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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 125, AS AMENDED

(Third Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

On pages 140 through 142, under:

Heading: FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Program: R00A03.04

Entitled: Aid to Non-Public Schools

Strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 140 through line 1 on page 142, inclusive, and substitute “this appropriation may only be used for the purchase of textbooks for public schools to be allocated to each jurisdiction on a pro rata basis consistent with the allocation of funds in the State Share of Basic Current Expenses program. Funds may not be expended or transferred, by budget amendment or otherwise, to any other purpose. Funds unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall be returned to the Cigarette Restitution Fund.”.

Explanation: The allowance provides \$2,901,000 in special funds from the Cigarette Restitution Fund for the purpose of purchasing textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software for non-public schools. This amendment would prohibit the funds to be spent for that purpose, but would instead restrict the money to only be used for the purchase of textbooks for public schools. Funds would be allocated to each jurisdiction on a pro rata basis consistent with the allocation in the State Share of Basic Current Expenses program. Funds not spent for this purpose must be returned to the Cigarette Restitution Fund to be re-allocated in a future fiscal year.