

HOUSE BILL 7020

By Lamberth

AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021, in the administration, operation, and maintenance of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations, and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There are appropriated sums sufficient to the appropriate entities to provide the first year's funding for any act which receives final passage during the extraordinary session.

SECTION 2. In addition to any other funds appropriated by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated the sum of \$67,331,900 (non-recurring) to the Department of Education for the sole purpose of implementing Senate Bill ___ / House Bill ___, relative to learning loss, if such bill becomes a law. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration is authorized to adjust federal aid and other departmental revenue accordingly.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated the amount of \$30,029,300 (non-recurring) to the Department of Education, Basic Education Program, to provide a pool of funds for employee salary increases for teachers and other certified staff, effective January 1, 2021; provided,

further, that said increases will be allocated according to the salary and compensation schedules of each Local Education Agency. The state shall provide LEAs with one hundred percent (100%) of the increased funding provided pursuant to this section. LEAs are not required to match the increased funding provided pursuant to this section.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated the amount of \$12,870,000 (non-recurring) to the Department of Education, Basic Education Program, to provide a pool of funds for employee salary increases for teachers and other certified staff, effective January 1, 2021, through the end of the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2021; provided, further, that said increases will be allocated according to the salary and compensation schedules of each Local Education Agency. The state shall provide LEAs with one hundred percent (100%) of the increased funding provided pursuant to this section. LEAs are not required to match the increased funding provided pursuant to this section.

SECTION 5. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.