

PRC 230 Legislative Summary

- [Session Law 2024-53 – Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 Part II](#)
 - [Committee Money Report](#)
 - Includes items applicable to PSUs in Hurricane Helene disaster areas. [Section 4A](#) is the primary section that pertains to public schools.
- DPI will use PRC 230 for allocating any funding related to these acts to the PSUs
 - Currently that includes School Nutrition funding to cover lost wages (absence code 55-days deemed completed), technology replacement reimbursement, and mental health services.
 - Capital Reimbursement funds and School Nutrition (SN) Reimbursement funds will be distributed through Agency Financial Services (AFS) and the SN System and not through PRC 230 via an allotment.
 - Note the funding for the reimbursements, Capital, Technology, and SN Equipment/Inventory remain available until June 30, 2030 to allow time for the insurance reimbursement process.

Increased School Mental Health Support (SL 2024-53 Section 4A.8.; Money Report Item 10)

- Helene PSUs will receive funding **through PRC 230** for mental health support of students, families, and personnel:
*Of the funds appropriated in this act from the Helene Fund to the Department of Public Instruction, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds shall be used to provide **increased** mental health services to students, families, and school personnel in eligible public school units to assist with the recovery process, trauma care, and reintegration into academic life following the impacts of Hurricane Helene. The Department shall determine the amount to be allocated to each eligible public school unit by allocating each eligible public school unit an initial amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) and then distributing the remaining funds on the basis of allotted average daily membership.*
Funds may be used for contracting with community partners, hiring or contracting for services of school health personnel, as defined in G.S.115C-316.2, or hiring or contracting licensed mental health professionals. Funds may be used for any services, including assessment, diagnosis, treatment, or counseling, offered in an individual, family, or group setting for the maintenance or enhancement of mental health or the treatment of mental or substance use disorders.
 - These funds remain available until June 30, 2030, however there is a report due by March 2025 on how these funds are being used by the impacted PSUs.

Employee Compensation (SL 2024-51 Section 8.1.(c))

- School Nutrition will receive funding **through PRC 230** to compensate **PSU employees and contractors for instructional days missed:**
Of the funds allocated to the Department of Public Instruction from the Helene Fund, the sum of up to sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year shall be used to provide compensation authorized by this section to public school unit employees

*and contractors of schools participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program for scheduled instructional days when compensation would have been provided by school meal receipts or by federal funds. **Employees and contractors compensated using funds described in this section shall be compensated in the same manner they would have had they worked on the scheduled instructional days missed.***

For those PSUs impacted by Hurricane Helene and are in a declared disaster area, please use ABSENCE CODE 55 to track staff absences due to the impacts of Helene. This code will not carry a deduction. This will enable the PSU and NCDPI to report on those days as may be required. Please use this code for the time period immediately preceding the Hurricane event and on-going as you continue to recover.

These funds should only be used to cover normally scheduled salaries for the days deemed completed whether employees or contracted staff.

Technology Funds for Public Schools (SL 2024-53 Money Report Item 8)

- \$5 million to be distributed **through PRC 230**
Allocates funds to DPI for replacement of school technology, particularly student and teacher devices, in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.
- More information related to this will be provided shortly. This is to provide the funding gap related to technology that is not reimbursed through insurance and other sources.
- Documentation required will be similar to that needed for the capital and school nutrition reimbursement and used for insurance claims.

Reporting Requirement (SL 2024-51 Section 8.1(d))

- In February, Helene and PTC8 PSUs will have to report on:
 - (1) *Any days missed due to Hurricane Helene or PTC8 before, on, or after the effective date of this section.*
 - (2) *Of the days missed, any scheduled makeup days due to Hurricane Helene or PTC8 before, on, or after the effective date of this section, and the dates of those makeup days.*
 - (3) *Of the days missed, any days and hours deemed completed by the public school unit as a result of this section.*
 - (4) *Any compensation provided to employees and contractors pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.*

For each component of the report, separate information shall be included on any individual schools within the public school unit whose information differs from the rest of the unit as a whole.
- A survey to collect this data was sent out on November 22, 2024.

HURRICANE RELIEF AND RECOVERY (PRC 0230)

PROGRAM REPORT CODE: 0230
UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS CODE: XXXX-0230-XXX
STATUTORY REFERENCE: [SL 2024-51](#)
[SL 2024-53](#)

TYPE: Dollars
TERM: July 1 - June 30
PURPOSE: Provides funding to support PSUs impacted by Hurricane Helene.

ELIGIBILITY: Each PSU located in a county declared as a Hurricane Helene Disaster Area. To be eligible for funding related to school nutrition the PSU is required to participate in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program.

FORMULA:

- A. Funds to compensate school nutrition employees and contracted personnel for scheduled missed instructional days shall be allocated to eligible PSUs based on an estimate of a daily salary and benefits and the anticipated missed instructional days, not to exceed maximum days per law.
- B. Funds for mental health services, including telehealth and contracted services shall be allocated at \$30,000 to each eligible PSU and the remaining funds distributed on the basis of allotted average daily membership.
- C. For equipment, supplies and food loss: Reimbursement request from eligible public schools, supported by invoices and other documentation.
- D. For technology funds: Reimbursement request from eligible public schools, supported by invoices and other documentation.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- 1) No ABC transfers will be allowed to or from this allotment. No transfers to PRC037 for restart schools.
- 2) A recipient of Hurricane Relief funds under this PRC shall use best efforts and take all reasonable steps to obtain alternative funds that cover the losses or needs for which the State funds are provided, including funds from insurance policies in effect and available federal aid. For non-State entities this provision includes seeking private donations to cover the losses or needs.
- 3) No funds shall be provided for losses reimbursed through insurance or other entities e.g., FEMA, Red Cross, private donations etc. Any state funds expended from this allotment

for items eligible for alternative funding sources (FEMA, Red Cross, etc.) must be reimbursed upon receipt of alternative funding sources.

- 4) Related to school nutrition compensation.
 - a) Funds shall only be expended for salary and benefits to school employees and the cost of contracted personnel in eligible PSUs funded from the school nutrition fund, funded by school meal/snack receipts or federal reimbursement.
 - b) Funds shall be used only for allowable costs for scheduled instructional days deemed completed that are not made up later in the year.
 - c) If eligible PSUs compensate the eligible employees from other sources prior to receiving the allocation, it is permissible to reimburse for the costs.
 - d) Funds revert if the funds allotted to the PSU are in excess of the salary and benefits paid to eligible employees.
 - e) Eligible PSUs that received insufficient funds to meet the needs of the salary and benefits of eligible employees may request additional funds from reverted funds, if available.

Request for Additional Funds

The eligible PSU must send a written request, no later than November 30, 2024, to the Department of Public Instruction, Office of School Business Services, stating the amount required.

Request Processing

DPI shall allocate additional funds to eligible PSUs which requested, based on funds available and economic need. Economic need shall be determined based on:

- Public schools in a major disaster declaration determined by the President of the United States.
- The number of instructional days missed due to Hurricane Helene.
- Low wealth percentage.

- 2) Related to Mental Health
 - a) Funds may be used for contracting with community partners, hiring or contracting for services of school health personnel, as defined in G.S.115C-316.2, or hiring or contracting licensed mental health professionals.
- 3) Related to Technology Funds
 - a) Funds shall be prioritized to reimburse eligible PSUs to replace student and teacher devices.

Added November 7, 2024

NCDPI - UERS Chart of Accounts (COA) for PRC 230

Grant Year is used for All Federal Grants and corresponds to the authorized grant year of the funding per the USED GAN documents. Will default to X, when not reflecting grant year in our files. Where you see # - use appropriate grant year as may be applicable for your PSUs funding as allocated.

Fund	Grant Yr	Purpose	PRC	Object	Account Description
1	X	53200	0230	01310	Social Work & Attendance - Salary - Instruct. Support I -
1	X	53200	0230	02110	Social Work & Attendance - Employer's Soc Sec - Regular
1	X	53200	0230	02210	Social Work & Attendance - Employer's Retirement - Regular
1	X	53200	0230	02290	Social Work & Attendance - Other Retirement Cost
1	X	53200	0230	03110	Social Work & Attendance - Contracted Services
1	X	58300	0230	01310	Guidance Services - Salary - Instruct. Support I -
1	X	58300	0230	02110	Guidance Services - Employer's Soc Sec - Regular
1	X	58300	0230	02210	Guidance Services - Employer's Retirement - Regular
1	X	58300	0230	02290	Guidance Services - Other Retirement Cost
1	X	58300	0230	03110	Guidance Services - Contracted Services
1	X	58400	0230	01310	Health Services - Salary - Instruct. Support I -
1	X	58400	0230	01330	Health Services - Salary - Psychologists
1	X	58400	0230	02110	Health Services - Employer's Soc Sec - Regular
1	X	58400	0230	02210	Health Services - Employer's Retirement - Regular
1	X	58400	0230	02290	Health Services - Other Retirement Cost
1	X	58400	0230	03110	Health Services - Contracted Services
1	X	58400	0230	03170	Health Services - Psychological Serv -Contract
1	X	72000	0230	01130	Nutrition Services - Salary - Director and/or Super
1	X	72000	0230	01510	Nutrition Services - Salary - Office Support
1	X	72000	0230	01520	Nutrition Services - Salary - Technician
1	X	72000	0230	01530	Nutrition Services - Salary - Admin Specialist (Central Support)
1	X	72000	0230	01710	Nutrition Services - Salary - Driver
1	X	72000	0230	01740	Nutrition Services - Salary - Cafeteria Workers
1	X	72000	0230	01750	Nutrition Services - Salary - Skilled Trades
1	X	72000	0230	01760	Nutrition Services - Salary - Manager
1	X	72000	0230	02110	Nutrition Services - Employer's Soc Sec - Regular

1	X	72000	0230	02210	Nutrition Services - Employer's Retirement - Regular
1	X	72000	0230	02290	Nutrition Services - Other Retirement Cost
1	X	72000	0230	02310	Nutrition Services - Employer's Hospitalization Ins
1	X	72000	0230	03110	Nutrition Services - Contracted Services

School Nutrition and Capital Loss Compensation - Legislative Summary

Requirements for Alternative Funding Sources for Helene Losses (SL 2024-53 Section 3.1.(b))

- *A recipient of State funds under this act shall use best efforts and take all reasonable steps to obtain alternative funds that cover the losses or needs for which the State funds are provided, including funds from insurance policies in effect and available federal aid. State funds paid under this act are declared to be excess over funds received by a recipient from the settlement of a claim for loss or damage covered under the recipient's applicable insurance policy in effect or federal aid. Where a recipient is an institution of higher education or a non-State entity, the requirement regarding alternative funds, and the calculation of alternative funds received, under this subsection includes seeking private donations to help cover the losses or needs for which State funds are provided. An agency awarding State funds for disaster relief shall include a notice to the recipient of the requirements of this subsection.*

Capital Recovery Funds for Public School Facilities (SL 2024-53 Money Report Item 7)

- DPI's Office of School Facilities has been directed to administer \$50 million of Hurricane Helene Capital Recovery Funds for the repair of storm-damaged Public School Facilities. PSUs located in counties covered by the disaster declaration, and who experienced school facility damage caused by Hurricane Helene, may submit requests for this funding using [this form](#). Submit completed and signed requests by email to nathan.maune@dpi.nc.gov. *Allocates funds to DPI for repair and renovation of facilities in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene for local school administrative units and lab schools. These funds are for unmet needs not covered by insurance or available federal aid.*

School Nutrition Food, Supplies, and Equipment Loss (SL 2024-53 Money Report Item 9)

- The Office of School Nutrition will facilitate the distribution of the \$5 million of School Nutrition recovery funds. Please review the [instructions](#) and complete the [Attestation Form](#). *Allocates funds to DPI to be used to repair or replace food nutrition equipment, food, and food nutrition supplies in public school units participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program in counties with a federal disaster declaration due to Hurricane Helene.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Mental Health

- 1. *Can we move expenses to PRC 230 to cover current mental health staff salaries?***
No, this funding is intended for additional mental health staff only.
- 2. *Do noncertified staff qualify for mental health funding under PRC 230?***
No, this funding may be used only for certified staff.

School Nutrition Compensation

- 3. *Can overtime be paid to School Nutrition employees with these funds?***
Overtime is allowed, but State funds can only be used for the deemed completed days. This would only include normal overtime, defined as a dual employee's normal standard hours on a normal instructional day.
- 4. *Can employees be paid for overtime hours outside of normal standard hours?***
Any work related to mitigation needs to be recorded locally under a FEMA PRC to track insurance claims. Time outside the normal work hours for an employee cannot be paid from state funds.
- 5. *If School Nutrition employees were paid from Fund 5 instead of the new PRC 230, will the amount paid be refunded?***
Yes. The total amount of salaries and benefits provided to employees eligible will be refunded. Please collaborate with SBS to ensure the transfer of funds is completed. The funds would be recorded as a "Transfer from State Funds".
- 6. *Will School Nutrition be required to submit a report on the total amount of salaries provided to the Office of School Nutrition?***
No. The PSU will be required to report on the use of funds and school nutrition will be included in that report.
- 7. *Are only full-time School Nutrition employees eligible for compensation?***
No. All employees employed during the instructional day are eligible if they were not on scheduled leave.