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Honorable Sandra Scott
State Representative
611-D Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 3 (LC 49 1046)

Dear Representative Scott:

This bill would amend the Quality Basic Education Act by enabling the State Board of Education to provide additional grants to local units of administration to support students living in poverty, as defined by the bill. The grant would equal 25% of the base QBE (Quality Basic Education) multiplied by the number of students living in poverty. The State Board of Education would establish school system eligibility for the grant. The bill has no effective date.

Data from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) indicates that the bill would have cost approximately \$391 million in FY 2024 (see **Table 1**). The amount is based on FY 2023 student data showing that 517,255 of the 1.7 million public school students would qualify. The FY 2024 base QBE weight is used. The amount assumes that every school system is eligible for the grant.

Table 1: Total Projected Grant Amount for One Year

Base QBE Weight	\$3,022.45
25% of Base QBE Weight	\$755.61
2023 Georgia K12 Student Poverty Count	517,255
Total Grant Amount	\$390,844,344

Respectfully,

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Richard Dunn, Director
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