

Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee 2

Amendment No. 2 to SB2931

**Watson
Signature of Sponsor**

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2931

House Bill No. 2922*

LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT

by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the antepenultimate section and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly:

SECTION ____.

Item 1. The capital outlay projects listed in the 2020-2021 Budget Document and which are identified with the heading "Proposed Capital Projects from School Bonds and Other Sources, Fiscal Year 2020-2021," are presented for informational purposes only. The projects are subject to recommendation and approval procedures involving the: higher education institutions and their governing boards, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Tennessee State School Bond Authority, the State Funding Board, and the State Building Commission.

Item 2. The following proposed capital outlay projects, to be funded from school bonds, institutional/auxiliary and other funds, are in addition to those projects listed on pages A-137 and A-138 in the 2020-2021 Budget Document and in Section 29, Item 29 of Chapter 651, Public Acts of 2020.

University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis Bioworks Acquisition, in the amount of \$14,450,000.

LEGISLATIVE ADJUSTMENTS

DEDICATED SOURCE AND EARMARK AND REDUCTIONS

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SECTION _____. Notwithstanding any provisions of Title III-22, Section 1, of Chapter 651, Public Acts of 2020 to the contrary, the grants made from the funds appropriated in Title III-22, Item 10.33 – Grants to Cities and Title III-22, Item 10.34 – Grants to Counties, in Section 1 of Chapter 651, Public Acts of 2020, may be used for the purpose of offsetting the loss of local revenue or supplementing local revenue. Additionally, municipalities and counties shall not be required to file a plan of the use of the grant funds or resolution from the local governing body requesting use of the grant funds for any of the purposes provided in Title III-22, Section 1, of Chapter 651, Public Acts of 2020, or in this section.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

SECTION _____. The provisions of this section shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

Item 1. To municipalities and counties, \$200,000 is hereby appropriated to supplement the appropriation made in Section 42, Item 2, Chapter 405, Public Acts of 2019. Such funds shall be used to fund the state share of the cost of any law of general application which requires, without local discretion, that incorporated municipalities or county governments increase expenditures as a direct consequence of passage of any general law during the 2019 annual session of the 111th General Assembly.

Item 2. To municipalities and counties, \$4,200 is hereby appropriated to supplement the appropriation made in Section 42, Item 2, Chapter 651, Public Acts of 2020. Such funds shall be used to fund the state share of the cost of any law of general application which requires, without local discretion, that incorporated municipalities or

county governments increase expenditures as a direct consequence of passage of any general law during the 2020 annual session of the 111th General Assembly.

It is the legislative intent that such funds appropriated by this section be divided and distributed to the various municipalities and counties as follows: fifty percent (50%) to municipalities on the basis of population and fifty percent (50%) to counties on the basis of population.

SECTION _____. It is hereby recognized that Senate Bill 2734 / House Bill 2517, relative to drug-free school zones, will result in a savings in fiscal year 2020-2021 of \$1,400,000 in the Department of Correction, State Prosecutions Account, if such bill becomes a law.

AND FURTHER AMEND in Section 4, Item 2 by deleting the following language:

The severance benefit plan shall consist of:

- (a) A base payment of \$3,200; and
- (b) College tuition assistance for 2 years to be capped at the average of the highest four-year public Tennessee college undergraduate level; provided, however, that such assistance shall only be provided for periods of actual attendance within a period of time to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration.

and substituting instead the following:

Benefits included in this buyout initiative plan may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) A base payment plus an amount based on years of service and capped at an amount to be determined;
- (2) Extended health insurance benefits for a period of months to be determined, or a cash option to buy into COBRA health coverage, or a cash option equivalent to the extended health insurance benefit; and

(3) College tuition assistance for 2 years to be capped at the average of the highest four-year public Tennessee college undergraduate level; provided, however, that such assistance shall only be provided for periods of actual attendance within a period of time to be determined by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration.

The Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall submit a copy of the buyout initiative plan to the Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chairs of the Finance, Ways and Means Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

AND FURTHER AMEND by requesting the Engrossing Clerk to:

- (1) Delete the bold underlined explanatory headings in this amendment; and
- (2) Exclude this paragraph from the engrossed bill.