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**Basic Education Program (BEP) Allocations for Fiscal Year 2020-21**

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**The Background:**

The attached allocations for fiscal year 2020-21 provide funding of the Basic Education Program (BEP) and represent more than \$61 million in funding appropriation improvements. The allocations:

- Fund BEP instructional positions at a unit cost of \$48,330.
- Provide one hundred percent (100%) funding for at-risk students in grades K-12.
- Provide funding for English 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:
  - 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
  - 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:**

T.C.A. § 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 2020-21 school year. This item may require a small number of LEAs to increase the local contribution in order 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.