AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AT ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY AND FOR THE HATTERAS AND OCRACOKE FERRY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) There is transferred from the General Fund to the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund the sum of six million dollars ($6,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

SECTION 1.(b) There is appropriated from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of six million dollars ($6,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be allocated for the following capital improvement projects at Elizabeth City State University:

1. $2,000,000 for a chiller.
2. $4,000,000 for an HVAC system.

SECTION 2.(a) The provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in this act by reference.

SECTION 2.(b) Except where expressly repealed or amended by this act, the provisions of any other legislation enacted during the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a department, or an institution covered under this act, shall remain in effect.

SECTION 2.5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, G.S. 136-28.1, and any other provision of law to the contrary, and pending completion of a successful route verification, the Department of Transportation, Ferry Division, shall lease a passenger ferry vessel for operation between Hatteras and Ocracoke. The term of the lease shall end no later than September 10, 2020. Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation Contingency Fund in S.L. 2019-231 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the sum of up to one million one hundred forty-six thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars ($1,146,179) shall be used by the Division to lease and operate the ferry.
SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective July 1, 2020. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th day of June, 2020.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 12:21 p.m. this 30th day of June, 2020