education 26 Oversight Committee, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and 27 Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division on the implementation of the pilot and 28 the information reported by participating local school administrative units pursuant to this 29 section. The report shall include any data on student outcomes related to implementation of the 30 pilot, the expenditure of funds described in subsection (c) of this section, and recommendations 31 by the Office on modification of the pilot and the need for continued support." 32

SECTION 1.1.(f) Section 4.23(e) of S.L. 2020-3 reads as rewritten:

33 "SECTION 4.23.(e) This section is effective when it becomes law and expires August $\frac{1}{1}$. 34 31, 2020."

35 **SECTION 1.2.** The portion of Section 1.1(a) amending Section 3.3(4) of S.L. 2020-4 36 becomes effective June 15, 2020.

37 38 PART II. TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES

39 40 **TECHNICAL CHANGES**

SECTION 2.1.(a) Section 1.7 of S.L. 2020-4 reads as rewritten:

41 42 "SECTION 1.7. In addition to any report required under this act or any other law, OSBM 43 shall provide a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the 44 Fiscal Research Division by March-April 1, 2021, detailing the use of funds allocated under 45 Section 3.3 of this act. Additionally, each State agency or department that receives federal grant 46 funds under Section 4.1 of this act shall provide a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on 47 Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division no later than 90 days from the day 48 the grant period ends detailing the use of funds. The report required from OSBM under this 49 section shall include the amount of funds allocated to each State agency, State department, and 50 nonprofit organization; how the funds were used by each State agency, State department, and nonprofit organization; and the amount of funds allocated to each State agency, State department, 51

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1 2 3 4	and nonprofit organization that remained unspent as of December 30, 20 from each State agency or department that receives federal grant funds u act shall include the amount of funds granted, the source of the funds, ho and the amount of funds that remained unspent at the end of the grant per	nder Section 4.1 of this ow the funds were used,
4 5	SECTION 2.1.(b) Section 1.8 of S.L. 2020-4 reads as rewrit	
6	"SECTION 1.8. The State Auditor shall conduct a preliminary final	
7 8	performance audit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund created by this act no 1, 2021."	
8 9	1, 2021.	
9 10	TRANSPORTATION ALLOTMENT FUNDS	
11	SECTION 2.2.(a) For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the	Department of Public
12	Instruction may withhold up to twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) f	-
12	allotment and instead allocate those funds, as necessary, for transportat	-
14	emergency school nutrition services provided between July 1, 2020, an	
15	2020-2021 school year by public school units participating in the N	
16	Program, School Breakfast Program, or Summer Food Service Program.	
17	SECTION 2.2.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 202	20.
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19	STUDENT MEAL DEBT REPORT AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNG	CH CO-PAYS
20	SECTION 2.3.(a) No later than October 15, 2021, the State B	oard of Education shall
21	report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on unpaid	d meal charges in local
22	school administrative units. At a minimum, the report shall include the for	ollowing information:
23	(1) The percentage of students of all grade levels	
24	administrative unit who (i) qualify for and participate	in reduced-price meals
25	and (ii) do not carry an unpaid meal charge.	
26	(2) The total amount of debt carried by each local sch	ool administrative unit
27	related to unpaid meal charges.	
28	(3) Summaries of approaches adopted by each local sch	ool administrative unit
29	regarding unpaid meal charges.	
30	(4) Options for a statewide policy on the uniform admini	
31 32	charges in local school administrative units. Every of	1
32 33	students are not prevented from receiving nutritious unpaid meal charge.	s means because of an
33 34	SECTION 2.3.(b) For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the	Department of Public
35	Instruction shall transfer the sum of three million nine hundred thousand	-
36	nonrecurring funds from the cash balance in the School Bus Replaceme	
37	73510; Fund Code: 7200) to the State Public School Fund (Budget Cod	, U
38	1830). Funds transferred pursuant to this section are hereby appropria	
39	lunches at no cost to students of all grade levels qualifying for reduced-pr	
40	participating in the National School Lunch Program in the 2020-2021 sch	ool year. If these funds
41	are insufficient to provide school lunches at no cost to students qualif	ying for reduced-price
42	meals, the Department of Public Instruction shall also use any excess fur	ids appropriated for the
43	National School Breakfast Program for the purposes of this subsection.	
44	SECTION 2.3.(c) This section becomes effective July 1, 202	20.
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46	FUNDS FOR BUSINESS SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PLAN	
47	SECTION 2.4.(a) The Office of State Budget and Manag	
48	appropriations from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund to the School T	<i>.</i>
49 50	sum of eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for	
50 51	year. There is appropriated from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund to Fund the sum of eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) in nonrecurring f	

fiscal year. The Office of State Budget and Management shall reduce the appropriations to the
 State Public School Fund from the General Fund by the sum of eighteen million dollars
 (\$18,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

4 **SECTION 2.4.(b)** From the funds made available pursuant to subsection (a) of this 5 section for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the 6 Department of Public Instruction the sum of eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) in 7 nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to provide for the implementation of the School 8 Business System Modernization Plan as set out in S.L. 2017-57, to include an Enterprise 9 Resource Planning (ERP) system for integrated payroll and human resources information, an integrated State-level licensure system, and reporting of financial information for increased 10 11 transparency and analytics.

12 **SECTION 2.4.(c)** Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction 13 by this section for the School Business System Modernization Plan for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, 14 the Department shall transfer six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) in nonrecurring funds 15 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to the Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC) to leverage 16 existing public-private partnerships for ongoing support of the annual school report card data 17 system and the School Finance reporting system. Of the six hundred fifty thousand dollars 18 (\$650,000) in nonrecurring funds transferred to GDAC for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, four 19 hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in nonrecurring funds shall be used for the annual school 20 report card data system and two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds 21 shall be for the School Finance reporting system.

SECTION 2.4.(d) No later than October 1, 2020, GDAC shall execute any contractual agreements and interagency data sharing agreements necessary to accomplish the reporting system established pursuant to Section 7.16 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 7.6 of S.L. 2018-5. The Department of Public Instruction and GDAC shall continue partnering to accomplish the continued development, deployment, and ongoing provision of a data integration service that consolidates data from financial, human resources, licensure, student information, and EVAAS.

29 30 **SECTION 2.4.(e)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2020.

31 WAIVE MATCH REQUIREMENT/COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROCESS FOR 32 NONPROFITS

33 **SECTION 2.5.** Notwithstanding Section 11A.14(b)(2) of S.L. 2017-57, in effect 34 pursuant to Section 3.6(b)(1) of S.L. 2019-242, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Department of 35 Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, shall waive the 36 fifteen percent (15%) match requirement for the competitive grants process for nonprofit 37 organizations.

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39 PART III. MISCELLANEOUS

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41 **EFFECT OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

42 **SECTION 3.1.** The provisions of any legislation enacted during any session of the 43 2019 General Assembly expressly appropriating funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund 44 established in S.L. 2020-4 to an agency, a department, or an institution covered under this act 45 shall remain in effect, except where expressly repealed or amended by this act or any of the 46 following acts of the 2019 General Assembly:

- 47 (1) S.L. 2020-4.
- 48 (2) S.L. 2020-14.
- 49(3)Senate Bill 805 of the 2019 Regular Session.
- 50 (4) Senate Bill 808 of the 2019 Regular Session.
- 51 (5) Senate Bill 816 of the 2019 Regular Session.

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