

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS30429 / S1123

This appropriation bill corrects errors found in appropriations to several state agencies. The errors occurred because appropriations were made from an incorrect fund. For transparency purposes, the Legislature chose to track expenditures from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund, which is separate and distinct from the American Rescue Plan Fund. This bill provides a series of net-zero corrections to the fiscal year 2023 appropriation that reduces the appropriation by \$401,800 from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Fund and increases the appropriation from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund by the same amount. Agencies affected include the Office of the State Board of Education, Department of Lands, State Historical Society, Military Division, and STEM Action Center.

Additionally, this bill includes a onetime appropriation to the Division of Veterans Affairs for allowable expenses from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for staffing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and costs of using staffing agencies to supplement the current staff at the state veterans homes.

### FISCAL NOTE

This bill reduces the appropriation from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Fund by a total of \$401,800. This reduction includes reductions of: \$19,700 for the Office of the State Board of Education; \$80,900 for the Department of Lands; \$39,100 for the State Historical Society; \$253,600 for the Military Division; and \$8,500 STEM Action Center. The bill also provides an additional appropriation of \$401,800 from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund in amounts that mirror the reductions. These two actions have a net-zero budget impact for the agencies.

This bill also provides for a onetime appropriation of \$1,000,000 in operating expenditures from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Division of Veterans Affairs.

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