



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - AUGUST 2021



**THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**



Legislative Update:

- Overall Bills Introduced: 1701 (as of 7/28/2021)
 - House Bills = 971 | Senate Bills = 730
- K-12 Public Education Bills: 330
- K-12 Bills that made Crossover 149+
 - [2021 Non-Revenue and Non-Appropriations Bills Crossover List](#)
- K-12 Bills that have become [Session Law](#)

Bill	Short Title	Action Text	Bill	Short Title	Action Text
H53	Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students.	Ch. SL 2021-9	S36	2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications.	Ch. SL 2021-1
H82	Summer Learning Choice for NC Families.	Ch. SL 2021-7	S172	Additional COVID-19 Response & Relief.	Ch. SL 2021-25
H85	Cleveland Cty Bd of Ed Vacancies.	Ch. SL 2021-28	S220	The Reopen Our Schools Act of 2021.	Ch. SL 2021-4
H142	UNC Building Reserves/Certain Projects.	Ch. SL 2021-19	S277	Ret. & Treasury Tech. Corrections Act of 2021.-AB	Ch. SL 2021-60
H160	Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part II.-AB	Ch. SL 2021-57	S288	Rutherford College/Bd. of Ed. Burke/Caldwell.	Ch. SL 2021-51
H168	Retirement Administrative Changes Act of 2021.-AB	Ch. SL 2021-75	S387	Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021.	Ch. SL 2021-8
H196	2021 COVID-19 Response & Relief.	Ch. SL 2021-3	S582	High School Adjunct Instructors/CC Prep.	Ch. SL 2021-48
H335	Timely Local Payments to Charter Schools	Ch. SL 2021-79	S668	Anti-Pension Spiking Amds & Litig. Moratorium.	Ch. SL 2021-72
H356	Speaker/PPT Appointments 2021.	Ch. SL 2021-6	S722	Revise Local Gov't Redistricting/Census.	Ch. SL 2021-56
H395	HIE Deadline Extension & Patient Protection.	Ch. SL 2021-26			

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Legislative Update: Budget

S105: 2021 Appropriations Act.

[All Legislative Budget Documents](#) | [All Annotated Committee Reports](#) | [Budget Glossary](#) | [The Budget Process](#)

- There has been no movement on the budget during July. Anticipate movement next week on [SB 105](#) with a final budget at the end of August.

- **Budget 2021**

- [S105 Bill History](#) | [Money Report](#) | [S105 Text](#) | [Table of Contents](#)

- **DPI Financial and Business Services Budget Documents**

- [S105 Summary](#) | [Senate Proposal for ESSER III](#) | [Comparison of Money Report](#)

- **Federal Covid Relief - [DPI Financial & Business Services](#)**

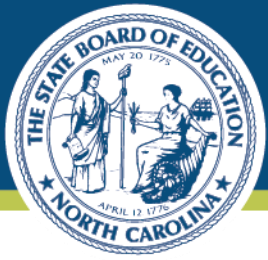
- **ESSER Compliance | School Operational Status** – *As part of American Rescue Plan Act **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund)** compliance requirements, metrics about the number of NC schools operating in remote, hybrid, or live-in-person modes will be provided on a regular basis.* [Compliance Metrics](#)

- [COVID Funds](#) | [ESSER III](#) | [ESSER II](#) | [ESSER I](#) | [CRF](#) | [Other](#)

- [American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) ESSER North Carolina Plan 6/24/2021 Final](#)

- [U.S. Department of Education – Certification and Agreement for ESSER Funding](#)

State Total Emergency Relief Award	Minimum LEA Distribution	Maximum SEA Reservation	Max. for SEA Administration ²
\$396,311,607	356,680,446	39,631,161	1,981,558



Legislative Update: Bills to Watch

Bill	Short Title	Bill Sponsors
H91	<p>Accountability and Fair Play in Athletics. Bill Summary</p> <p>Restructure regulation of high school interscholastic athletics, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, as follows: (see H91 for complete breakdown)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBE would adopt rules for student participation in interscholastic athletics that regulate student participation, health, and safety for all public school units (PSUs). • SBE would oversee middle school athletics for all PSUs. • For high school athletics in all PSUs, the North Carolina Interscholastic Athletic Commission (Commission) would apply and enforce student eligibility rules, and would adopt, apply, and enforce all gameplay rules. • The Commission would consist of 17 members – 9 Governor's appointees and 8 General Assembly appointees, with 4 recommended by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and 4 recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. • SBE would appoint an initial and final appeal boards for student participation rules. • PSUs would be required to annually report on the receipts and expenditures for interscholastic athletic programs to the SBE. The State Board of Education would annually provide this information to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. • <i>BACKGROUND:</i> The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Subcommittee on Interscholastic Athletics met in April and May of 2021. Information on the Subcommittee meetings can be found here • <i>Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 7/22/2021</i> <p>Carolina Journal: State's education leader endorses sports overhaul as legislation advances</p>	<p>Sawyer; T. Johnson; McInnis (PCS Sponsors)</p>



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H159	Education Law Changes. Bill Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PART I: Flexibility to Receive Annual Salary in 12 Monthly Installments through a Payroll Deduction Plan • PART II: Change Report Date for Student Meal Debt Report to October 15, 2023. • PART III: Revise Operating Balance Restrictions for School Nutrition Programs • PART IV: Charter School Application Fee of \$1,000 for initial and renewal charter applications. • PART V: State Board of Education Required to Use Rulemaking to Adopt Standards for Standard Course of Study • PART VI: Bonuses of \$350.00 for Teachers and Instructional Personnel at the Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Morehead School for the Blind • Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf • North Carolina School for the Deaf • <i>Re-ref Com On Appropriations/Base Budget on 6/30/2021</i> 	Torbett; Blackwell
H324	Ensuring Dignity & Nondiscrimination/Schools. Bill Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State the General Assembly's intent that students, teachers, administrators, and other school employees recognize the equality and rights of all persons. • Prohibit public school units from promoting certain concepts that are contrary to the equality and rights of all persons. • <i>Re-ref to Education/Higher Education. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate on 6/30/2021</i> 	Saine; Boles; Yarborough; Torbett



Legislative Update:

Bills to Watch

Bill	Short Title	Bill Sponsors
S173	<p>Free the Smiles Act. Bill Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No later than August 1, 2021, a local board of education shall vote on any policy requiring mandatory face coverings for employees and students during the instructional day that will apply in the first instructional month of the 2021-2022 school year. Governing boards of K-12 schools would have authority to determine the use of face coverings in schools. The Governor would have authority to require the use of face coverings in individual schools during a state of emergency to reduce the transmission of an airborne communicable disease. Conference Committee <i>Appointed on 7/13/2021</i> 	<p>Krawiec; Burgin; Perry</p>
S654	<p>K-12 COVID-19 Provisions. Bill Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make changes to address the impact of COVID-19 in public schools and would direct the use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund reserve funds. Conf Com Appointed <i>on 6/15/2021</i> 	<p>Ballard; Davis; Lee</p>



SB 654: K-12 COVID-19 Provisions

House Proposal for Use of ESSER III Funds (Amendment)

– Section 12

- \$20,000,000- (1) PSU Supplemental Funds
- \$1,500,000- (2) Residential Schools Facility Repairs and Improvements
- \$36,000,000- (3) After/ Before School Programs
- \$36,000,000- (4) Summer Programs
- \$10,000,000- (5) Competency Based Education Platform (Credit by Demonstrated Mastery 7-12)
- \$10,000,000- (6) Common Learning Management System (K-5)
- \$37,500,000- (7) Teacher and Principal Professional Development for Science of Reading Implementation
- \$2,500,000- (9) 5 FTE for Office of Learning Recovery and Acceleration
- \$500,000- (10) NC Preschool Pyramid Model
- \$17,000,000- (11) Contracted School Health Support
- \$21,000,000- (15) Contract with 3rd Party Entity for Technology to Mitigate Cyberbullying and Monitor Student Internet Activity
- \$100,000,000- (17) 11-Month Salary Option for Teachers
- \$18,000,000- (20) District Coaching Support and PD for Teachers/ Principals/ School Improvement Teams
- \$5,000,000- (21) College Advising Corps
- \$2,400,000- (22) Communities in Schools of NC
- \$10,500,000- (23) CTE Innovative Pilot Grant program for Expansion of Credentials and Certifications
- \$13,200,000- (24) NC Education Corps
- \$10,000,000- (25) Contract with State Education Assistance Authority for Student Success Program
- OTHER- \$8,670,000



2021-2022 Legislative Policy Agenda

Legislative Priority	Leandro Action Plan Priority Item 2020-21	Goals	Priorities Strategic Plan Action Framework	Budget Needs	Policy Needs	Status
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NC SBE- 2025 Statewide Strategic Plan

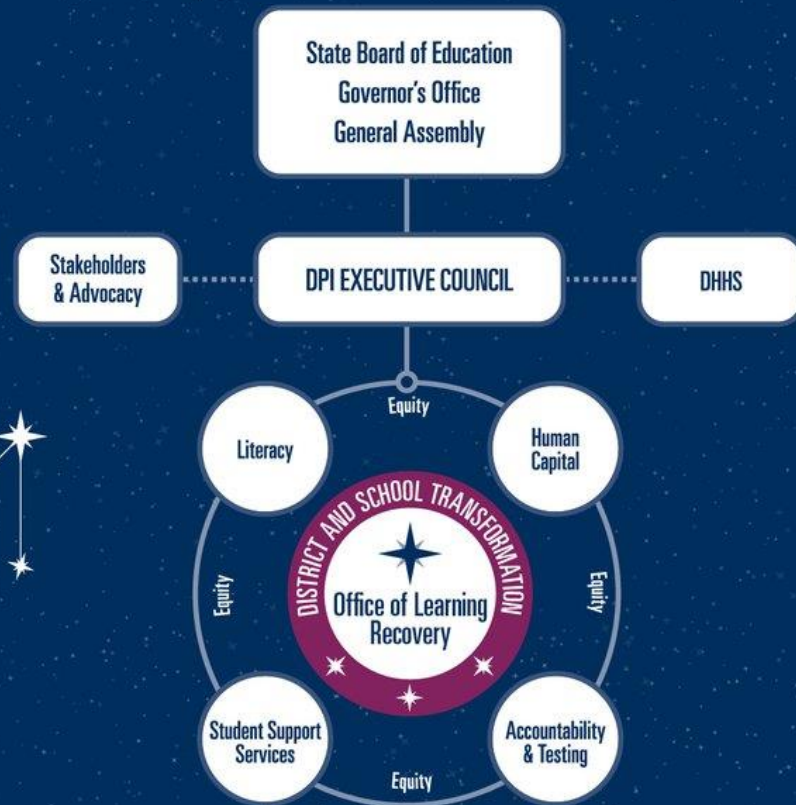
1. Early Grades Reading
2. Teacher Preparation, Professional Learning Opportunities, and Compensation
3. Principal Preparation, Professional Learning Opportunities, and Compensation
4. Supporting the Whole Child (Social/ Emotional and Student Mental Health)
5. School Accountability and Teacher Effectiveness Models
6. School and District Assistance and Turnaround
7. Connecting High School to Postsecondary and Career Opportunities



Operation Polaris

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2021-2022 Legislative Policy Agenda

Legislative Priority

7. Connecting High School and Middle School to Post-Secondary and Career Opportunities

Leandro Action Plan Priority Item – 2020-21

An alignment of high school to postsecondary and career expectations, as well as the provision of early postsecondary and workforce learning opportunities, to ensure student readiness to all students in the state.

Goals – Superintendent Truitt’s Priorities (Operation Polaris) and NC State Board of Education’s [Strategic Plan Action Framework](#)

Priority- Testing and Accountability (Operation Polaris Working Group- Testing and Accountability)
Goal 1- Eliminate Opportunity Gaps by 2025
Goal 2- Improve School and District Performance by 2015
 Objective 9: Increase of qualified and well-prepared principals in every school.
Goal 3- Increase Educator Preparedness to Meet the Needs of Every Student by 2025

Legislative Priorities -

- Adopt a statewide graduate profile model to be used by districts and schools to frame local efforts and define student success HB 677
- Include FAFSA participation on the NC School Report Card for high school and as a field to the annual “Graduation Data Verification Report” HB 677
- Decrease number of students taking remedial course in college by offering interventions to students who do not demonstrate college/ career readiness and increase equitable access to advanced coursework **(Expanded Budget Request) (Governor’s Budget Proposal)**
- Support remedial/ developmental coursework through career/ college promise programs and community college partnerships **(Expanded Budget Request) (Governor’s Budget Proposal)**
- Create a new NC School Report Card that highlights readiness for civic life and career/ college readiness HB 677

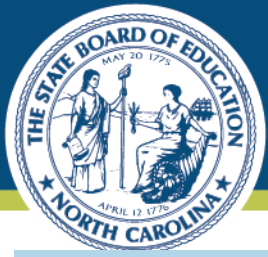
Budget Needs

Policy Needs

2021 Regional Teachers of the Year- NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Ocracoke, NC

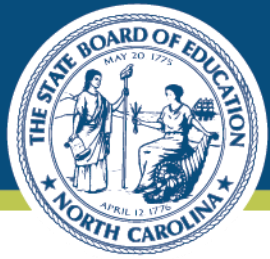


Southeast: Jennifer Bryan, Piedmont Triad: Kelly Poquette, North Central: Eugenia Floyd, Southwest: Cecelia Sizoo-Roberson, Northeast: Jennifer Attkisson, Northwest: Erin Ellington, West: Susanna Cerrato, Sandhills: Nicole Rivers, Charter Schools: Jeremy White



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The New Ocracoke School





NC State Board of Education Chair, Eric Davis and Freebird McKinney meet with U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and U.S. Congresswoman Alma Adams



US Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, and US Congresswoman Alma Adams, met with NC State Board of Education Chair Eric Davis, and Freebird McKinney during the Secretary's visit to Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte on Monday, July 12, 2021. Secretary Cardona and Rep. Alma Adams spoke to Chair Davis and Freebird McKinney about the many initiatives of NC Superintendent Catherine Truitt, and the Department of Public Instruction team, and how they are supporting NC Public Schools and our students.



NC Teacher Talks

The District Visits and Voices team travelled to six counties to meet with teachers and administrators in the Western and Northwestern regions, as well as the Sandhills Region. The focus throughout each of these visits remained on educators and the work being done in order to recruit and retain teachers in North Carolina.

Cherokee county capitalized on its Curriculum Engineers initiative that was created early during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cherokee county's Curriculum Engineers are lead teachers for content across the county, which creates professional development opportunities for them.

Montgomery county's alignment with its local community college and educator preparation program (EPP) builds culture and puts education at the center of the community.

LINKS: [Teacher Talks: Recruit & Retain](#) | [#DistrictVisitsandVoices](#)





Camden County Schools





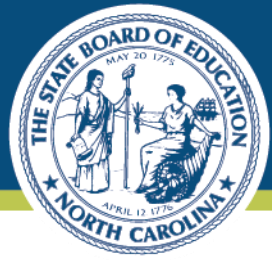
The Center for Energy Education and Halifax County Schools: The Lighthouse Solar Energy Summer Camp





NC Teacher Talks- UNCC Cato College of Education: Recruitment and Retention





NC Teacher Talks- Campbell University and Harnett County Schools: Recruitment and Retention





NC Teacher Talks- *Teacher Cadet Program*

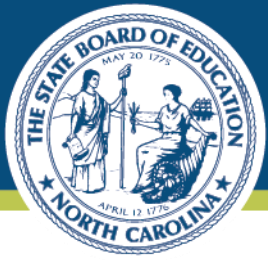


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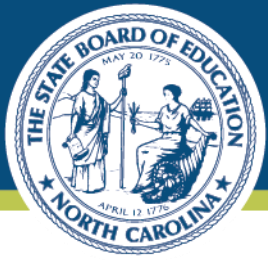


Elon University Announces the Dr. Jo Watts Williams School of Education



- Elon University is proud to announce the naming of the Dr. Jo Watts Williams School of Education in honor of one of our most distinguished alumnae.
- The naming is in recognition of a \$10 million gift to the university by the Williams family.
- The gift also supports 10 new Teaching Fellows recipients, creates 20 new Odyssey Program scholarships, endows an emerging scholar in the school and provides funding for deserving local education majors who want to make a difference in Alamance County.
- Read more: <https://bit.ly/3hQojQ5>





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