

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2019**

**SESSION LAW 2020-31  
HOUSE BILL 1136**

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE MORGANTON CAMPUS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 29 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 116-235.5. Morganton campus authorized of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.**

The Board of Trustees of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics is hereby authorized to establish a western campus of the school to be located in Morganton, North Carolina."

**SECTION 2.(a)** Section 3.15(c) of S.L. 2019-209 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 3.15.(c)** Effective July 1, 2020, the State's employer contribution rates budgeted for retirement and related benefits as a percentage of covered salaries for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for teachers and State employees, State law enforcement officers (LEOs), the University and Community Colleges Optional Retirement Programs (ORPs), the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), and the Legislative Retirement System (LRS) are as set forth below:

|                | <b>Teachers and State Employees</b> | <b>State LEOs</b>      | <b>ORPs</b> | <b>CJRS</b> | <b>LRS</b> |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Retirement     | 14.36%                              | 14.36%                 | 6.84%       | 36.00%      | 29.00%     |
| Disability     | 0.10%                               | 0.10%                  | 0.10%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%      |
| Death          | <del>0.16%</del> 0.13%              | <del>0.16%</del> 0.13% | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%      |
| Retiree Health | 6.82%                               | 6.82%                  | 6.82%       | 6.82%       | 6.82%      |
| NC 401(k)      | 0.00%                               | 5.00%                  | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%      |

**Total Contribution**

**Rate**                      ~~21.44%~~21.41% ~~26.44%~~26.41% 13.76%                      42.82%                      35.82%"

**SECTION 2.(b)** No later than August 15, 2020, the Office of State Budget and Management shall adjust the appropriations for State retirement contributions of all applicable agencies, departments, or institutions to reflect the changes implemented in subsection (a) of this section, representing a decrease in General Fund net appropriations totaling three million three hundred forty thousand five hundred ninety-one dollars (\$3,340,591) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

**SECTION 3.** From the funds made available pursuant to Section 2 of this act, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of three million three hundred forty thousand five hundred ninety-one dollars (\$3,340,591) in recurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be allocated to the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) for operating funds, purchase of equipment and



supplies, and to establish 46 new positions at the Morganton campus of NCSSM established pursuant to G.S. 116-235.5.

**SECTION 4.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the following additional funds for any financial obligations incurred to open and operate the Morganton campus of NCSSM:

- (1) For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the sum of two million six hundred eight thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$2,608,160) in recurring funds and the sum of one million three hundred thirty-four thousand two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$1,334,264) in nonrecurring funds.
- (2) For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the sum of three million eight hundred twenty-two thousand four hundred seventy-four dollars (\$3,822,474) in recurring funds and the sum of three hundred forty-seven thousand four hundred twelve dollars (\$347,412) in nonrecurring funds.
- (3) For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of one million six hundred thirty-eight thousand seven hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,638,794) in recurring funds and the sum of thirty-three thousand three hundred thirty-six dollars (\$33,336) in nonrecurring funds.

**SECTION 5.** The provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in this act by reference.

**SECTION 6.** Except where expressly repealed or amended by this act, the provisions of any other legislation enacted during the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a department, or an institution covered under this act shall remain in effect.

**SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

s/ Philip E. Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved 2:27 p.m. this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020