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Senate Bill 132

By Senators Stollings, Ojeda, Prezioso, Takubo,

AND Woelfel

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Intr SB 132 2018R1659

1 A BILL making a supplementary appropriation of public moneys out of the Treasury from the 2 balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State Fund, 3 General Revenue, to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health 4 - Central Office, fund 0407, fiscal year 2018, organization 0506, by supplementing and 5 amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. 6 Whereas. The state budget that became law without the Governor's signature for the 7 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, contained no funding for the Tobacco Education Program; and 8 Whereas, The Division of Tobacco Prevention, which manages the Tobacco Education 9 Program, saw its efforts result in a drop in the percentage of West Virginians who smoke from 10 28.6% in 2011 to 24.8% in 2016, according to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey; 11 and 12 Whereas, The Division of Tobacco Prevention and the Tobacco Education Program is 13 responsible for major funding for the RAZE program, which is West Virginia's only teen-led and 14 teen-implemented anti-tobacco movement that has contributed to a 32% drop in high school 15 smoking and a 19% drop in spit-tobacco use among high school boys since 1999, according to 16 the American Lung Association in West Virginia; and 17 Whereas, The Division of Tobacco Prevention operates the no-cost tobacco cessation 18 quitline services that have contributed greatly to the reduction in smoking among teens and adults: 19 and 20 Whereas, Because the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, contained no 21 funding for the Tobacco Education Program, there has been a significant delay in getting a RAZE 22 contract agreement in place to continue the program, meaning that youth and schools missed out 23 on tobacco prevention education during the first half of the 2017-18 school year; and 24 Whereas, RAZE, in particular, and the Tobacco Education Program, in general, are crucial 25 to the efforts to continue to reduce tobacco usage and help make West Virginia a healthier state; 26 and

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27	Whereas, West Virginia will collect more than \$300 million in revenue this year from the			
28	1998 tobacco settlement and tobacco taxes, but has allocated zero dollars to tobacco prevention			
29	for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2018; and			
30	Whereas, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends West Virginia			
31	spend \$27.4 million on tobacco prevention programs, and			
32	Whereas, West Virginia should strive to continue our trend toward reducing tobacco use			
33	and becoming a more healthy state to live in by funding the Tobacco Education Program this			
34	fiscal year and into the future; therefore			
	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:			
1	That the total appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, to fund 0407, fiscal			
2	year 2017, organization 0506, be supplemented and amended by adding a new item of			
3	appropriation as follows:			
4	TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS.			
5	Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.			
6	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES.			
7	56 – Division of Health			
8	Central Office			
9	(WV Code Chapter 16)			
10	Fund <u>0407</u> FY <u>2017</u> Org <u>0506</u>			
11 12 13 14		Appro- priation		General Revenue Fund
15	25a Tobacco Education Program – Surplus (R)	90600	\$	1,500,000

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide funding for tobacco prevention in FY2018 after the FY2018 budget bill cut all funding to the tobacco education program.