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Short Title: 2021 COVID-19 Response & Relief.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 2, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO COVID-19 RELIEF LEGISLATION AND
3 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL
4 COVID-19 PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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7 **PART I. APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF**
8 **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FUNDS**

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10 **APPROPRIATION OF COVID-19 FEDERAL FUNDS**

11 **SECTION 1.1.(a)** Federal funds received by the State as authorized under the
12 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, (P.L. 116-260), are appropriated in the amounts
13 provided in the notification of award from the federal government or any entity acting on behalf
14 of the federal government to administer the federal funds. State agencies may, with approval of
15 the Director of the Budget, spend these funds received from federal receipts and federal grants.
16 The programs and grant amounts in the schedule set forth in this subsection are estimates of
17 North Carolina's allocations to be deposited in the State's Treasury and administered by State
18 agencies. This schedule is meant to be illustrative of federal grants that have been, or will be,
19 received by the State from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, (P.L. 116-260).

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20 Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II)	\$42,920,546
21 Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund – Emergency Assistance to	
22 Nonpublic Schools (EANS)	\$84,824,393
23 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEER II)	\$292,693,289
24 Farm Stress Program Block Grants	\$500,000
25 Fisheries Disaster Assistance	\$5,202,534
26 Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	\$12,813,000
27 Older Americans Act – Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals	\$5,172,595
28 ELC Enhancing Detection through Coronavirus Response and Relief	
29 Supplemental Funds	\$603,677,156

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31 **SECTION 1.1.(b)** The final amount of federal funds awarded for the following
32 programs are not yet known, but are hereby appropriated in the same manner as provided in
33 subsection (a) of this section: Specialty Crop Block Grants, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
34 Program (SNAP), Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and School Nutrition and Child and
35 Adult Care Food Program.



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1 **EMERGENCY NEEDS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF THE**
2 **STATE**

3 **SECTION 1.2.** S.L. 2021-1 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **"SECTION 5A.** The Department of Public Instruction shall use the funds reserved pursuant
5 to subsection (c1) of Section 5 of this act as follows:

- 6 (1) \$500,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Natural and Cultural
7 Resources to be allocated to the State Library for the NC Kids Digital Library
8 project to address learning loss resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic by
9 providing children with increased access to digital learning resources in public
10 libraries, including e-books, audiobooks, and videos.
- 11 (2) \$500,000 to be allocated to the Governor Morehead School for the Blind,
12 Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, and North Carolina School for
13 the Deaf for school nutrition, cleaning and sanitizing, learning resources,
14 including providing new instructional materials in braille for students with
15 visual impairments, compensatory services, and Extended School Year
16 Services related to the impacts of COVID-19.
- 17 (3) \$1,000,000 to be transferred to the Board of Governors of The University of
18 North Carolina for the North Carolina New Teacher Support Program to
19 provide mentoring and coaching support to beginning teachers who are
20 employed in public schools most impacted by COVID-19 at no cost to the
21 local school administrative units.
- 22 (4) \$1,000,000 to contract with a third-party entity to collect, analyze, and report
23 data related to the overall impacts of COVID-19 on public school units,
24 students, and families of the State, including the State's responsiveness to the
25 COVID-19 pandemic, the transition to remote learning and return to in-person
26 instruction, the systems in place for flexibility in education delivery,
27 assessment of student performance, addressing issues of learning loss, teacher
28 effectiveness and supports, and implementation of best practices and
29 improvements for any significant future challenges. The Department shall
30 submit a preliminary report by March 15, 2022, and a final report by
31 December 15, 2022, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
32 on the findings of the third-party entity from the contract required by this
33 subdivision.
- 34 (5) \$1,200,000 to be transferred to the Wildlife Resources Commission to be
35 allocated to the Outdoor Heritage Special Fund (Budget Code: 24351; Fund
36 Code: 2291) for the Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council's NC Schools Go
37 Outside grant program to provide local opportunities for young people to
38 reengage with learning experiences in safe outdoor settings.
- 39 (6) Up to \$10,000,000 to be allocated as needed to each public school unit in the
40 State, except for schools operated by the State Board of Education, to ensure
41 that each public school unit receives a total amount from the Elementary and
42 Secondary School Emergency Relief II (ESSER II) Fund of at least one
43 hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) per pupil in federal grant funds according to
44 the following:
- 45 a. If a public school unit did not receive funds pursuant to subsection (c)
46 of Section 313 of P.L. 116-260, the public school unit shall receive an
47 amount equal to one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) per pupil.
- 48 b. If a public school unit received funds pursuant to subsection (c) of
49 Section 313 of P.L. 116-260, the per pupil amount allocated under this
50 subdivision shall be reduced so that (i) the total amount in federal grant
51 funds from the ESSER II Fund is equal to one hundred eighty dollars

1 (\$180.00) per pupil or (ii) the public school unit receives no additional
2 funding because the total amount from the ESSER II Fund would
3 exceed one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) per pupil.

4 The federal grant funds allocated under this subdivision shall be used for the
5 purpose of responding to the impacts of COVID-19, including mitigating
6 learning loss and reopening schools.

7 (7) \$10,000,000 to be allocated in a manner consistent with the formula for the
8 Instructional Support Allotment. These funds shall be used for contracted
9 services for school health support personnel to provide additional physical and
10 mental health support services for students in response to COVID-19,
11 including remote and in-person physical and mental health support services.
12 For purposes of this subdivision, the term "school health support personnel"
13 shall refer to school counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, and
14 school social workers.

15 (8) \$10,000,000 to be allocated to public school units participating in a federal
16 school nutrition program administered by the Food and Nutrition Service of
17 the United States Department of Agriculture for school nutrition services
18 provided in response to COVID-19. The allocation of grants shall be
19 prioritized to public school units based on need as demonstrated by the
20 expenditure of existing federal funding received for COVID-19 related
21 impacts.

22 (9) \$1,000,000, in response to COVID-19, to contract with a third-party entity to
23 conduct a statewide assessment of the cybersecurity capabilities of public
24 schools and threats posed to public schools. In selecting a third-party entity to
25 conduct the assessment, the Department shall not consider any entity currently
26 under contract with the Department to provide services related to
27 cybersecurity. The assessment required under this subdivision is confidential
28 and not a public record as defined in G.S. 132-1. No later than June 20, 2021,
29 the Department shall report the results of the assessment conducted by the
30 third-party entity to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget
31 Committee, the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, the chairs of
32 the Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government and
33 Information Technology, and the chairs of the House Appropriations
34 Committee on Information Technology. The report submitted by the
35 Department is confidential and not a public record as defined in G.S. 132-1.

36 (10) \$9,000,000, in response to COVID-19, to contract with a third-party entity to
37 implement a statewide cybersecurity program to improve the cybersecurity
38 infrastructure of the public schools. The third-party entity shall be a business
39 entity with broad experience in cybersecurity services, including a history of
40 successful contracts in this State and at least one other state, and shall not have
41 its principal office located in the People's Republic of China or the Russian
42 Federation. Nothing in this subdivision is intended to contravene any existing
43 treaty, law, agreement, or regulation of the United States. The funds shall not
44 be allocated to a public school unit, and the program shall include at least the
45 following components:

46 a. Funding for all costs related to the following for implementation of the
47 program, as needed: hardware, software, licenses, support,
48 maintenance, training, and labor.

49 b. Preparation for and understanding of evolving technology and
50 evolving security threats in the State.

51 c. Adequate review and oversight of the program.

- 1 d. Integration among the various elements of the program.
- 2 e. Development of systems improving accountability and responsibility
3 related to a security threat or breach.
- 4 (11) \$12,000,000 to contract with Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc., to provide
5 Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling training for
6 teachers for improving the literacy and language development of students,
7 building strong foundational early literacy skills by utilizing the Science of
8 Reading, and recouping learning losses resulting from the COVID-19
9 pandemic. The funds shall be used for training programs to be delivered to
10 educators working with (i) children in the North Carolina Prekindergarten
11 (NC Pre-K) program, in consultation with the Department of Health and
12 Human Services, and (ii) children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Up to
13 fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be used for the delivery of training
14 programs to educators in a combination of grade levels from NC Pre-K
15 programs through fifth grade during the 2021-2022 school year. The
16 remaining funds shall be used to provide the training programs to educators
17 through those grade levels during the 2022-2023 school year.
- 18 (12) \$15,000,000 for the Extended Learning and Integrated Student Supports
19 Competitive Grant Program (Program). Of these funds, the Department of
20 Public Instruction may use up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to
21 administer the Program. The purpose of the Program is to fund high-quality,
22 independently validated extended learning and integrated student support
23 service programs for at-risk students whose learning has been negatively
24 affected by COVID-19 impacts. The programs funded shall raise standards
25 for student academic outcomes by focusing on the following:
- 26 a. Use of an evidence-based model with a proven track record of success.
- 27 b. Inclusion of rigorous, quantitative performance measures to confirm
28 effectiveness of the program.
- 29 c. Deployment of multiple tiered supports in schools to address student
30 barriers to achievement, such as strategies to improve chronic
31 absenteeism, antisocial behaviors, academic growth, and enhancement
32 of parent and family engagement.
- 33 d. Alignment with State performance measures, student academic goals,
34 and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
- 35 e. Prioritization in programs to integrate clear academic content, in
36 particular, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
37 learning opportunities or reading development and proficiency
38 instruction.
- 39 f. Minimization of student class size when providing instruction or
40 instructional supports and interventions.
- 41 g. Expansion of student access to high-quality learning activities and
42 academic support that strengthen student engagement and leverage
43 community-based resources, which may include organizations that
44 provide mentoring services and private-sector employer involvement.
- 45 h. Utilization of digital content to expand learning time, when
46 appropriate.
- 47 Grants shall be used to award funds for new or existing eligible programs for
48 at-risk students operated by (i) nonprofit corporations and (ii) nonprofit
49 corporations working in collaboration with local school administrative units.
50 Grant participants are eligible to receive grants in an amount of up to five
51 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) each year. Programs should focus on

1 servicing (i) at-risk students not performing at grade level as demonstrated by
2 statewide assessments or not on track to meet year-end expectations, as
3 demonstrated by existing indicators, including teacher identification, (ii)
4 students at risk of dropout, and (iii) students at risk of school displacement
5 due to suspension or expulsion as a result of antisocial behaviors. Priority
6 consideration shall be given to applications demonstrating models that focus
7 services and programs in schools that are identified as low-performing,
8 pursuant to G.S. 115C-105.37. A grant participant shall provide certification
9 to the Department of Public Instruction that the grants received under the
10 program shall be matched on the basis of three dollars (\$3.00) in grant funds
11 for every one dollar (\$1.00) in nongrant funds. Matching funds shall not
12 include State funds. The Department shall also give priority consideration to
13 an applicant that is a nonprofit corporation working in partnership with a local
14 school administrative unit resulting in a match utilizing federal funds under
15 Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as
16 amended, or Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and
17 other federal or local funds. Matching funds may include in-kind contributions
18 for up to fifty percent (50%) of the required match. A nonprofit corporation
19 may act as its own fiscal agent for the purposes of this Program. Grant
20 recipients shall report to the Department of Public Instruction for the year in
21 which grant funds were expended on the progress of the Program, including
22 alignment with State academic standards, data collection for reporting student
23 progress, the source and amount of matching funds, and other measures. Grant
24 recipients shall also submit a final report on key performance data, including
25 statewide test results, attendance rates, graduation rates and promotion rates,
26 and financial sustainability of the program. The Department shall provide a
27 report on the Program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
28 by February 15 of each year following the year in which grant funds are
29 awarded. The report shall include the results of the Program and
30 recommendations regarding effective program models, standards, and
31 performance measures based on student performance; leveraging of
32 community-based resources to expand student access to learning activities;
33 academic and behavioral support services; and potential opportunities for the
34 State to invest in proven models for future grants programs. Funds shall be
35 available for grants through the deadline established by applicable federal law
36 and guidance for use of funds from the ESSER II Fund.

37 (13) \$40,000,000 to be held in reserve by the Department to be allocated to public
38 school units to support in-person instruction programs to address learning loss
39 and provide enrichment activities in the summer. The allocation of grants shall
40 be prioritized to public school units based on need, as demonstrated by the
41 expenditure of existing federal funding received for COVID-19 related
42 impacts.

43 (14) \$26,046,144 to be held in reserve by the Department to be allocated to public
44 school units to support COVID-19 related needs, including in-person
45 instruction programs to address learning loss and provide enrichment
46 activities in the summer. The allocation of grants shall be prioritized to public
47 school units based on need, as demonstrated by the expenditure of existing
48 federal funding received for COVID-19 related impacts.

49 (15) Up to \$8,012,955 to be used by the Department for administrative costs.

50 (16) If, on August 15, 2022, there are any remaining ESSER II funds from the
51 allocations in subdivisions (1) through (11) and (13) and (14) of this section,

1 those funds shall be reallocated to the reserve described under subsection (c1)
 2 of Section 5 of this act to be used for expenditure on or after that date to meet
 3 additional emergency needs of the elementary and secondary schools of the
 4 State, as determined by the State Board of Education."

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 6 **ESSER II FUNDS**

7 **SECTION 1.3.** Section 5 of S.L. 2021-1 is amended by adding a new subsection to
 8 read:

9 "SECTION 5.(c1) After the Department of Public Instruction allocates federal grant funds
 10 to public school units pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 313 of P.L. 116-260, the State Board
 11 of Education shall reserve a portion of the remaining funds made available in the Elementary and
 12 Secondary School Emergency Relief II (ESSER II) Fund to be used to meet the emergency needs
 13 of the elementary and secondary schools of the State, pursuant to subsection (e) of Section 313
 14 of P.L. 116-260, in accordance with Section 5A of this act."

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 16 **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

17 **SECTION 1.4.** Section 5 of S.L. 2021-1 reads as rewritten:

18 **"SECTION 5.(a)** Funds received from federal grants authorized under the Consolidated
 19 Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness (Division M, Title
 20 III), for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (Division M, Title III), and
 21 for Emergency Rental Assistance (Division N, Title V) are appropriated in the amounts provided
 22 in the notification of award from the federal government or any entity acting on behalf of the
 23 federal government to administer the federal funds.

24 **"SECTION 5.(b)** The programs and grant amounts in the schedule set forth in this
 25 subsection are estimates of North Carolina's allocations from the Consolidated Appropriations
 26 Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, for the programs listed in this subsection to be deposited in the State's
 27 Treasury and administered by the responsible agency. The responsible agencies may, with
 28 approval of the Director of the Budget, spend funds in the amounts received from the federal
 29 grants in this schedule. Positions created with such funds shall terminate at the earlier of the funds
 30 being fully expended or the deadline established by applicable federal law and guidance for use
 31 of the funds.

<u>Program (Responsible Agency)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
32 COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness	
33 (Department of Health and Human Services)	\$94,768,784
34 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II	
35 (Department of Public Instruction)	\$1,602,591,000
36 Emergency Rental Assistance	
37 (Office of Recovery and Resiliency, Department of Public Safety;	
38 Office of State Budget and Management)	\$546,597,070
39	\$546,596,104
40 Total Estimated Funding	\$2,243,956,854\$2,243,955,888

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 42 **"SECTION 5.(e)** To the extent that current or future federal guidelines permit, the Office of
 43 Recovery and Resiliency (Office) shall administer the federal funds received for the Emergency
 44 Rental Assistance program described in this section in accordance with the following:

- 45 (1) Local governments listed in subdivision (3) of this subsection that received
 46 direct allocations from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance program
 47 shall be provided their maximum allotment, minus any pro-rata adjustments
 48 authorized in subsection (f) of this section, from the Office as described in
 49 subdivision (3) of this subsection and shall manage those funds in accordance
 50 with local priorities and federal requirements. Local governments that
 51 received direct allocations from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance

1 program must exhaust their direct allocations before expending any of the
 2 State allotment provided in subdivision (3). The State allotments provided to
 3 local governments that received direct allocations from the federal Emergency
 4 Rental Assistance program may be reallocated following the submission of the
 5 report described in subsection (g) of this section.

6 (2) Allotments as listed in subdivision (3) of this subsection for counties that did
 7 not receive a direct allocation from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance
 8 program are the maximum aggregate amount to be provided to recipients
 9 renting housing in the respective county and the Office shall reserve the
 10 maximum amount to the respective county, minus any pro-rata adjustments
 11 authorized in subsection (f). The Office shall provide awards to recipients
 12 residing in the local governments described in this subdivision based upon the
 13 actual amount of monthly rent owed by the tenant pursuant to the rental
 14 agreement or the actual amount of utility costs owed by the recipient and shall
 15 not be subject to any allowable average or other formula-based calculation.
 16 The Office shall continue to provide awards for each county until the
 17 maximum allotment amount has been exhausted.

18 (3) The Office shall reserve or allot a maximum amount of federal funds it
 19 receives to eligible residents in each county in accordance with the following
 20 schedule:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ALLOCATION</u>
<u>Alamance County</u>	<u>\$11,177,275</u>
<u>Alexander County</u>	<u>2,607,617</u>
<u>Alleghany County</u>	<u>1,027,666</u>
<u>Anson County</u>	<u>2,288,574</u>
<u>Ashe County</u>	<u>2,502,784</u>
<u>Avery County</u>	<u>1,464,404</u>
<u>Beaufort County</u>	<u>3,635,144</u>
<u>Bertie County</u>	<u>1,910,763</u>
<u>Bladen County</u>	<u>2,959,405</u>
<u>Brunswick County</u>	<u>8,567,652</u>
<u>Buncombe County</u>	<u>10,126,014</u>
<u>Burke County</u>	<u>7,221,473</u>
<u>Cabarrus County</u>	<u>4,950,299</u>
<u>Caldwell County</u>	<u>6,474,413</u>
<u>Camden County</u>	<u>596,667</u>
<u>Carteret County</u>	<u>4,421,190</u>
<u>Caswell County</u>	<u>1,686,049</u>
<u>Catawba County</u>	<u>11,358,378</u>
<u>Chatham County</u>	<u>4,051,162</u>
<u>Cherokee County</u>	<u>2,557,195</u>
<u>Chowan County</u>	<u>1,130,810</u>
<u>Clay County</u>	<u>911,054</u>
<u>Cleveland County</u>	<u>8,136,058</u>
<u>Columbus County</u>	<u>5,366,755</u>
<u>Craven County</u>	<u>7,314,289</u>
<u>Cumberland County</u>	<u>17,398,891</u>
<u>Currituck County</u>	<u>1,500,884</u>
<u>Dare County</u>	<u>2,244,054</u>
<u>Davidson County</u>	<u>11,879,803</u>
<u>Davie County</u>	<u>2,565,624</u>

1	<u>Duplin County</u>	4,996,991
2	<u>Durham County</u>	9,088,034
3	<u>Edgecombe County</u>	4,823,644
4	<u>Forsyth County</u>	16,010,132
5	<u>Franklin County</u>	4,642,382
6	<u>Gaston County</u>	8,405,226
7	<u>Gates County</u>	815,259
8	<u>Graham County</u>	704,205
9	<u>Granville County</u>	4,254,418
10	<u>Greene County</u>	1,803,582
11	<u>Guilford County</u>	20,578,731
12	<u>Halifax County</u>	4,935,567
13	<u>Harnett County</u>	9,344,006
14	<u>Haywood County</u>	4,614,768
15	<u>Henderson County</u>	7,279,220
16	<u>Hertford County</u>	2,135,606
17	<u>Hoke County</u>	4,359,892
18	<u>Hyde County</u>	437,682
19	<u>Iredell County</u>	10,172,569
20	<u>Jackson County</u>	3,516,245
21	<u>Johnston County</u>	6,419,397
22	<u>Jones County</u>	777,951
23	<u>Lee County</u>	4,445,554
24	<u>Lenoir County</u>	5,353,061
25	<u>Lincoln County</u>	4,669,742
26	<u>McDowell County</u>	3,771,421
27	<u>Macon County</u>	2,961,393
28	<u>Madison County</u>	1,660,905
29	<u>Martin County</u>	2,176,093
30	<u>Mecklenburg County</u>	27,611,773
31	<u>Mitchell County</u>	1,199,640
32	<u>Montgomery County</u>	2,233,607
33	<u>Moore County</u>	6,029,938
34	<u>Nash County</u>	7,080,463
35	<u>New Hanover County</u>	8,580,925
36	<u>Northampton County</u>	1,872,052
37	<u>Onslow County</u>	14,937,799
38	<u>Orange County</u>	7,636,241
39	<u>Pamlico County</u>	926,072
40	<u>Pasquotank County</u>	2,970,212
41	<u>Pender County</u>	3,990,020
42	<u>Perquimans County</u>	1,012,833
43	<u>Person County</u>	2,766,703
44	<u>Pitt County</u>	13,043,584
45	<u>Polk County</u>	1,483,152
46	<u>Randolph County</u>	10,953,729
47	<u>Richmond County</u>	4,228,682
48	<u>Robeson County</u>	13,728,554
49	<u>Rockingham County</u>	7,784,158
50	<u>Rowan County</u>	10,433,316
51	<u>Rutherford County</u>	5,750,933

1	<u>Sampson County</u>	<u>5,278,982</u>
2	<u>Scotland County</u>	<u>3,395,528</u>
3	<u>Stanly County</u>	<u>4,117,222</u>
4	<u>Stokes County</u>	<u>3,328,179</u>
5	<u>Surry County</u>	<u>5,640,906</u>
6	<u>Swain County</u>	<u>1,183,813</u>
7	<u>Transylvania County</u>	<u>2,362,488</u>
8	<u>Tyrrell County</u>	<u>407,359</u>
9	<u>Union County</u>	<u>3,408,310</u>
10	<u>Vance County</u>	<u>4,208,012</u>
11	<u>Wake County</u>	<u>16,789,357</u>
12	<u>Warren County</u>	<u>2,036,688</u>
13	<u>Washington County</u>	<u>1,102,152</u>
14	<u>Watauga County</u>	<u>4,158,631</u>
15	<u>Wayne County</u>	<u>10,312,712</u>
16	<u>Wilkes County</u>	<u>5,778,403</u>
17	<u>Wilson County</u>	<u>7,371,289</u>
18	<u>Yadkin County</u>	<u>2,826,767</u>
19	<u>Yancey County</u>	<u>1,448,898</u>
20	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$546,596,104</u>

SECTION 5.(f) In accordance with applicable federal guidelines, the Office shall establish a hotline to provide eligible households with case management and other services related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Office may use up to ten percent (10%) of funds received from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program for the hotline, housing stability services, and administrative costs; however, no more than three percent (3%) of funds received for the Emergency Rental Assistance program may be used for administrative costs. Expenses incurred under this subsection for housing stability services or administrative costs shall be deducted pro-rata from the maximum allotments by county listed in subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of this section.

SECTION 5.(g) The Office shall submit a report no later than May 15, 2021, to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee, and the Fiscal Research Division containing at least all of the following:

- (1) Amount of federal funds received from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, actually expended, by county for rent and by county for utilities, under the Emergency Rental Assistance program.
- (2) Amount of federal funds received from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, contractually obligated, by county for rent and by county for utilities, under the Emergency Rental Assistance program.
- (3) Recommendations on statewide reallocations, by county, needed in advance of the federal deadline for reallocation of unused funds, including rationale for the recommended reallocations and an estimate of the outstanding needs by county. The recommendation should also include any funds that are not anticipated to be needed for the ten percent (10%) set aside for housing stability services and administrative costs.

SECTION 5.(h) In the event that the actual total amount of federal funds received from the Emergency Rental Assistance program differs from the amount listed in Section 5(b) of S.L. 2021-1, the Office shall distribute the increased or reduced amounts proportionally in accordance with the maximum county allotments."

APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR DHHS

1 **SECTION 1.5.(a)** There is appropriated from federal Child Care and Development
2 Block Grant funds received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, pursuant to the federal
3 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, to the Department of Health and Human Services,
4 Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division), the sum of three hundred
5 thirty-five million nine hundred twelve thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars
6 (\$335,912,393) in nonrecurring funds for the following initiatives in response to the COVID-19
7 pandemic:

- 8 (1) Cleaning and sanitation.
- 9 (2) Copayment assistance for families receiving subsidized childcare.
- 10 (3) The North Carolina General Assembly encourages the Division to use a
11 portion of the funds appropriated under this section to address early childhood
12 education learning loss, including summer enrichment activities.
- 13 (4) Upon maximizing the use of funds for initiatives under subdivisions (1)
14 through (3) of this section, the Division may use funds for operational grants
15 to childcare providers in accordance with Section 3.3(106a) of S.L. 2020-4,
16 as amended.

17 The Division shall not use funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection for staff
18 bonuses.

19 **SECTION 1.5.(b)** There is appropriated from federal Community Mental Health
20 Services Block Grant funds received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, pursuant to the
21 federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, to the Department of Health and Human
22 Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,
23 the sum of forty-seven million four hundred sixty-five thousand eight hundred dollars
24 (\$47,465,800) in nonrecurring funds for mental health services in response to the COVID-19
25 pandemic. Of the funds appropriated under this section, the sum of two million one hundred
26 thousand dollars (\$2,100,000) shall be allocated for the North Carolina Statewide Telepsychiatry
27 Program (NC-STeP).

28 **SECTION 1.5.(c)** There is appropriated from federal Substance Abuse Prevention
29 and Treatment Block Grant funds received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, pursuant to
30 the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, to the Department of Health and Human
31 Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services,
32 the sum of eleven million two hundred forty-nine thousand forty-six dollars (\$11,249,046) in
33 nonrecurring funds to provide services across the State to those in need due to the COVID-19
34 pandemic.
35

36 **ALLOCATION OF ELC ENHANCING DETECTION THROUGH CORONAVIRUS** 37 **RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS**

38 **SECTION 1.6.** Funds received pursuant to Division M, Title III of the Consolidated
39 Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260), and appropriated under Section 1.1(a) of this act as
40 Enhancing Detection Through Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Funds are
41 allocated to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, in the
42 amounts received in the notification of award from the federal government, for use in accordance
43 with guidance and regulations for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Emerging
44 and Infection Disease Program (ELC) Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative agreement as
45 follows:

- 46 (1) \$84,000,000 to be allocated to local health departments based upon the
47 percentage of the State population served by each of the local health
48 departments. Local health departments may not use the funds allocated under
49 this subdivision for any purpose other than a purpose allowed under the ELC
50 Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative agreement grant. Local health

- 1 departments shall use these allocated funds to supplement and not supplant
2 existing funds for such allowable purposes.
- 3 (2) \$15,000,000 to be allocated to the North Carolina Policy Collaboratory
4 (Collaboratory) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill through a
5 grant agreement, subcontract, or other subrecipient agreement that addresses,
6 formally and in writing, the arrangements for the Collaboratory to meet the
7 programmatic, administrative, financial, and reporting requirements of the
8 ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative agreement grant, including
9 those necessary to ensure compliance with all applicable federal regulations
10 and policies. The Collaboratory shall use these funds to develop and manage
11 a plan for an initiative to implement alternative COVID-19 surveillance
12 methods throughout the State utilizing the resources of The University of
13 North Carolina and other partnerships that complements the activities of the
14 Division of Public Health with respect to alternative COVID-19 surveillance
15 methods. The plan may include, but is not limited to, wastewater surveillance
16 and genetic sequencing to identify and catalog variant strains of
17 SARS-CoV-2. In developing the plan, the Collaboratory, in consultation with
18 the Division of Public Health, shall ensure the following:
- 19 a. That all plan components comply with the goals and intent of the ELC
20 Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative agreement grant.
 - 21 b. That the plan outlines a method for implementing the alternative
22 COVID-19 surveillance methods utilizing the resources of The
23 University of North Carolina.
 - 24 c. That the plan includes alternative COVID-19 surveillance methods for
25 as many of the 17 constituent institutions of The University of North
26 Carolina as feasible. The plan may include additional sites at the
27 discretion of the Collaboratory and subject to approval by the Division
28 of Public Health.

29 The Division of Public Health shall not allocate any funds to the
30 Collaboratory under this subdivision, and the Collaboratory shall not expend
31 any funds allocated under this subdivision, until the CDC approves of
32 expending ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative agreement grant
33 funds as outlined in this subdivision and in the plan developed pursuant to this
34 subdivision. In the event (i) the CDC disapproves of expending these funds as
35 outlined in this subdivision, including any components of the plan developed
36 pursuant to this subdivision, and (ii) the Collaboratory is unable to gain
37 subsequent CDC approval through revisions to any disapproved plan
38 components, then the CDC-disapproved plan components shall not be
39 implemented, and the Division of Public Health may use unexpended funds
40 from disapproved plan components for any other CDC-approved activity
41 allowed under the ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion cooperative
42 agreement grant.

43
44 **APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS TO GDAC FOR COVID-19**
45 **UPGRADES TO THE NC COVID VACCINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND NC**
46 **HEALTHCONNEX**

47 **SECTION 1.6A.** To the extent allowed under applicable federal laws and guidance,
48 the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall allocate to the Department of
49 Information Technology, Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC), the sum of up to three
50 million dollars (\$3,000,000) from the COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness grant funds described in
51 Section 5(b) of S.L. 2021-1 or from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds;

1 provided, however, that the total amount of the allocation shall not exceed the actual costs of the
2 projects authorized by this section. These funds shall be used to cover the costs of (i) integration
3 of the NC COVID Vaccine Management System (CVMS) with the statewide health information
4 exchange network known as NC HealthConnex and (ii) added functionality to both CVMS and
5 NC HealthConnex to support existing efforts to improve the State's public health response to
6 COVID-19. In the event the federal government disapproves of the DHHS allocating the
7 COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness grant funds described in Section 5(b) of S.L. 2021-1 or FEMA
8 funds to the GDAC for these purposes, the DHHS shall allocate to the GDAC up to three million
9 dollars (\$3,000,000) of the ELC Enhancing Detection through Coronavirus Response and Relief
10 Supplemental funds described in Section 1.1(a) of this act to cover the costs of the projects
11 authorized by this section.

12
13 **APPROPRIATION OF CRRSAA FUNDS RECEIVED FOR TRANSPORTATION**
14 **PURPOSES AND OTHER ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**
15 **TRANSPORTATION**

16 **SECTION 1.7.(a)** Grants-In-Aid for Airports. – Federal funds in the amount of one
17 million eighty-five thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$1,085,486) received pursuant to
18 the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), for
19 Grants-In-Aid for Airports are appropriated to the Department of Transportation (Department)
20 in the amounts set forth in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) "Airports Coronavirus
21 Recovery Grants Program Allocations," dated February 19, 2021, and any amendments, to be
22 used and allocated by the Department in accordance with the regulations and guidance issued by
23 the FAA.

24 **SECTION 1.7.(b)** Highway Infrastructure Programs. – Federal funds received
25 pursuant to the CRRSAA for Highway Infrastructure Programs are appropriated to the
26 Department of Transportation in the amounts set forth in the Federal Highway Administration
27 (FHWA) "Apportionment of Highway Infrastructure Program Funds Pursuant to The
28 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021," dated January 15,
29 2021 (FHWA Apportionment Notice), and any amendments, for use in accordance with FHWA
30 regulations and guidance, and allocated by the Department as follows:

- 31 (1) \$229,282,615 to the Highway Fund that thereby fund and bill State
32 Transportation Improvement (STI) projects and use federal cash
33 reimbursements to advance STI projects delayed by the Department to
34 prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. All funds shall be used
35 to advance delayed bridge replacement and interstate maintenance.
36 (2) \$29,454,289 to be suballocated to urbanized areas with a population of over
37 200,000 as set forth in the FHWA Apportionment Notice for use by the
38 recipient in accordance with FHWA regulations and guidelines.

39 **SECTION 1.7.(c)** Transit Infrastructure Grants. – Federal funds in the amount of
40 seven hundred eighty-one thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars (\$781,861) received pursuant
41 to the CRRSAA for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and People with Disabilities Program (49
42 U.S.C. § 5310) are appropriated to the Department of Transportation in the amounts set forth in
43 the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) "Table 5: CRRSAA Apportionments for Enhanced
44 Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310)," last updated January 11,
45 2021, and any amendments, to be used and allocated by the Department in accordance with the
46 regulations, guidance, and formulas issued by the FTA and the Department.

47 **SECTION 1.7.(d)** Salary Increases Prohibited. – CRRSAA funds appropriated by
48 this section may not be used to increase the salary or benefits, or both, of a Department employee.

49 **SECTION 1.7.(e)** Additional Funds for the Roadside Environmental Fund. – Of the
50 funds appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation for the
51 2020-2021 fiscal year, the sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) in nonrecurring funds shall

1 be allocated to the Roadside Environmental Fund for litter removal and other activities
2 programmed within the Roadside Environmental Unit. Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-11, these
3 funds are hereby incorporated into the Department Spend Plan to be spent by the Department as
4 allocated by this subsection. The funds allocated and authorized for expenditure under this
5 subsection are in addition to the ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) authorized in the Spend
6 Plan, dated December 2, 2020 (Spend Plan), for expenditure by the Roadside Environmental
7 Unit. CRRSAA funds appropriated in subsection (b) of this section shall not be used to replace
8 funds allocated by this subsection or authorized for expenditure by the Roadside Environmental
9 Unit in the Spend Plan.

10 **SECTION 1.7.(f)** Report. – Each fiscal quarter, the Department of Transportation
11 shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the use of the funds
12 appropriated in this section until all the CRRSAA funds are expended or have reverted.
13

14 **REPORT ON USE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS**

15 **SECTION 1.8.(a)** The use of federal grant funds received under this Part shall be
16 detailed in quarterly reports as provided in this subsection. A report required under this
17 subsection shall include the amount of federal funds received; the amount of grant funds
18 expended; how the funds were used, including program information such as number of people
19 served and geographic distribution; the amount spent on administration; and the amount of funds
20 that remained unspent. In addition, a report required under this subsection shall provide the
21 number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions established with funds received and, for each
22 FTE position established, a position number, position status, date the position was established,
23 hire date, and date on which the position is to be abolished. The requirement to submit a report
24 under this subsection shall end upon submission of the final report from each entity that receives
25 federal grant funds under this Part, which shall be no later than 90 days from the date the grant
26 period ends for the relevant funds. The required quarterly report, the reporting entity, and the
27 timing are as follows:

- 28 (1) Each public school unit receiving federal grant funds under this Part,
29 beginning April 1, 2021, and quarterly thereafter, shall submit the report to
30 the Department of Public Instruction. The Department of Public Instruction,
31 beginning May 1, 2021, and quarterly thereafter, shall collate and submit the
32 reports into a single, consolidated report to the Joint Legislative Commission
33 on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division.
- 34 (2) Each State agency or department receiving federal grant funds under this Part,
35 beginning April 1, 2021, shall submit the report to the Joint Legislative
36 Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division.

37 **SECTION 1.8.(b)** The appropriation of funds under this Part does not obligate the
38 State or create an ongoing obligation of the State for future appropriations for programs or other
39 purposes for which the funds shall be used.
40

41 **PART II. VARIOUS CHANGES TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC RELIEF LEGISLATION**

42 **MEDICAID TEMPORARILY-INCREASED REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

43 **SECTION 2.1.** Section 4.6 of S.L. 2020-4 reads as rewritten:

44 **"SECTION 4.6.** In addition to the five percent (5%) rate increases already requested by the
45 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the 1135 Medicaid disaster State Plan
46 amendment (SPA) submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on April 8,
47 2020, for certain provider types, DHHS shall increase the fee-for-service Medicaid rates paid
48 directly by the Division of Health Benefits for all remaining provider types by five percent (5%).
49 The rate increases authorized under this section shall be effective March 1, 2020. Any rate
50 increases authorized under this section shall expire on the earlier of the following dates:
51

- 1 (1) The date the declared nationwide public health emergency as a result of the
2 2019 novel coronavirus expires.
- 3 (2) The date Executive Order No. 116, Declaration of a State of Emergency to
4 Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of
5 COVID-19 expires or is rescinded.
- 6 (3) ~~March 31, 2021~~ June 30, 2021.
7

8 STUDENT CONNECTIVITY FUNDS FOR COMPLIMENTARY INTERNET SERVICE

9 **SECTION 2.2.** Section 3.3 of S.L. 2020-4, as amended by Section 3 of S.L. 2020-32,
10 Section 4 of S.L. 2020-49, Section 1.1(d) of S.L. 2020-80, Section 3B(b) of S.L. 2020-88, Section
11 4.9(a) of S.L. 2020-91, Section 1.2 of S.L. 2020-97, and Section 3.2 of S.L. 2021-1, reads as
12 rewritten:

13 "**SECTION 3.3.** Allocations of Funds. – OSBM shall allocate the funds appropriated in
14 Section 3.2 of this act as follows:

15 ...

- 16 (8) \$21,000,000 to the Department of Public Instruction to improve ~~Internet~~
17 internet connectivity for students, in response to COVID-19, by providing
18 community and home mobile ~~Internet~~internet access points. These funds shall
19 be used only for the purchase of devices and not for subscription services. For
20 purposes of this subdivision, the term "subscription services" does not include
21 internet service provided as part of the purchase price of a device or internet
22 service purchased for a device without an ongoing monthly subscription.

23"
24

25 EXTEND WAIVER OF UNC STUDENT INTEREST CHARGES ON PAST DUE 26 ACCOUNTS

27 **SECTION 2.3.** Section 2.28 of S.L. 2020-3 reads as rewritten:

28 "**SECTION 2.28.** Notwithstanding G.S. 147-86.23, a constituent institution of The
29 University of North Carolina shall not accrue or charge any interest to a past-due account
30 receivable held by a student between March 13, 2020, and ~~September 15, 2020~~ December 31,
31 2021."
32

33 PROVIDE TEMPORARY EXCEPTION TO LEAVE RULES FOR UNC STATE 34 EMPLOYEES

35 **SECTION 2.4.(a)** Employees of The University of North Carolina who are subject
36 to the North Carolina Human Resources Act may use accrued sick, vacation, and bonus leave for
37 any coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) related absences, including child care or inability to
38 telework. This section does not apply to leave options related to (i) terminal leave payouts for
39 transfers, separations, or reductions in force, (ii) terminal use of leave prior to retirement, or (iii)
40 unpaid time due to placement on a temporary emergency furlough.

41 **SECTION 2.4.(b)** This section expires December 31, 2021.
42

43 EXTEND VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY

44 **SECTION 2.5.** Section 3.2 of S.L. 2020-97 reads as rewritten:

45 "**SECTION 3.2.(a)** Notwithstanding Section 8.35(b) of S.L. 2014-100, as amended by
46 Section 7.13 of S.L. 2018-5, the two virtual charter schools participating in the pilot program
47 pursuant to Section 8.35 of S.L. 2014-100, as amended, shall be permitted to increase student
48 enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year and 2021-2022 school year only as follows: (i) North
49 Carolina Cyber Academy shall be permitted to increase its enrollment by 1,000 students and (ii)
50 North Carolina Virtual Academy shall be permitted to increase its enrollment by 2,800 students.
51 A virtual charter school permitted an increase in student enrollment pursuant to this section shall

1 give enrollment priority to students for the ~~2021-2022-2022-2023~~ school year who were enrolled
2 in the school for the 2020-2021 school year prior to the date this act became law.

3 "SECTION 3.2.(b) The virtual charter schools shall provide ~~an interim report reports~~ by
4 March 15, 2021, and March 15, 2022, and a final report by November 15, ~~2021, 2022,~~ to the
5 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, on the impact of the increase in student
6 enrollment permitted by subsection (a) of this section, including data on where students had been
7 previously enrolled by local school administrative unit, charter school, or nonpublic school, the
8 grade level of students, the withdrawal rate of students after enrollment, and any student
9 performance and accountability data."

10 11 **ABUSE CLAIM FILING DEADLINE**

12 SECTION 2.6.(a) Subsection (b) of Section 4.2 of S.L. 2019-245 reads as rewritten:

13 "SECTION 4.2.(b) Effective from January 1, 2020, until ~~December 31, 2021, December 31,~~
14 2022, this section revives any civil action for child sexual abuse otherwise time-barred under
15 G.S. 1-52 as it existed immediately before the enactment of this act."

16 SECTION 2.6.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law.
17

18 **REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ISSUE TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF** 19 **COMPLIANCE/OCCUPANCY TO HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES**

20 SECTION 2.7.(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 136-18(5), 136-18(29), 136-93,
21 160D-1116, and any other provision of law to the contrary, a local government shall issue a
22 temporary certificate of compliance and temporary certificate of occupancy to a health service
23 facility (facility) allowing for the full operational use of the facility in the following
24 circumstances:

- 25 (1) The facility building is currently under construction, and the scheduled
26 construction completion date for the building will occur before rescission of
27 the COVID-19 emergency declaration.
- 28 (2) Subject to subdivision (3) of this section, the facility building complies with
29 all applicable State and local laws and the terms of the building permit, and
30 the facility building may be safely occupied.
- 31 (3) The only portions of the construction project remaining to be completed are
32 off-site improvements to public roadways that were identified by the Traffic
33 Impact Analysis for the project and required as conditions for the approval of
34 the permit, and the facility agrees to (i) complete the roadway improvements
35 within 18 months of the date of the certificate of occupancy and (ii) post a
36 corresponding performance bond or letter of credit. The performance bond
37 completion date and letter of credit expiration date, and all other terms of both
38 instruments, shall remain in force notwithstanding the rescission of the
39 COVID-19 emergency declaration prior to the completion of the roadway
40 improvements.

41 For purposes of this section, the term "local government" has the same meaning as in
42 G.S. 160D-1116, the term "health service facility" has the same meaning as in G.S. 131E-176,
43 and the term "COVID-19 emergency declaration" means Executive Order No. 116 issued March
44 10, 2020.

45 SECTION 2.7.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law and expires upon
46 rescission of the COVID-19 emergency declaration or upon completion of the roadway
47 improvements as agreed to by the facility, whichever is later.
48

49 **VACCINE ADMINISTRATION/PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND INTERNS**

50 SECTION 2.8.(a) Section 3D.3 of S.L. 2020-3 reads as rewritten:

51 "...
52

1 "SECTION 3D.3.(c1) The State Health Director shall amend, reissue, or replace any existing
2 statewide standing order issued pursuant to this section, to ensure that the statewide standing
3 order is consistent with federal law and guidance pertaining to qualified individuals who may
4 administer a COVID-19 vaccine, including P.L. 109-148, "The Public Readiness and Emergence
5 Preparedness Act," as amended, and associated declarations of public health emergencies and
6 advisory opinions issued by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human
7 Services.

8 "SECTION 3D.3.(d) All of the following individuals shall be immune from any civil or
9 criminal liability for actions authorized by this section as follows:

10 (1) The State Health Director acting pursuant to this section.

11 (2) Any pharmacist or qualified individual under State or federal law who
12 administers a COVID-19 immunization or vaccine pursuant to a statewide
13 standing order issued under this section.

14"

15 SECTION 2.8.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law.

16 PHARMACISTS/LONG-ACTING INJECTABLES

17 SECTION 2.9.(a) G.S. 90-85.15B is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 "(c1) An immunizing pharmacist may administer a long-acting injectable medication to
19 persons at least 18 years of age pursuant to a specific prescription order by a prescriber. An
20 immunizing pharmacist who administers a long-acting injectable medication pursuant to this
21 section shall do all of the following:

22 (1) Maintain a record of any administration of a long-acting injectable performed
23 by the immunizing pharmacist to the patient in a patient profile or record.

24 (2) Within 72 hours after the administration of the long-acting injectable
25 performed by the immunizing pharmacist to the patient, notify the patient's
26 primary care provider identified by the patient."

27 SECTION 2.9.(b) G.S. 90-85.3(i1) reads as rewritten:

28 "(i1) "Immunizing pharmacist" means a licensed pharmacist who meets all of the following
29 qualifications:

30 ...

31 (6) Administers ~~vaccines~~ vaccines, long-acting injectable medications, or
32 immunizations in accordance with G.S. 90-18.15B."

33 SECTION 2.9.(c) The North Carolina Board of Pharmacy may adopt temporary
34 rules to implement this section.

35 SECTION 2.9.(d) This section becomes effective October 1, 2021.

36 NOTARY/VIDEO WITNESS EXTENSIONS

37 SECTION 2.10.(a) G.S. 10B-25(n) reads as rewritten:

38 "(n) This section shall expire at 12:01 A.M. on ~~March 1, 2021;~~ December 31, 2021;
39 provided, however, all notarial acts made in accordance with this section and while this section
40 is in effect shall remain effective and shall not need to be reaffirmed."

41 SECTION 2.10.(b) G.S. 10B-200(b) reads as rewritten:

42 "(b) This Article expires ~~March 1, 2021.~~ December 31, 2021."

43 SECTION 2.10.(c) This section becomes effective March 1, 2021.

44 VIRTUAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

45 SECTION 2.11.(a) The North Carolina Appraisal Board may amend, extend, or
46 adopt emergency rules to modify any educational requirements implemented by the Board, in
47 accordance with Section 3.20 of S.L. 2020-97. Notwithstanding Section 3.20(e) of S.L. 2020-97,
48 any emergency rules adopted pursuant to this section shall expire on December 31, 2021.

1 **SECTION 2.11.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

2
3 **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DHHS INSPECTIONS FOR CERTAIN LICENSED**
4 **FACILITIES**

5 **SECTION 2.12.** Section 3E.3(c) of S.L. 2020-3 reads as rewritten:

6 "**SECTION 3E.3.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires 60 days after
7 Executive Order No. 116 is rescinded, or ~~December 31, 2020,~~ December 31, 2021, whichever is
8 earlier."
9

10 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LIABILITY CLARIFICATION**

11 **SECTION 2.13.(a)** Section 3D.7(b) of S.L. 2020-3 reads as rewritten:

12 "**SECTION 3D.7.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to acts or
13 omissions occurring during either the time-pendency of Executive Order No. 116 issued on
14 March 10, 2020, by Governor Roy A. Cooper, ~~and~~ or during any subsequent time period during
15 which a state of emergency is declared to be in effect ~~during calendar year 2020~~ by the ~~Governor~~
16 Governor, in any year, in response to COVID-19."

17 **SECTION 2.13.(b)** The clarifications in this section are consistent with the intent
18 and purpose of this section as originally enacted in S.L. 2020-3.
19

20 **VACCINE VOLUNTEERS**

21 **SECTION 2.14.(a)** G.S. 90-21.132(7) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision
22 to read:

23 "(7) Health care provider. –

24 ...

25 j. An individual who volunteers to assist a State agency, department, or
26 approved organization in the administration of COVID-19
27 vaccinations, including clinical, clinical support, and nonclinical
28 support activities."

29 **SECTION 2.14.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies
30 retroactively to acts or omissions occurring during the time of Executive Order No. 116 issued
31 on March 10, 2020, by Governor Roy A. Cooper.
32

33 **ADULT CARE HOMES LICENSURE CLARIFICATION**

34 **SECTION 2.15.(a)** G.S. 131D-2.4 reads as rewritten:

35 "**§ 131D-2.4. Licensure of adult care homes for aged and disabled individuals; impact of**
36 **prior violations on licensure; compliance history review; license renewal.**

37 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

38 (1) Person. – An individual; a trust or estate; a partnership; a corporation; or any
39 grouping of individuals, each of whom owns five percent (5%) or more of a
40 partnership or corporation, who collectively own a majority interest of either
41 a partnership or a corporation.

42 (2) Owner. – Any person who has or had legal or equitable title to or a majority
43 interest in an adult care home.

44 (3) Affiliate. – An adult care home that shares with another adult care home any
45 of the following:

46 a. A common owner.

47 b. A common principal.

48 c. A common licensee.

49 (4) Principal. – Any person who is or was the owner or operator of an adult care
50 home, an executive officer of a corporation that does or did own or operate an
51 adult care home, a general partner of a partnership that does or did own or

1 operate an adult care home, or a sole proprietorship that does or did own or
2 operate an adult care home.

3 (a1) Licensure. – Except for those facilities exempt under G.S. 131D-2.3, the Department
4 of Health and Human Services shall inspect and license all adult care homes. The Department
5 shall issue a license for a facility not currently licensed as an adult care home for a period of six
6 months. If the licensee demonstrates substantial compliance with Articles 1 and 3 of this Chapter
7 and rules adopted thereunder, the Department shall issue a license for the balance of the calendar
8 year. A facility not currently licensed as an adult care home that was licensed as an adult care
9 home within the preceding 12 months is considered an existing health service facility for the
10 purposes of G.S. 131E-184(a)(8).

11 (b) Compliance History Review. – Prior to issuing a new license or renewing an existing
12 license, the Department shall conduct a compliance history review of the facility and its
13 principals and affiliates. The Department may refuse to license a facility when the compliance
14 history review shows a pattern of noncompliance with State law by the facility or its principals
15 or affiliates, or otherwise demonstrates disregard for the health, safety, and welfare of residents
16 in current or past facilities. The Department shall require compliance history information and
17 make its determination according to rules adopted by the Medical Care Commission.

18 (c) Prior Violations. – No new license shall be issued for any adult care home to an
19 applicant for licensure under any of the following circumstances for the period of time indicated:

20 (1) Was the owner, principal, or affiliate of a licensable facility under this
21 Chapter, Chapter 122C, or Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes
22 and was responsible for the operation of the facility that had its license
23 revoked until five years after the date the revocation became effective.

24 (1a) Was the owner, principal, or affiliate of a licensable facility under this
25 Chapter, Chapter 122C, or Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes
26 and was responsible for the operation of the facility that had its license
27 summarily suspended until five years after the date the suspension was lifted
28 or terminated.

29 (2) Is the owner, principal, or affiliate of an adult care home and is responsible
30 for the operation of the facility that was assessed a penalty for a Type A or
31 Type B violation until the earlier of one year from the date the penalty was
32 assessed or until the home has substantially complied with the correction plan
33 established pursuant to G.S. 131D-34 and substantial compliance has been
34 certified by the Department.

35 (3) Is the owner, principal, or affiliate of an adult care home and is responsible
36 for the operation of the facility that had its license downgraded to provisional
37 status or had its admissions suspended as a result of violations under this
38 Article, Chapter 122C, or Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes
39 until ~~six months from~~ the date of restoration from provisional to full licensure,
40 termination of the provisional license, or lifting or termination of the
41 suspension of admissions, as applicable. A provisional license or suspension
42 of admissions for which an appeal is pending is exempt from consideration
43 under this subdivision.

44 (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2017-184, s. 1, effective October 1, 2017.

45 (5) Is or was the owner, principal, or affiliate of an adult care home and is
46 responsible for the operation of the facility where outstanding fees, fines, and
47 penalties imposed by the State against the facility have not been paid. Fines
48 and penalties for which an appeal is pending are exempt from consideration
49 under this subdivision.

50 An applicant for new licensure may appeal a denial of certification of substantial compliance
51 under subdivision (2) of this subsection by filing with the Department a request for review by the

1 Secretary within 10 days ~~of~~after the date of denial of the certification. Within 10 days ~~of~~after
2 receipt of the request for review, the Secretary shall issue to the applicant a written determination
3 that either denies certification of substantial compliance or certifies substantial compliance. The
4 decision of the Secretary is final.

5 (d) License Renewals. – License renewals shall be valid for one year from the date of
6 renewal unless revoked earlier by the Secretary for failure to comply with any part of this section
7 or any rules adopted ~~hereunder~~under this section. Licenses shall be renewed annually upon
8 filing and the Department's approval of the renewal application. The Department shall not renew
9 a license if outstanding fees, fines, and penalties imposed by the State against the home have not
10 been paid. Fines and penalties for which an appeal is pending are exempt from consideration.
11 The renewal application shall contain all necessary and reasonable information that the
12 Department may require.

13 (e) In order for an adult care home to maintain its license, it shall not hinder or interfere
14 with the proper performance of duty of a lawfully appointed community advisory committee, as
15 defined by G.S. 131D-31 and G.S. 131D-32.

16 (f) The Department shall not issue a new license for a change of ownership of an adult
17 care home if outstanding fees, fines, and penalties imposed by the State against the home have
18 not been paid. Fines and penalties for which an appeal is pending are exempt from consideration.
19 The consent of the current licensee is not a required prerequisite to a change of ownership of an
20 adult care home if the current licensee has (i) been removed from the facility pursuant to Articles
21 3 and 7 of Chapter 42 of the General Statutes or (ii) abandoned the facility, as determined by the
22 Department's reasonable discretion.

23 (g) Any applicant for licensure who wishes to contest the denial of a license is entitled to
24 an administrative hearing as provided in Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. The applicant
25 shall file a petition for a contested case within 30 days after the date the Department mails a
26 written notice of the denial to the applicant."

27 **SECTION 2.15.(b)** This section supersedes any provision of 10A NCAC 13F .0201,
28 or any other provision of the North Carolina Administrative Code, to the contrary. As promptly
29 as practicable, the Medical Care Commission shall amend and update 10A NCAC 13F .0201 and
30 any other impacted rule to reflect the changes enacted by this section.

31 **SECTION 2.15.(c)** This section applies to (i) applications for new licenses submitted
32 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation
33 (DHSR), on or after the effective date of this section, (ii) applications for the renewal of existing
34 licenses submitted to the DHSR on or after the effective date of this section, and (iii) licenses
35 downgraded by DHSR within the six-month period preceding the effective date of this section.

36 37 **LIMIT PAPERWORK FOR CERTAIN UNCLAIMED PROPERTY**

38 **SECTION 2.16.** Section 2.6(b) of S.L. 2020-80 is repealed.

39 40 **TEMPORARY FLEXIBILITY QIPS/EXTEND SUNSET**

41 **SECTION 2.17.** Section 3D.5(e) of S.L. 2020-3 reads as rewritten:

42 "**SECTION 3D.5.(e)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires ~~December~~
43 ~~31, 2021~~December 31, 2022."

44 45 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACCESS FOR CERTAIN EXPIRED IDENTIFICATION**

46 **SECTION 2.18.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (h) of G.S. 90-91,
47 subsection (d) of G.S. 90-93, subsection (a) of G.S. 90-106.1, G.S. 90-113.52, or any other
48 provision of law to the contrary, a pharmacist may dispense the following controlled substances
49 to individuals who present (i) a valid prescription for the controlled substance, if one is required
50 under current law, and (ii) a North Carolina drivers license or identification card that expired

1 while Executive Order No. 116 (2020), Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate
2 Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, remains in effect:

- 3 (1) Paregoric, U.S.P.
- 4 (2) Any Schedule II controlled substances.
- 5 (3) Any of the Schedule III controlled substances listed in subdivisions (1)
6 through (8) of subsection (d) of G.S. 90-91.
- 7 (4) Any Schedule V controlled substances.
- 8 (5) Pseudoephedrine products.

9 **SECTION 2.18.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires six
10 months after the date the Governor signs an executive order rescinding said Executive Order No.
11 116 (2020), Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions
12 to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, or December 31, 2021, whichever is earlier.

13 **ALLOW TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES TO ACCESS PPP LOANS**

14 **SECTION 2.19.(a)** Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
15 new Article to read:

16 "Article 21.

17 "Tourism Development Authorities.

18 **"§ 153A-406. Definitions.**

19 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 20 (1) Economic Aid Act. – The Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses,
21 Nonprofits, and Venues Act (Title III) of the Consolidated Appropriations
22 Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260.
- 23 (2) PPP loan. – A federal loan enacted under sections 1102 and 1106 of the
24 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136,
25 and as amended by the Economic Aid Act.
- 26 (3) Tourism development authority. – A public authority under the Local
27 Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act established by resolution adopted
28 by the board of county commissioners to receive and expend the net proceeds
29 of an occupancy tax.

30 **"§153A-407. Borrowing authority for PPP loans.**

31 (a) Authority. – A tourism development authority may enter into a PPP loan. A tourism
32 development authority shall comply with all the requirements and limitations of the PPP loan
33 program and shall apply for forgiveness of the loan in a timely manner.

34 (b) No Power to Obligate State or County. – A tourism development authority may not
35 obligate the State or the county that established the authority to repay a PPP loan and has no
36 power to pledge the credit of the State or the county that established the authority.

37 (c) Notice. – A tourism development authority shall provide written notice to the board
38 of commissioners within 30 days of its acceptance of a PPP loan. The notice shall include the
39 loan amount, the covered period, and the date by which the authority must apply for forgiveness.

40 (d) Repayment. – Notwithstanding any limitation on the use or distribution of occupancy
41 tax proceeds in a local act, a tourism development authority for which a PPP loan is not forgiven,
42 in whole or in part, shall repay the loan, including interest, from occupancy tax proceeds remitted
43 to the authority on or after receipt of the PPP loan proceeds.

44 (e) Sunset. – This Article is repealed effective January 1, 2028."

45 **SECTION 2.19.(b)** Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
46 new Article to read:

47 "Article 31.

48 "Tourism Development Authorities.

49 **"§ 160A-800. Definitions.**

50 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 1 (1) Economic Aid Act. – The Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses,
2 Nonprofits, and Venues Act (Title III) of the Consolidated Appropriations
3 Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260.
4 (2) PPP loan. – A federal loan enacted under sections 1102 and 1106 of the
5 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136,
6 and as amended by the Economic Aid Act.
7 (3) Tourism development authority. – A public authority under the Local
8 Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act established by resolution adopted
9 by the council of a municipality to receive and expend the net proceeds of an
10 occupancy tax.

11 **"§160A-801. Borrowing authority for PPP loans.**

12 (a) Authority. – A tourism development authority may enter into a PPP loan. A tourism
13 development authority shall comply with all the requirements and limitations of the PPP loan
14 program and shall apply for forgiveness of the loan in a timely manner.

15 (b) No Power to Obligate State or City. – A tourism development authority may not
16 obligate the State or the city that established the authority to repay a PPP loan and has no power
17 to pledge the credit of the State or the city that established the authority.

18 (c) Notice. – A tourism development authority shall provide written notice to the city
19 council within 30 days of its acceptance of a PPP loan. The notice shall include the loan amount,
20 the covered period, and the date by which the authority must apply for forgiveness.

21 (d) Repayment. – Notwithstanding any limitation on the use or distribution of occupancy
22 tax proceeds in a local act, a tourism development authority for which a PPP loan is not forgiven,
23 in whole or in part, shall repay the loan, including interest, from occupancy tax proceeds remitted
24 to the authority on or after receipt of the PPP loan proceeds.

25 (e) Sunset. – This Article is repealed effective January 1, 2028."

26 **SECTION 2.19.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

27
28 **PREPAID HEALTH PLAN ACCESS TO NC IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY**
29 **INFORMATION**

30 **SECTION 2.20.** Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 130A of the General
31 Statutes or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Human
32 Services shall, by July 1, 2021, grant each prepaid health plan, as defined in G.S. 108D-1, access
33 to client-specific immunization information contained within the secure, web-based North
34 Carolina Immunization Registry.

35
36 **CLARIFY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL EXTENSION**

37 **SECTION 2.21.(a)** Section 3.21 of S.L. 2020-97 reads as rewritten:

38 **"REEXTEND CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVALS AFFECTING THE**
39 **DEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE**

40 ...

41 **"SECTION 3.21.(b)** For any development approval that is current and valid at any point
42 during the period beginning September 2, 2020, and ending 30 days after Executive Order No.
43 116 is rescinded, the expiration date of the period of the development approval and any associated
44 vested right under G.S. 160D-108 or G.S. 160D-108.1 is automatically extended ~~420~~ 150 days
45 from the ~~expiration date.~~ date the Executive Order is rescinded.

46 ...

47 **"SECTION 3.21.(g)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires 30 days after
48 Executive Order No. 116 is rescinded. Any development approval extended in accordance with
49 subsection (b) of this section shall remain in effect until ~~its expiration date~~ 150 days from the
50 date the Executive Order is rescinded in accordance with subsection (b) of this section."

1 **SECTION 2.21.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies
2 retroactively to vested rights existing on and after September 4, 2020.

3
4 **EXPAND ACCESS TO EMERGENCY MEAT PROCESSING GRANTS**

5 **SECTION 2.22.** Section 4.2A of S.L. 2020-4, as enacted by Section 1.1(e) of S.L.
6 2020-80 and amended by Section 1.4A of S.L. 2020-97, reads as rewritten:

7 **"SECTION 4.2A.(a)** Findings. – The General Assembly finds that the COVID-19
8 emergency has resulted in serious and substantial impacts on the food supply chain. In particular,
9 small livestock producers in the State have found that bottlenecks and lack of capacity among
10 the small and independent meat processors and producers of further processed meat products
11 who serve small livestock producers due to COVID-19 related slowdowns and capacity
12 reductions have had a substantial negative impact on their ability to have their animals
13 slaughtered and processed. Seafood processors lack capacity to meet increased and altered
14 consumer demand for seafood products due to COVID-19 related changes in the market for
15 seafood and seafood products. The General Assembly further finds that financial assistance to
16 these processors for physical expansion and facility improvements, for workforce development,
17 and for the creation of additional processing capacity is necessary to reduce disruptions in the
18 supply chain for fresh meat and seafood and to help small producers get their product to market.

19 ...

20 **"SECTION 4.2A.(c)** Grant Types and Criteria. – The Department shall develop policies and
21 procedures for the disbursement of the grants authorized by this section that include, at a
22 minimum, the following:

23 (1) The Department may provide three categories of grants:

- 24 a. Capacity enhancement grant. – This grant is available to an eligible
25 meat or seafood processing facility that is experiencing slowdowns in
26 production or has limited capacity to accommodate increased demand
27 for meat processing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A capacity
28 enhancement grant may be used for expansion of an existing eligible
29 facility and for fixtures or equipment at an existing eligible facility that
30 will expand animal throughput, processing capacity, the amount or
31 type of products produced, or processing speed.
- 32 b. Workforce development grant. – This grant is available to an eligible
33 meat processing facility that is experiencing slowdowns in production
34 or has limited capacity to accommodate increased demand for meat
35 processing due to workforce limitations or reductions due to the
36 COVID-19 pandemic. A workforce development grant may be used
37 for educational and workforce training provided either by the facility
38 or by an institution of higher education.
- 39 c. Planning grant. – This grant is available to a nonprofit entity or
40 institution of higher education to complete feasibility or siting studies
41 for a new eligible meat processing facility.

42 (2) Eligible facility. – For purposes of this section, an eligible meat processing
43 facility ~~is~~ includes the following:

- 44 a. ~~A~~ food processing facility that meets both of the following
45 requirements:
- 46 a.1. The plant contracts with independent livestock producers or
47 seafood harvesters to process animals or seafood.
- 48 b.2. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
49 contracts with Department inspectors to conduct federal
50 inspection activities authorized by the Talmadge-Aiken Act of
51 1962 (7 U.S.C. §1633) at the plant, the plant is otherwise

- 1 regulated by the USDA or the FDA, or the plant is a
 2 State-inspected facility.
 3 b. A facility producing further processed meat products for which the
 4 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) contracts with
 5 Department inspectors to conduct federal inspection activities
 6 authorized by the Talmadge-Aiken Act of 1962 (7 U.S.C. § 1633) at
 7 the plant, or which is a State-inspected facility, or which is a USDA
 8 inspected processor of shelf-stable meat or meat products.
 9 (3) The Department may prioritize projects that will create additional jobs.
 10 (4) Recipients shall provide matching funds for the grant in the amount of one
 11 dollar (\$1.00) from nongrant sources for every two dollars (\$2.00) provided
 12 by the grant.

13"

14
 15 **NEW ATTORNEYS' OATH**

16 **SECTION 2.23.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 84-1, in response to the coronavirus
 17 emergency, a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice may administer the required oath
 18 prescribed for attorneys by G.S. 11-11 to an attorney remotely using a form of live video
 19 conferencing technology, provided the individual taking the oath is personally known to the
 20 justice or judge or provides satisfactory evidence of identity to the justice or judge.

21 **SECTION 2.23.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires
 22 December 1, 2021.

23
 24 **PART III. CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND REALLOCATIONS**

25 **SECTION 3.1.** Section 3.3 of S.L. 2020-4, as amended by Section 3 of S.L. 2020-32,
 26 Section 4 of S.L. 2020-49, Section 1.1(d) of S.L. 2020-80, Section 3B(b) of S.L. 2020-88, Section
 27 4.9(a) of S.L. 2020-91, and Section 1.2 of S.L. 2020-97, reads as rewritten:

28 "**SECTION 3.3.** Allocations of Funds. – OSBM shall allocate the funds appropriated in
 29 Section 3.2 of this act as follows:

- 30 ...
 31 (45) ~~\$75,000,000~~ \$83,000,000 to OSBM for Golden LEAF to provide loans in
 32 accordance with Section 4.2 of this act.
 33 ...
 34 (47) ~~\$20,250,000~~ \$26,250,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
 35 Services to be used to provide support for meat processing facilities and for
 36 seafood processing facilities in accordance with Section 4.2A of this act.
 37 ...
 38 (52) ~~\$120,000,000~~ \$80,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety, Division of
 39 Emergency Management to be used as the State match for any Federal
 40 Emergency Management Agency public assistance funds provided in
 41 response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 42 ...
 43 (94) ~~\$14,300,000~~ \$5,300,000 to OSBM for ~~the PPE-NC Initiative, a partnership~~
 44 ~~between the Manufacturing Solutions Center (MSC) at Catawba Valley~~
 45 ~~Community College, Gaston College's Textile Technology Center, the City of~~
 46 ~~Conover, Gaston County, and the private sector to create a launch pad for~~
 47 ~~prototyping and testing reusable personal protective equipment (PPE)~~
 48 ~~products for entrepreneurs and existing manufacturers in response to the~~
 49 ~~COVID-19 pandemic. The funds shall be allocated by OSBM as follows:~~
 50 a. ~~\$9,000,000~~ as a grant to the City of Conover for the following
 51 purposes:

- 1 1. ~~\$7,250,000 shall be used to construct a purpose-built facility to~~
- 2 ~~house testing labs, rapid prototyping, and a textile sourcing~~
- 3 ~~library.~~
- 4 2. ~~\$1,250,000 shall be used for a clean room upfit for MSC~~
- 5 ~~facilities.~~
- 6 3. ~~\$500,000 shall be used for equipment, materials, and logistics~~
- 7 ~~for a rapid prototyping pilot line to create product and to train~~
- 8 ~~a workforce for United States manufacturers of PPE.~~
- 9 b. ~~\$5,300,000 as a grant to Gaston County to construct an Incubator and~~
- 10 ~~Extrusion Center for Advanced Fibers for Gaston College's Textile~~
- 11 ~~Technology Center.~~

- 12 ...
- 13 (116) \$6,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
- 14 distribute equally among each of the food banks in this State. The food banks
- 15 are encouraged to use the funds allocated in this subdivision to purchase food
- 16 from North Carolina-based farmers and vendors.
- 17 (117) \$8,000,000 to the Department of Administration for the ReTOOLNC grant
- 18 program to provide additional funds to assist State-certified, minority-owned,
- 19 and women-owned businesses in their recovery from the economic impacts of
- 20 the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 21 (118) \$3,000,000 to the Department of Commerce for a North Carolina nonprofit
- 22 corporation with which the Department contracts pursuant to
- 23 G.S. 143B-431.01(b) as a stimulus investment in Visit North Carolina's
- 24 marketing budget to be used to market North Carolina as a business and
- 25 tourism destination.
- 26 (119) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
- 27 market North Carolina's agricultural products and State-owned attractions.
- 28 (120) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the
- 29 Farm Worker Quarantine Program (Program). The Program shall provide
- 30 funding to reimburse eligible expenses for eligible farm workers required to
- 31 quarantine apart from family members or coworkers following a positive test
- 32 for COVID-19. For purposes of this subdivision, an "eligible expense" is the
- 33 cost of meals and lodging for the duration of the quarantine period, not to
- 34 exceed the per diem rates for federal employee travel determined by the
- 35 United States General Services Administration, and an "eligible farm worker"
- 36 is a worker who (i) is an alien, as described by 8 U.S.C. §
- 37 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), and (ii) is performing agricultural labor or services on
- 38 a farm in the State."

39 **SECTION 3.2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
 40 Budget and Management the sum of nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for
 41 the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be allocated as a grant to the City of Conover for the following
 42 purposes:

- 43 (1) \$7,250,000 shall be used to construct a purpose-built facility to house testing
- 44 labs, rapid prototyping, and a textile sourcing library.
- 45 (2) \$1,250,000 shall be used for a clean room upfit for MSC facilities.
- 46 (3) \$500,000 shall be used for equipment, materials, and logistics for a rapid
- 47 prototyping pilot line to create product and to train a workforce for United
- 48 States manufacturers of PPE.

49 **SECTION 3.2.(b)** The funds appropriated in this section shall not revert until June
 50 30, 2022.

51 **SECTION 3.3.** Section 4.1 of S.L. 2021-1 reads as rewritten:

1 "SECTION 4.1.(a) There is transferred from the General Fund to the State Capital and
2 Infrastructure Fund, established pursuant to G.S. 143C-3-4.1, the sum of ~~thirty-nine-forty-five~~
3 million dollars ~~(\$39,000,000)-(\$45,000,000)~~ for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

4 "SECTION 4.1.(b) There is appropriated from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to
5 the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology Fund, established pursuant to
6 G.S. 143B-1373(b), the sum of ~~thirty-nine-forty-five~~ million dollars ~~(\$39,000,000)-(\$45,000,000)~~
7 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Of the funds appropriated in this section, ~~thirty-thirty-six~~ million
8 dollars ~~(\$30,000,000)-(\$36,000,000)~~ shall be distributed in the special supplementary grant
9 process established in Section 4.17 of S.L. 2020-4, as amended in this act. The remaining amount
10 shall be used to fund supplementary project grants previously awarded. The funds appropriated
11 in this section shall remain available until expended and shall not revert.

12"

13 SECTION 3.4. Section 8 of S.L. 2020-64, as amended by Section 3.7 of S.L. 2021-1,
14 reads as rewritten:

15 "..."

16 "SECTION 8.(b) Transfer. – The State Controller shall transfer the sum of six hundred
17 ~~eighty-four-ninety-nine~~ million four hundred thousand dollars ~~(\$684,400,000)-(\$699,400,000)~~
18 from the Coronavirus Relief Reserve established in Section 2.1 of S.L. 2020-4 to the Coronavirus
19 Relief Fund established in Section 2.2 of that same act.

20 "SECTION 8.(c) Appropriation. – There is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund
21 to the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) the sum of six hundred ~~eighty-four~~
22 ~~ninety-nine~~ million four hundred thousand dollars ~~(\$684,400,000)-(\$699,400,000)~~ in
23 nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used to offset General Fund appropriations
24 across State government for allowable expenditures of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

25 "SECTION 8.(d) Creation of Reserve. – There is created in the General Fund a Statewide
26 Reserve for Appropriations (Reserve) (Budget Code: 190XX). The Reserve shall have a
27 beginning negative appropriation balance of six hundred ~~eighty-four-ninety-nine~~ million four
28 hundred thousand dollars ~~(\$699,400,000)-(\$684,400,000)~~. By June 30, 2021, the Reserve shall
29 have a balance of zero dollars (\$0.00).

30"

31 SECTION 3.5.(a) Section 3.1 of S.L. 2020-4, as amended by Section 1 of S.L.
32 2020-32, Section 1.1(b) of S.L. 2020-80, Section 1.1(a) of S.L. 2020-97, and Section 3.8(a) of
33 S.L. 2021-1, reads as rewritten:

34 "SECTION 3.1. Transfer of Funds from Reserves to Relief Fund. – The State Controller
35 shall transfer the sum of two billion three hundred ~~twenty-four-nine~~ million three hundred ninety
36 thousand six hundred forty-six dollars ~~(\$2,324,390,646)-(\$2,309,390,646)~~ for the 2019-2020
37 fiscal year from the Reserve established in Section 2.1 of this act, and the sum of three hundred
38 million dollars (\$300,000,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year from the Local Government
39 Coronavirus Relief Reserve established in Section 2.3 of this act, to the Fund established in
40 Section 2.2 of this act. All interest earned on funds held in the Reserve shall be transferred to the
41 Coronavirus Relief Fund."

42 SECTION 3.5.(b) Section 3.2 of S.L. 2020-4, as amended by Section 2 of S.L.
43 2020-32, Section 1.1(c) of S.L. 2020-80, Section 1.1(b) of S.L. 2020-97, and Section 3.8(b) of
44 S.L. 2021-1, reads as rewritten:

45 "SECTION 3.2. Appropriation of Funds from Relief Fund to OSBM. – There is appropriated
46 from the Fund to OSBM the sum of two billion six hundred ~~twenty-four-nine~~ million three
47 hundred ninety thousand six hundred forty-six dollars ~~(\$2,624,390,646)-(\$2,609,390,646)~~ in
48 nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to be allocated and used as provided in Section
49 3.3 of this act. The funds appropriated in this section shall not revert at the end of the 2019-2020
50 fiscal year. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary in this act or any other act
51 appropriating funds from the Fund, funds appropriated from the Fund shall (i) remain available

1 to expend until the deadline established by applicable federal law or guidance and (ii) be returned
2 in accordance with that applicable federal law or guidance if unexpended by that deadline."
3

4 **PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

5 **SECTION 4.1.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
6 law.