STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1013 - Summary of Conference Committee Action

| | Base Budget | House Version | Conference Committee Changes | Conference Committee Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| Department of Public | · | | | | | |
| Instruction Total all funds Less estimated income | \$2,843,997,119 1,115,246,674 | \$3,026,570,646 1,292,082,342 | (\$16,152,022) 10,328,344 | \$3,010,418,624 1,302,410,686 | \$3,033,661,789 1,201,417,342 | (\$23,243,165) 100,993,344 |
| General fund | \$1,728,750,445 | \$1,734,488,304 | (\$26,480,366) | \$1,708,007,938 | \$1,832,244,447 | (\$124,236,509) |
| FTE | 86.25 | 86.25 | 0.00 | 86.25 | 86.25 | 0.00 |
| Center for Distance Education Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$11,613,483 4,550,000 \$7,063,483 | \$14,941,021 6,524,000 \$8,417,021 | (\$57,905) 100,000 (\$157,905) | \$14,883,116 6,624,000 \$8,259,116 | \$14,783,116 6,524,000 \$8,259,116 | \$100,000 100,000 \$0 |
| FTE | 30.80 | 32.00 | (1.00) | 31.00 | 31.00 | 0.00 |
| State Library Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$9,181,557 2,499,073 \$6,682,484 | \$10,497,006 2,804,212 \$7,692,794 | \$0 0 \$0 | \$10,497,006 2,804,212 \$7,692,794 | \$10,497,006 2,804,212 \$7,692,794 | \$0 0 \$0 |
| FTE | 26.75 | 26.75 | 0.00 | 26.75 | 26.75 | 0.00 |
| School for the Deaf Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$11,147,863 2,811,557 \$8,336,306 | \$12,903,298 3,171,743 \$9,731,555 | \$0 0 \$0 | \$12,903,298 3,171,743 \$9,731,555 | \$12,903,298 3,171,743 \$9,731,555 | \$0 0 \$0 |
| FTE | 45.36 | 46.86 | 0.00 | 46.86 | 46.86 | 0.00 |
| Vision Services - School for the Blind | | | | | | |
| Total all funds Less estimated income | \$6,447,696 1,206,705 | \$7,448,138 1,740,944 | \$137,451 0 | \$7,585,589 1,740,944 | \$7,585,589 1,740,944 | \$0 0 |
| General fund | \$5,240,991 | \$5,707,194 | \$137,451 | \$5,844,645 | \$5,844,645 | \$0 |
| FTE | 27.75 | 27.75 | 1.00 | 28.75 | 28.75 | 0.00 |
| Bill total Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$2,882,387,718 1,126,314,009 \$1,756,073,709 | \$3,072,360,109 | (\$16,072,476) 10,428,344 (\$26,500,820) | \$3,056,287,633 1,316,751,585 \$1,739,536,048 | \$3,079,430,798 1,215,658,241 \$1,863,772,557 | (\$23,143,165) 101,093,344 (\$124,236,509) |
| FTE | 216.91 | 219.61 | 0.00 | 219.61 | 219.61 | 0.00 |

House Bill No. 1013 - Department of Public Instruction - Conference Committee Action

| | Base Budget | House Version | Conference Committee Changes | Conference Committee Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$19,964,765 | \$21,086,368 | | \$21,086,368 | \$21,086,368 | |
| New and vacant FTE pool | , ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 695,495 | | 695,495 | 695,495 | |
| Operating expenses | 32,793,320 | 42,511,524 | \$900,615 | 43,412,139 | 42,511,524 | \$900,615 |
| Integrated formula payments | 2,299,674,851 | 2,416,330,340 | (2,052,637) | 2,414,277,703 | 2,437,121,483 | (22,843,780) |
| Grants - Special education contracts | 24,000,000 | 24,000,000 | (2,000,000) | 22,000,000 | 24,000,000 | (2,000,000) |
| Grants - Transportation | 58,100,000 | 63,500,000 | (3,400,000) | 60,100,000 | 60,100,000 | |
| Grants - Other grants | 382,738,893 | 412,444,602 | l ` í | 412,444,602 | 412,444,602 | |
| Grants - Program grants | 17,205,000 | 24,216,027 | 1,500,000 | 25,716,027 | 25,016,027 | 700,000 |
| Grants - Passthrough grants | 3,569,000 | 15,835,000 | (11,100,000) | 4,735,000 | 4,735,000 | |
| PowerSchool | 5,775,000 | | | | | |
| Student information systems | | 5,775,000 | | 5,775,000 | 5,775,000 | |
| National board certification | 176,290 | 176,290 | | 176,290 | 176,290 | |
| Total all funds | \$2,843,997,119 | \$3,026,570,646 | (\$16,152,022) | \$3,010,418,624 | \$3,033,661,789 | (\$23,243,165) |
| Less estimated income | 1,115,246,674 | 1,292,082,342 | 10,328,344 | 1,302,410,686 | 1,201,417,342 | 100,993,344 |
| General fund | \$1,728,750,445 | \$1,734,488,304 | (\$26,480,366) | \$1,708,007,938 | \$1,832,244,447 | (\$124,236,509) |
| FTE | 86.25 | 86.25 | 0.00 | 86.25 | 86.25 | 0.00 |

Department 201 - Department of Public Instruction - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Increases Funding for School Improvement Contract ¹ | Adjusts Funding Source of Integrated Formula Payments ² | Decreases Funding for Integrated Formula Payments ³ | Decreases Funding for Transportation Grants ⁴ | Decreases Funding for Special Education Contract Grants ⁵ | Increases Funding for the Free Meal Program ⁶ |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Salaries and wages New and vacant FTE pool Operating expenses Integrated formula payments Grants - Special education | \$900,615 | , | (\$2,052,637) | | (\$2,000,000) | |
| contracts Grants - Transportation Grants - Other grants Grants - Program grants Grants - Passthrough grants PowerSchool Student information systems National board certification | | | | (\$3,400,000) | | \$1,500,000 |
| Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$900,615 (1,006,656) \$1,907,271 | \$0 30,000,000 (\$30,000,000) | (\$2,052,637) 0 (\$2,052,637) | (\$3,400,000) 0 (\$3,400,000) | (\$2,000,000) 0 (\$2,000,000) | \$1,500,000 0 \$1,500,000 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| | Adjusts Funding for Ongoing Program Grants [∑] | Adjusts Funding for Ongoing Passthrough Grants ⁸ | Adjusts Funding for One-time Program Grants ² | Removes One- time Funding for Assistive Technology and Curriculum ¹⁰ | Removes One- time Funding for Science Center Grants ¹¹ | Adjusts One- Time Funding for a Native American Program and Textbook ¹² |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| Salaries and wages New and vacant FTE pool Operating expenses Integrated formula payments Grants - Special education contracts Grants - Transportation Grants - Other grants Grants - Program grants Grants - Passthrough grants PowerSchool Student information systems National board certification | (\$2,000,000) | (\$850,000) | \$500,000 | (\$250,000) | (\$10,000,000) | |
| Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | (\$2,000,000) (8,080,000) \$6,080,000 | (\$850,000) (3,085,000) \$2,235,000 | \$500,000 1,000,000 (\$500,000) | (\$250,000) 0 (\$250,000) | (\$10,000,000) (10,000,000) \$0 | \$0 0 \$0 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Adds One- Time Funding for Early Learning Program Grant ¹³ | Total Conference Committee Changes | | | | |
| Salaries and wages New and vacant FTE pool Operating expenses Integrated formula payments Grants - Special education contracts Grants - Transportation Grants - Other grants Grants - Program grants Grants - Passthrough grants PowerSchool | \$1,500,000 | \$900,615 (2,052,637) (2,000,000) (3,400,000) 1,500,000 (11,100,000) | | | | |
| Student information systems National board certification | | | | | | |
| Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$1,500,000 1,500,000 \$0 | (\$16,152,022) 10,328,344 (\$26,480,366) | | | | |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | |

¹ Base budget funding of \$1,006,656 for a school improvement contract is adjusted from special funds withheld from school districts' state aid to the general fund and is increased by \$900,615 from the general fund to provide a total of \$6,900,000 from the general fund, including funding from the general fund in the base budget of \$280,344 and funding of \$4,712,385 added in the House and Senate versions.

² Funding for integrated formula payments from the general fund is decreased by \$30 million. The reduction is offset by an increase in funding from the foundation aid stabilization fund of \$19 million, to provide a total of \$233 million from the foundation aid stabilization fund, and by \$11 million of funding from special funds from carryover funds, continued from the 2023-25 biennium and deposited in the department's operating fund. The House provided \$214 million, and the Senate provided \$133 million, from the foundation aid stabilization fund for integrated formula payments.

³ Funding for integrated formula payments is adjusted as follows:

| | General Fund |
|---|-----------------|
| Adjusts savings related to cost to continue integrated formula payments, the same as the Senate version. The House included a reduction of \$9,312,607 for cost to continue savings. | (\$1,900,000) |
| Increases the integrated formula payment rate 2.5 percent each year of the 2025-27 biennium. The House provided increases of 2 percent each year of the biennium and the Senate provided increases of 3 percent each year of the biennium. (House Bill No. 1369) | 23,447,363 |
| Removes the rolling 3-year average for the determination of average daily membership included by the House. The same as the Senate version. (House Bill No. 1369) | (8,000,000) |
| Adjusts the estimated increase in local revenue exempted from deduction in the state school aid formula, the same as the Senate version. The House included an increase of \$12.5 million for the fiscal impact of the local revenue adjustment. | (2,000,000) |
| Removes the fiscal impact, included by the House, of a reduction in the percentage of local revenue contributed to the state school aid formula from 75 to 65 percent. The same as the Senate version. (House Bill No. 1381 was not approved by the Senate) | (13,500,000) |
| Decreases funding for annual grants to regional education associations due a to reduction in the number of regional education associations in the state. The same as the Senate version. The House did not reduce annual grants to regional education associations. | (100,000) |
| Total decrease in integrated formula payments | (\$2,052,637) |

⁴ Funding is decreased for transportation grants pursuant to Conference Committee amendments to the transportation grant formula approved in House Bill No. 1214 and for a reduction in the integrated formula payment rate increases provided in House Bill No. 1369, to provide a total of \$60.1 million, the same as the Senate version. The House provided \$63.5 million for transportation grants.

Total funding for ongoing program grants is provided as follows:

| Ongoing | General |
|--|----------------|
| Program Grants | <u>Fund</u> |
| Adult education matching grants | \$5,500,000 |
| School food service matching grants | 1,380,000 |
| Free meal program | 6,000,000 |
| Leveraging the senior year | 1,536,027 |
| Building tomorrow's leaders program | 50,000 |
| Family engagement program | 150,000 |
| Paraprofessional-to-teacher program | 3,000,000 |
| Science of reading and literacy training program | 1,000,000 |
| Indians into STEM program | <u>300,000</u> |
| Total general fund | \$18,916,027 |

⁸ Funding for ongoing passthrough grants from carryover funds, continued from the 2023-25 biennium and deposited in the department's operating fund, added by the House for national writing projects (\$30,000) and TeenPact (\$20,000) is removed, the same as the Senate version. In addition, remaining funding for ongoing passthrough grants of \$3,035,000 is adjusted from carryover funds, continued from the 2023-25 biennium and deposited in the department's operating fund, to the general fund, the same as the Senate version. Funding from the general fund,

⁵ Funding for special education contract grants is reduced to provide a total of \$22 million. The House and Senate provided \$24 million for special education contract grants.

⁶ Funding for the free meal program is increased to provide a total of \$6 million from the general fund and to expand eligibility to all students enrolled in public or nonpublic school at or below 225 percent of the federal poverty guideline, an increase from 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline and the same federal poverty guideline as the House and Senate versions. The House provided \$4.5 million, and the Senate provided \$7.3 million for the free meal program.

⁷ Funding of \$2,000,000 from the general fund, added by the House for a centers of excellence program, is removed the same as the Senate version. Funding for ongoing program grants totaling \$8,080,000 is adjusted from carryover funds, continued from the 2023-25 biennium and deposited in the department's operating fund, to the general fund, the same as the Senate version.

increased for teacher mentoring (ND Rise) by the House, is reduced \$800,000 to provide an increase of \$1,200,000 from the base budget, the same as the Senate version.

Total funding for ongoing passthrough grants is provided as follows:

| Ongoing | General |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Passthrough Grants | <u>Fund</u> |
| National writing projects | \$40,000 |
| Rural art outreach | 425,000 |
| ND RISE teacher mentoring program | 3,700,000 |
| Governor's School | 500,000 |
| "We the People" program | <u>70,000</u> |
| Total general fund | \$4,735,000 |

⁹ One-time funding of \$500,000 from the general fund for the Amira statewide reading tool is adjusted to provide one-time funding the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF), the same as the Senate. The House provided one-time funding for the Amira statewide reading tool from the general fund. In addition, one-time funding from the foundation aid stabilization fund for dyslexia identification training (\$300,000), a statewide teacher retention program (\$2 million), and school board training (\$1.5 million) is adjusted to provide funding from SIIF, a reduction to the statewide teacher retention program of \$500,000 from the House and Senate versions.

The House provided one-time funding for dyslexia identification training (\$300,000), a statewide teacher retention program (\$2.5 million), and school board training (\$1.5 million) from the foundation aid stabilization fund. The Senate provided one-time funding for dyslexia identification training (\$300,000), a statewide teacher retention program (\$2.5 million), and school board training (\$1.5 million) from SIIF.

The Conference Committee added one-time funding of \$1 million from SIIF for centers of excellence program grants. The House provided ongoing funding from the general fund for centers of excellence grants however the Senate removed the funding.

The Conference Committee provided the following one-time program grants from SIIF:

| One-time | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Program Grants | SIIF |
| Statewide reading tool | \$500,000 |
| Dyslexia identification training | 300,000 |
| Statewide teacher retention program | 2,000,000 |
| Centers of excellence program | 1,000,000 |
| School board training | <u>1,500,000</u> |
| Total SIIF | \$5,300,000 |
| | |

¹⁰ One-time funding for a passthrough grant for a RoboKind pilot project related to assistive technology and curriculum, added by the House, is removed, the same as the Senate version.

This amendment also:

- Provides a general fund deficiency appropriation of up to \$500,000 to reimburse vendors for services related to federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund contracts which have been denied payment;
- Identifies \$233,000,000 is provided from the foundation aid stabilization fund for integrated formula payments.
 The House provided \$219,250,000 from the fund for integrated formula payments, various program grants, and a Native American program and textbook and the Senate provided \$133,000,000 from the fund for integrated formula payments;
- Identifies \$6,250,000 is provided from SIIF for various program grants and a Native American program and textbook. The House provided \$10,000,000 from the fund for science center grants and the Senate provided

¹¹ One-time funding of \$10 million from SIIF, added for science center grants by the House, is removed, the same as the Senate version.

¹² One-time funding for operating expenses related to North Dakota Native American Essential Understandings contracts and workgroup costs (\$300,000) and for the production of a book series regarding the history and culture of indigenous people (\$650,000) from the foundation aid stabilization fund is adjusted to provide funding from SIIF.

¹³ The Conference Committee added one-time funding of \$1.5 million from a grant provided by the Department of Health and Human Services for the Upstart Waterford project early learning program. This funding was identified as a grant to the Department of Public Instruction in the Conference Committee report for House Bill No. 1012 but was not included in the House or Senate versions.

- \$5,750,000 from the fund for various program grants and a Native American program and textbook;
- Reduces funding identified for annual grants to regional education associations (REAs), due to a reduction in the number of REAs in the state, to provide a total of \$600,000 for annual grants of \$50,000 to each of the six remaining REAs, the same as the Senate. The House provided \$700,000 for annual grants to REAs;
- Provides for the distribution of \$6 million for grants to school districts to provide free meals to students in public or nonpublic schools at or below 225 percent of poverty. The House provided \$4.5 million and increased eligibility from below 200 percent of poverty to below 225 percent of poverty. The Senate provided \$7.3 million for grants to students below 225 percent of poverty;
- Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction continue the lesser of \$11,000,000, or the funding remaining in the integrated formula payments line item at the end of the 2023-25 biennium, into the 2025-27 biennium, the same as the Senate. The Office of Management and Budget must transfer this amount into the public instruction fund for the purpose of providing integrated formula payments. This change will reduce the estimated July 1, 2025, general fund balance by \$11,000,000. The House version reduced the July 1, 2025, general fund balance by \$11,165,000 and provided the funding for various program and passthrough grants;
- Creates a new section to Chapter 15.1-07, effective July 1, 2026, to require school districts to establish
 electronic collection of free or reduced-price meal eligibility information. This section was not included by the
 House or Senate; and
- Amends Section 15.1-27-16, related to administrative cost-sharing, to provide state reimbursement for administrative cost-sharing expires June 30, 2025, rather than June 30, 2026. This provision was not included in the House or Senate version. The House and Senate both removed \$125,000 included in the base budget for one year of the administrative cost-sharing program.

House Bill No. 1013 - Center for Distance Education - Conference Committee Action

| | Base Budget | House Version | Conference Committee Changes | Conference Committee Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| New and vacant FTE pool | | \$361,061 | (\$157,905) | \$203,156 | \$203,156 | |
| Center for Distance Education | \$11,613,483 | 14,579,960 | 100,000 | 14,679,960 | 14,579,960 | \$100,000 |
| Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$11,613,483 4,550,000 \$7,063,483 | \$14,941,021 6,524,000 \$8,417,021 | (\$57,905) 100,000 (\$157,905) | \$14,883,116 6,624,000 \$8,259,116 | \$14,783,116 6,524,000 \$8,259,116 | \$100,000 100,000 \$0 |
| FTE | 30.80 | 32.00 | (1.00) | 31.00 | 31.00 | 0.00 |

Department 204 - Center for Distance Education - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Removes 1 | Adds Funding | Total |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | FTE Support | for Market | Conference |
| | Specialist | Equity Salary | Committee |
| | Position ¹ | Increases ² | Changes |
| New and vacant FTE pool Center for Distance Education | (\$157,905) | \$100,000 | (\$157,905) 100,000 |
| Total all funds | (\$157,905) | \$100,000 | (\$57,905) |
| Less estimated income | 0 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| General fund | (\$157,905) | \$0 | (\$157,905) |
| FTE | (1.00) | 0.00 | (1.00) |

¹ Funding for 1 FTE enrollment and office support specialist position is removed (\$175,450) and estimated savings in the new and vacant FTE pool is adjusted by \$17,545, The same as the Senate version.

² Funding from special funds from tuition revenue is provided for market equity salary increases. This funding was not included by the House or Senate.

House Bill No. 1013 - State Library - Conference Committee Action

| Salaries and wages New and vacant FTE pool Operating expenses | Base Budget \$4,615,731 2,282,298 | House Version \$5,115,851 107,552 2,990,075 | Conference Committee Changes | Conference Committee Version \$5,115,851 107,552 2,990,075 | Senate Version \$5,115,851 107,552 2,990,075 | Comparison to Senate |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| Grants | 2,283,528 | 2,283,528 | | 2,283,528 | 2,283,528 | |
| Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$9,181,557 2,499,073 \$6,682,484 | \$10,497,006 2,804,212 \$7,692,794 | \$0 0 \$0 | \$10,497,006 2,804,212 \$7,692,794 | \$10,497,006 2,804,212 \$7,692,794 | \$0 0 \$0 |
| FTE | 26.75 | 26.75 | 0.00 | 26.75 | 26.75 | 0.00 |

Department 250 - State Library - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

The Conference Committee did not change the House appropriation for the State Library, which was the same as the Senate version.

House Bill No. 1013 - School for the Deaf - Conference Committee Action

| Salaries and wages New and vacant FTE pool Operating expenses Capital assets | Base Budget \$9,283,599 1,705,586 158,678 | House Version \$10,018,824 415,571 2,026,425 442,478 | Conference Committee Changes | Conference Committee Version \$10,018,824 415,571 2,026,425 442,478 | Senate Version \$10,018,824 415,571 2,026,425 442,478 | Comparison to Senate |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| Total all funds Less estimated income General fund FTE | \$11,147,863 2,811,557 \$8,336,306 45.36 | \$12,903,298 3,171,743 \$9,731,555 46.86 | \$0 0 \$0 | \$12,903,298 3,171,743 \$9,731,555 46.86 | \$12,903,298 3,171,743 \$9,731,555 46.86 | \$0 0 \$0 |

Department 252 - School for the Deaf - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

The Conference Committee did not change the House appropriation for the School for the Deaf, which was the same as the Senate version.

House Bill No. 1013 - Vision Services - School for the Blind - Conference Committee Action

| | Base Budget | House Version | Conference Committee Changes | Conference Committee Version | Senate Version | Comparison to Senate |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$5,538,818 | \$5,779,896 | | \$5,779,896 | \$5,779,896 | |
| New and vacant FTE pool | | 121,985 | \$137,451 | 259,436 | 259,436 | |
| Operating expenses | 869,686 | 1,276,257 | 1 | 1,276,257 | 1,276,257 | |
| Capital assets | 39,192 | 270,000 | | 270,000 | 270,000 | |
| Total all funds | \$6,447,696 | \$7,448,138 | \$137,451 | \$7,585,589 | \$7,585,589 | \$0 |
| Less estimated income | 1,206,705 | 1,740,944 | 0 | 1,740,944 | 1,740,944 | 0 |
| General fund | \$5,240,991 | \$5,707,194 | \$137,451 | \$5,844,645 | \$5,844,645 | \$0 |
| FTE | 27.75 | 27.75 | 1.00 | 28.75 | 28.75 | 0.00 |

Department 253 - Vision Services - School for the Blind - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

| | Adds 1 FTE Assistive Technology Position ¹ | Total Conference Committee Changes |
|---|--|---|
| Salaries and wages New and vacant FTE pool Operating expenses Capital assets | \$137,451 | \$137,451 |
| Total all funds Less estimated income General fund | \$137,451 0 \$137,451 | \$137,451 0 \$137,451 |
| FTE | 1.00 | 1.00 |

¹ Funding of \$152,723 is added for 1 FTE assistive technology position in the 2nd year of the biennium and funding for the new and vacant FTE pool is adjusted for estimated savings (\$15,272), the same as the Senate version. The House did not include the 1 FTE assistive technology position.