

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

April 19, 2024  
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Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB24-162 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 6, after line 9 insert:

2           "(i) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT FOR THE  
3 PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION,  
4 DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICES TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO REPORTS OF  
5 HARASSMENT OR DISCRIMINATION, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8),  
6 IMPROVES STUDENT SAFETY AND MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM  
7 THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX  
8 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

9           (j) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT USE MORE THAN TEN PERCENT OF  
10 THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES TO EFFECTIVELY  
11 RESPOND TO REPORTS OF HARASSMENT OR DISCRIMINATION, AS DESCRIBED  
12 IN THIS SUBSECTION (8), FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED  
13 RELATED TO DEVELOPING THE BEST PRACTICES."

14 Amend printed bill, page 6, after line 17 insert:

15           "**SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,  
16 \$111,111 is appropriated to the department of education for use by  
17 management and administration. This appropriation is from the state  
18 education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state  
19 constitution. To implement this act, the department may use this  
20 appropriation for training for local education providers on responding to  
21 harassment and discrimination reports."

22 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

23 Page 1, line 103, strike "PRACTICES." and substitute "**PRACTICES AND**  
24 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**"