

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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April 19, 2024

Chair of Committee

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 PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, DEVELOPING BEST PRACTICES TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO REPORTS OF HARASSMENT OR DISCRIMINATION, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8), IMPROVES STUDENT SAFETY AND MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX 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, \$111,111 is appropriated to the department of education for use by management and administration. This appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state constitution. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for training for local education providers on responding to harassment and discrimination reports.".

22 Rerumber succeeding section accordingly.

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