fiscal year for salary and benefits for the ASDISD Superintendent, staff, and other expenses associated with the ASDISD. Any funds appropriated for this purpose that are unexpended at the end of the 2016-2017 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for one-time, start-up expenses of the ISD until the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to contract with an independent research organization to conduct the evaluation required in Section 4 of this act. Funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the 2016-2017 fiscal year for the evaluation shall not revert at the end of the fiscal year but shall remain available until expended."

**SECTION 7.11.(d)** Funds appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the 2016-2017 fiscal year by S.L. 2016-94 and funds appropriated to the Department by this act for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium for allocation to local school administrative units and charter schools to bring high-quality, reliable internet connectivity to the classroom level shall not revert at the end of each fiscal year but shall remain available until the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**SECTION 7.11.(e)** This section becomes effective June 30, 2017.

## PROHIBIT TRANSFER OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FUNDS

**SECTION 7.12.** G.S. 115C-105.25(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(10a) No funds shall be transferred out of the limited English proficiency allotment category."

## PROHIBIT TRANSFER OF TEXTBOOKS AND DIGITAL RESOURCES FUNDS

**SECTION 7.13.(a)** G.S. 115C-105.25(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(12) Funds allotted for textbooks and digital resources may only be used for the purchase of textbooks and digital resources. These funds shall not be transferred out of the allotment for any other purpose."

**SECTION 7.13.(b)** G.S. 115C-105.25(c)(4) is repealed.

**SECTION 7.13.(c)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2018.

## CLASS SIZE FLEXIBILITY FOR CURRENT PILOT PROGRAMS AND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION CLASSES

**SECTION 7.15.(a)** Section 8.7(i) of S.L. 2016-94 is repealed.

**SECTION 7.15.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-301 or Section 1(b) of S.L. 2017-9, local school administrative units approved by the State Board of Education to participate in the teacher compensation models and advanced teaching roles pilot program established under Section 8.7 of S.L. 2016-94 may allow a certain number of schools that were identified in their proposals to exceed individual class size requirements in kindergarten through third grade for the duration of the pilot program ending with the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

- (1) Chapel-Hill Carrboro City Schools: 20 schools.
- (2) Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools: 46 schools.
- (3) Edgecombe County Schools: 14 schools.
- (4) Pitt County Schools: four schools.
- (5) Vance County Schools: three schools.
- (6) Washington County Schools: five schools.

**SECTION 7.15.(c)** In addition to the schools listed in subsection (b) of this section, schools participating in the following programs may exceed individual class size requirements in kindergarten through third grade for the duration of the programs: