

Government Affairs and Legislative Update

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Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

❖ **February 27:** Senate Bill *Drafting* Deadline

❖ **March 6:** House Bill *Drafting* Deadline

❖ **March 25:** Senate Bill *Filing* Deadline

❖ **April 3:** House Bill *Filing* Deadline

❖ **May 8: Bill Crossover Deadline**

o *Note: Finance and Appropriations bills are excepted from crossover deadline, among other exceptions*

Legislative Update

- Government Affairs team produces a weekly Legislative Update newsletter
- Includes
 - Relevant news from the week
 - Bills to Watch list and link to our K-12 Education Bill Tracker
 - Updates on bill progress from the week
- Access past updates and sign up for the update at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/k-12-education-legislation-and-reports>



House Bills to Watch

- [House Bill 47](#) – Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 – Part I
- [House Bill 56](#) – Publish Central Office Employment Information
- [House Bill 74](#) – House Budget Technical Corrections
- [House Bill 82](#) – Study Commission for LEA Size
- [House Bill 87](#) – Cell Phone-Free Education
- [House Bill 106](#) – Revive High-Need Retired Teachers Program
- [House Bill 144](#) – Elect SBE/Superintendent as SBE Chair
- [House Bill 192](#) – Raise Teacher Pay & Dollar Allotment Study



Senate Bills to Watch

- [Senate Bill 48](#) – Access to Sports and Extracurriculars for All
- [Senate Bill 55](#) – Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices
- [Senate Bill 56](#) – Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 – Part I
- [Senate Bill 77](#) – School Contracted Health Services
- [Senate Bill 147](#) – Teacher License Reciprocity
- [Senate Bill 204](#) – Remove Testing Requirement for Teacher Licensure

State Budget Update

- OSBM and the Fiscal Research Division released Consensus Revenue Forecast on Feb. 14
 - FY 2024-25 - anticipate \$34.71 billion in revenues (overcollections of \$544 million or \$1.6% from May 2024 forecast)
 - FY 2025-26 – anticipate \$34.89 billion in revenues (growth of 0.5%)
 - FY 2026-27 – anticipate \$34.07 billion in revenues (growth of -2.4%)
- Despite economic growth, forecasters pointed out that the “reductions in the individual and corporate income tax rates” are causing the “negligible growth in FY 2025-26 and a decline in FY 2026-27”

State Budget Update

Timeline:

- Mid-March – Governor Stein will release his proposed FY 2025-27 biennial budget
- Later in Spring -
 - Senate will propose and approve budget
 - Following Senate, House will propose and approve budget
 - Chambers will appoint a conference committee to work out differences between proposed budgets with goal of sending a final budget to Governor by June/July

Questions and Discussion





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