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AMENDMENT  
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Amends Title [NO]  
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Senator Garrett

1 moves to amend the bill on page 92, lines 22-23, by inserting between the lines the following  
2 section to read:

3 **"SAFETY BACKPACKS IN SCHOOLS**

4 **SECTION 7.68.(a)** The Department of Public Instruction shall allocate funds to local  
5 school administrative units to contract with a third-party entity for the purchase of bulletproof  
6 backpacks (Backpacks). The funds shall be allocated to local school administrative units on the  
7 basis of total enrollment of students in the unit. The unit shall purchase as many Backpacks as  
8 possible using funds allocated for this purpose. Backpacks shall be purchased by local school  
9 administrative units as soon as is practicable. Local school administrative units shall disburse the  
10 Backpacks to as many students as possible within the unit, prioritizing students whose parents  
11 make a specific request to the unit for a Backpack. If the local school administrative unit so  
12 chooses, the unit may create an application to be completed by parents for a student to receive a  
13 Backpack if there are not enough Backpacks for every student enrolled in the unit. Any student  
14 who receives a Backpack pursuant to this section shall retain possession of the Backpack for so  
15 long as the student desires to continue using the Backpack. Neither the Department nor the local  
16 school administrative unit may require the Backpacks to be returned to them by the student.

17 **SECTION 7.68.(b)** Notwithstanding any provision of the Committee Report  
18 described in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated by this act to the  
19 Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve shall be reduced by one hundred five million  
20 dollars (\$105,000,000) in nonrecurring funds in the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and there shall be  
21 appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of one hundred five million dollars  
22 (\$105,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to provide for the purchase  
23 of backpacks as provided in subsection (a) of this section.";

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25 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.  
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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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