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

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

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) CRISIS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

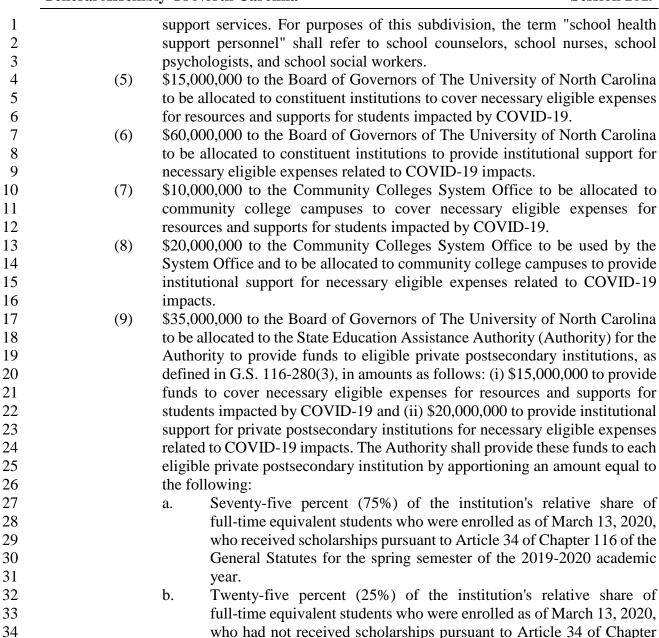


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SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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