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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

H.B. 170 of the 134th General Assembly

Senate Finance

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Department of Education

- Removes provisions of the bill that do both of the following:
 - Require the Department of Education to obtain Controlling Board approval prior to spending funds from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund that the Department receives from the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (the federal CARES Act) (but retains the requirement for the Department to obtain Controlling Board approval prior to spending funds from that fund that the Department receives from the federal “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” and the federal “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021”).
 - Prohibit the Department from spending federal funds the Department receives from the federal “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” for “emergency needs determined by the Department” in the manner authorized by that act.
- Relocates the bill’s provisions regarding Controlling Board approval of the spending of certain federal funds appropriated by the bill to the Department to the same section of law in which the funds are appropriated. (The bill states that this section is exempt from the referendum and therefore takes effect immediately when the bill becomes law.)
- Decreases FED Fund 3HS0 appropriation item 200640, Federal Coronavirus School Relief, by \$50,794,862 in FY 2021.
- Eliminates FED Fund 3HQ0 appropriation item 200627, Governor Emergency Education Relief – EDU, with an appropriation of \$19,052,785 in FY 2021, supporting COVID-19 emergency relief payments to county boards of developmental disabilities, educational service centers, and joint vocational school districts for allowable uses under the federal CARES Act and federal “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.”

Auditor of State

- Permits the Auditor of State to audit spending by the Department of Education and each school district of federal funds received by the Department under the federal “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.”
- Removes a provision that requires the Auditor, if the Auditor chooses to audit the spending by the Department and each school district of the amounts appropriated for FY 2021 under the bill and any other federal funds received by the Department under specified federal acts, to identify common usages and best utilization of those funds.

Adjutant General

- Decreases DPF Fund 5CV1 appropriation item 745632, Coronavirus Relief – ADJ, by \$1,000,000 in FY 2021.