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SENATE BILL 357
PROPOSED HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S357-PCS45478-MHa-10

Short Title: Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 23, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS
3 APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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6 **EXTEND TIME LINE FOR CERTAIN NONRECURRING APPROPRIATIONS**

7 **SECTION 1.** This section applies to any nonrecurring appropriation that will revert
8 to the fund from which the appropriation was made on June 30, 2024. Notwithstanding any
9 provision of law to the contrary, these appropriations shall not revert at the end of the 2023-2024
10 fiscal year and shall remain available for expenditure until September 30, 2024.

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12 **CHILD CARE SFRF REALLOCATION**

13 **SECTION 2.(a)** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, State Fiscal
14 Recovery Funds appropriated in S.L. 2021-180 to the Department of Health and Human Services
15 (Budget Code 14445) for "Premium Pay Bonuses" as provided on page C44, item 109 of the
16 Committee Report described in Section 43.2 of that act and further described in Section 39.21 of
17 S.L. 2021-180 is reduced by the sum of eleven million nine hundred ninety-three thousand
18 eighty-eight dollars (\$11,993,088). The Department shall return these funds to the State Fiscal
19 Recovery Fund, established in Section 2.2 of S.L. 2021-25 (SFRF), as soon as practicable but no
20 later than 15 business days after this section becomes law.

21 **SECTION 2.(b)** The Office of State Budget and Management shall allocate the sum
22 of eight million two hundred fifty-one thousand seventy-eight dollars (\$8,251,078) from the
23 SFRF to the Department of Health and Human Services (Budget Code 14420) for Child Care
24 Stabilization Grants.

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26 **CLARIFY LANGUAGE/COMPENSATION GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROGRAMS**

27 **SECTION 3.** Section 9L.2(b) of S.L. 2021-180, as amended by Section 9L.2(a) of
28 S.L. 2022-74 and Section 9D.11 of S.L. 2023-134, reads as rewritten:

29 **"SECTION 9L.2.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act from federal Child Care and
30 Development Block Grant funds received pursuant to ARPA to the Department of Health and
31 Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, the sum of five hundred
32 three million seven hundred ninety-three thousand seven hundred eleven dollars (\$503,793,711)
33 in nonrecurring funds shall be allocated for the following in response to the COVID-19
34 pandemic:

- 35 (1) Up to two hundred seventy-four million dollars (\$274,000,000) of the funds
36 shall be used as follows:



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- 1 a. A minimum of two hundred six million dollars (\$206,000,000) ~~but no~~
- 2 ~~more than two hundred fifteen million dollars (\$215,000,000)~~ to (i)
- 3 reduce the waitlist for children eligible for subsidized child care who
- 4 are in foster care and (ii) after addressing the waitlist under item (i) of
- 5 this sub-subdivision, work toward reducing the waitlist for children
- 6 eligible for subsidized child care. Additionally, the Division shall use
- 7 a portion of these funds to extend the compensation grants portion of
- 8 the child care stabilization grants, as authorized under Section 3.2(a)
- 9 of S.L. 2021-25, until these funds are exhausted.
- 10 b. ~~A minimum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) but no more than~~
- 11 Up to fifty-nine million dollars (\$59,000,000) to modernize and
- 12 improve early childhood technology infrastructure.
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EFFECTIVE DATE

16 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes

17 law.