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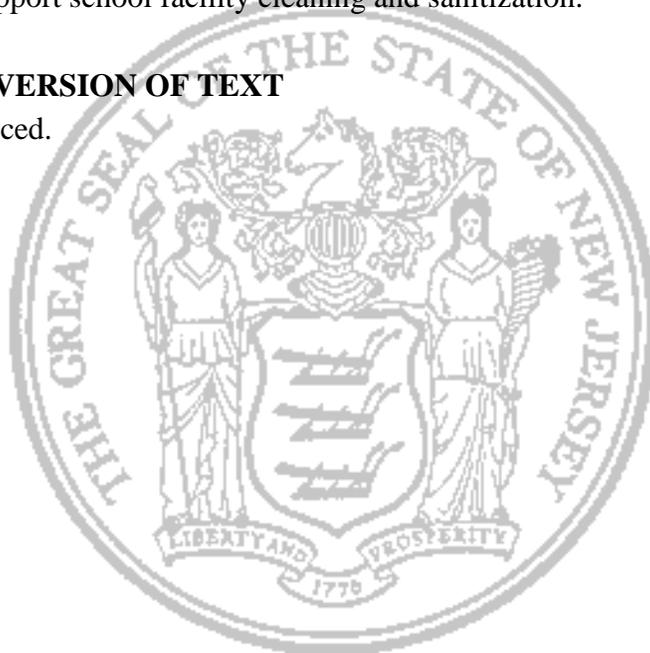
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SYNOPSIS

Makes supplemental appropriation of up to \$20 million from General Fund to DOE to support school facility cleaning and sanitization.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support
2 of the State Government and the several public purposes for the
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 30, 2019 (P.L.2019, c.150).

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the
7 State of New Jersey:

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2019,
10 c.150, there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following
11 sum for the purpose specified:

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development

31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance

STATE AID

38-5120	Facilities	Planning	and	School	Building	Aid	\$20,000,000
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	Total State Aid Appropriation,						
	Direct	Educational	Services	and	Assistance		
.....							\$20,000,000

State Aid:

38 School Facilities Sanitation Aid (\$20,000,000)
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13 Of the amount hereinabove appropriated for School Facilities
14 Sanitation Aid, an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, subject to
15 the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and
16 Accounting, shall be awarded by the Commissioner of Education
17 to school districts, charter schools, and nonpublic schools for the
18 purpose of increasing the frequency and intensity of the cleaning
19 and sanitizing of school facilities in the event that the school is
20 provided a written directive by either the New Jersey Department
21 of Health or the health officer of the jurisdiction to institute a
22 public health-related closure on March 9, 2020 or any day
23 thereafter due to suspected exposure to the COVID-19 epidemic.
24 The funds shall be used for the purchase of disinfectants and
25 other cleaning supplies, and any increase in personnel costs
26 associated with the enhanced cleaning schedule. A school
27 district, charter school, or nonpublic school may submit an
28 application to the commissioner detailing its total estimated
29 costs. The commissioner shall establish an expedited
30 application, approval, and fund disbursement process. The
31 commissioner shall allocate the funds in proportion to the
32 number of students enrolled in the school district, and in the
33 charter schools and nonpublic schools located in that school
34 district as compared to the total number of students enrolled in
35 all school districts, and in charter schools and nonpublic schools
36 that have reported their enrollment to the commissioner.

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the
2 contrary, the receipt of funding from the amount hereinabove
3 appropriated for School Facilities Sanitation Aid shall be
4 conditioned upon the following provision: each charter school
5 and nonpublic school located in a school district that intends to
6 submit an application to the commissioner for funds appropriated
7 for School Facilities Sanitation Aid shall provide to the
8 commissioner the number of pupils enrolled in the charter school
9 or nonpublic school within 20 days of the effective date of
10 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
11 bill).

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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16 STATEMENT
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18 This bill makes an FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$20
19 million to the Department of Education to provide up to \$20 million
20 in funds, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of
21 Budget and Accounting, to be awarded by the commissioner to
22 school districts, charter schools, and nonpublic schools for the
23 purpose of increasing the frequency and intensity of the cleaning
24 and sanitizing of school facilities in the event that the school is
25 provided a written directive by either the New Jersey Department of
26 Health or the health officer of the jurisdiction to institute a public
27 health-related closure on March 9, 2020 or any day thereafter due to
28 suspected exposure to the COVID-19 epidemic. The funds will be
29 used for the purchase of disinfectants and other cleaning supplies,
30 and for any increase in personnel costs associated with the
31 enhanced cleaning schedule. The Commissioner of Education is
32 directed to establish an expedited application, approval, and
33 disbursement process for the funds. The commissioner will allocate
34 the funds in proportion to the number of students enrolled in the
35 school district, and in the charter schools and nonpublic schools
36 located in that school district as compared to the total number of
37 students enrolled in all school districts, and charter schools and
38 nonpublic schools that have reported their enrollment to the
39 commissioner.