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**Fiscal Year 2022-23 Basic Education Program (BEP) Allocations**

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**The Background:**

The attached allocations for fiscal year 2022-23 provide funding for the Basic Education Program (BEP) and represent approximately \$225 million in funding appropriation improvements. The allocations:

- Fund BEP instructional positions at a unit cost of \$52,294.
- Provide 100% funding for at-risk students in grades K-12.
- Provide funding for English Language Learners at a ratio of one to twenty (1:20) for teachers and one to two hundred (1:200) for translators.
- Include four (4) categories of components: instructional salaries and wages, instructional benefits, classroom, and non-classroom.
- Provide, on average, seventy percent (70%) of state funds for the instructional positions within the instructional and instructional benefits components.
- Fund the cost differential factor at sixteen percent (16%).
- For equalization purposes, the formula equally weights 1) the ability of local jurisdictions to raise local revenues by measuring the ability to generate local revenues from property tax and local option sales tax and 2) the ability of local jurisdictions to raise local revenues as determined by the multiple regression analysis model developed by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Inter-governmental Relations (TACIR).
- Include insurance funding for twelve (12) months for all BEP funded positions.
- Include the classroom technology component funded at forty million dollars (\$40 million).

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. The attachment outlines the BEP allocation each LEA will receive in the 2022-23 school year. This item will require 3 LEAs to increase the local contribution to meet the BEP required local match.

**The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.