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From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 82, \$100,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Child Care and Development Block Grant Trust Fund is provided for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) providers to provide an additional increase for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the base student allocation per full-time equivalent student for the school year program and the summer program. Allocations will be distributed to the early learning coalitions using the same methodology to distribute the general revenue funds. To be eligible for the additional base student allocation funds, the provider or public school must elect to participate in the additional payment program following an application procedure established by the Division of Early Learning. The provider or public school will submit an attestation confirming, that within 30 days of receiving the additional funding, all VPK personnel employed by the provider or public school will receive wages of at least \$15.00 per hour for VPK duties. Beginning January 1, 2023, an employee of a VPK provider under contract with the Division of Early Learning that has elected to receive additional base student allocation funds and who is not receiving a wage of at least \$15.00 per hour for VPK duties may petition the division for relief. If the division finds that the VPK provider has failed to comply with this provision, the division may terminate the provider's VPK contract.

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