



Teacher Pay

Appropriations for Increases in Teacher Pay: Impact on Charter Schools

for Charter Schools

Bill Number	Public Chapter 4
Familiar Name	Appropriations Bill/Teacher Pay Bill
Purpose	To fund the Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act and increases in teacher pay.

What are the key provisions of this legislation?

- The legislature appropriated **\$67,331,900** of non-recurring funds to the Department of Education to implement the Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act.
- The legislature appropriated **\$30,029,300** and **\$12,870,000** of non-recurring funds to the Department of Education's to fund salary increases for teachers and other certified staff, effective January 1, 2021.
 - These increases are to be allocated according to the salary and compensation schedules of the LEA.
 - The total allocation will be divided over the five installments of BEP payments LEAs receive throughout the spring semester.
 - The Department of Education must calculate and report the amount of increased funds that each charter school should receive, and the LEA must include these increased funds in the per pupil amount provided to charter schools.
 - LEAs are not required to match the increased funding.

Impact: This funding provides the equivalent of a 2% increase to the instructional component of the BEP for this school year (dating back to January 1, 2021), with the state fully covering the local match. This is not equivalent to a 2% salary increase for all teachers, since the amounts are to be distributed to instructional staff in the LEA's discretion.



Additional Supporting Documentation: [Teacher Pay Funding](#); [Teacher Pay FAQs](#)

What does this legislation require charter schools to do?

This legislation does not require any action of charter schools. Charter schools will continue to be funded following the average per pupil amounts provided to the LEA. Because the amounts allocated by this legislation will increase that average, charter schools will experience increased funding as a result.

For more information, visit the [2020-21 Special Session Legislation Webpage](#).

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