OVERVIEW and ANALYSIS:  Sec. 7.17 of S.L. 2018-5 provides that of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, up to $200,000 must be made available to the North Carolina Hospitality Education Foundation (Foundation) of the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association. These funds are to provide nationally certified programs in career and technical education focused on developing critical skills necessary for students to succeed in the hospitality sector. The funds must be used to support instructor and student training and student testing to increase the State’s workforce in the restaurant and lodging sectors. The Foundation must match State funds on the basis of $1.00 in State funds for every $1.00 in non-State funds.

In consultation with DPI, the Foundation must submit a report by April 1 of each year in which the Foundation spends State funds. The report must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on its activities and the use of the State funds.

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