

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO sb126.

inserting the following new sections immediately following Section 23:

"SECTION 24. APPROPRIATIONS - MERIT ADJUSTMENT FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Merit Adjustment Fund, for providing various state agencies and institutions of higher education with supplemental personal services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, the sum of.....\$4,000,000.

SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. TRANSFER PROCEDURES.In the event that the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State determines that the General Assembly has not provided sufficient appropriation for the payment of Personal Services for a state agency, office, board, commission, institution or institution of higher education due to the enactment of this act or any other Act approved by the Eighty First General Assembly which raises the compensation level or required benefit matching costs of state employees, the agency, office, board, commission, institution of higher education or other institution may request a transfer from the appropriation provided herein from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Such request shall clearly state the amount required, the fund or fund account from which the employees are currently being paid, and such other information as may be required by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that he deems necessary to make a decision regarding the request. Upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State or upon processing the request for elected Constitutional Officers and their employees by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the State Auditor shall be notified as to the amount and the purposes for which said appropriation is to be made. The appropriation shall then be added to the proper account on the books of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor payable from the fund or fund account from which the employees of the state agency, office, board, commission, institution of higher education or other institution are authorized to be paid by law. Such appropriation transfers shall be limited to Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching or both.

SECTION 26. FUNDING TRANSFER. Funding of compensation increases provided by the Eighty First General Assembly in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and funding for the appropriation transfers authorized by Section 25 of this act for those state agencies, offices, boards, commissions, institutions and state institutions of higher education which are supported in whole or in part from general revenues shall, if required, be provided for by a transfer from the Merit Adjustment Fund to the proper fund or fund account and in such amounts as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

The state agencies, offices, boards, commissions, institutions and state institutions of higher education shall, in addition to the funds provided in this section for Personal Services from the Merit Adjustment Fund, make available any funding generated from its salary savings for such purposes as provided for herein, from the funds or fund accounts as prescribed by law.

SECTION 27. Funds appropriated in Section 24 herein shall be used to provide additional funds as may be required for a cost of living increase for state employees of up to 3.2% during the 1998-99 fiscal year.";

and

by renumbering subsequent sections.