

SB0706/193824/1

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 706
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “State” in line 4 down through “proportion;” in line 5 and substitute “Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill to the State Department of Education to support the operations of the nonpublic educational programs for certain fiscal years; requiring the Department to distribute the funds each year in a certain manner; requiring the Department to submit a certain report on or before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 2 through line 6 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(E) (1) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$4,000,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS OF THE NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

(2) THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO EACH NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH TEACHER EMPLOYED BY THE NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

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(4) IN USING THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS SHALL PRIORITIZE ENHANCING TEACHER SALARIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 15, 2023, the Department shall work with each nonpublic educational program and provide a consolidated report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the average salary of a public school teacher of similar training and experience to teachers at a nonpublic educational program in the same county; and

(2) the funding required for each nonpublic educational program to increase the salaries of the teachers to be commensurate with the salaries identified in item (i) of this section.”.

On page 3, in line 7, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.