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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. No. 161 (house committee report) as follows:

2 (1) On page 1, line 6, strike "\$2,005,581,271" and
3 substitute "\$1,405,581,271".

4 (2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the
5 bill and renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

6 SECTION _____. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: HERO PAY.

7 (a) The amount of \$600,000,000 is appropriated to the comptroller
8 of public accounts from money received by this state from the
9 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
10 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
11 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus
12 Relief Fund No. 325 to be used during the two-year period beginning
13 on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of distributing
14 that money to state agencies to make one-time payments to certain
15 agency employees who have an annual salary of \$75,000 or less and
16 who were employed by the agency and considered essential critical
17 infrastructure workers under 42 U.S.C. Section 802 at any time
18 during the period beginning March 13, 2020, and ending September
19 13, 2021.

20 (b) The comptroller of public accounts shall consult with
21 the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office to
22 determine which state employees are eligible to receive one-time
23 payments under Subsection (a) of this section and the amount of the
24 payment to which each employee is entitled. To the extent
25 authorized by other law, the amount of the payment to which a state
26 employee is entitled is determined by multiplying \$2 and the number
27 of hours the employee worked while considered to be a essential
28 critical infrastructure worker under 42 U.S.C. Section 802 during
29 the period beginning March 13, 2020, and ending September 13, 2021,

1 but may not exceed \$8,000.