



NC STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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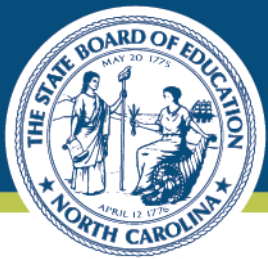


Legislative Update: New Session Law

- Overall Number of Bills Introduced: 350 (as of 2/25/21)
- K-12 Public Education Bills: 67
- Calendar Flexibility Bills: 11

2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications. – SL 2021-1

- Modifies the State COVID-19 relief legislation in light of the additional federal legislation and guidance. - **Bill Summary** -
 1. **\$75M** for DPI for the National School Lunch Program.
 2. **\$10M** for DPI for the Instructional Support Allotment.
 3. **\$70M** for DPI for the supplemental summer learning program.
 4. **\$5M** for DPI for the Extended Learning and Integrated Student Supports Competitive Grant Program.
 5. **\$27M** to DPI for PPE.
 6. **\$22M** (NR) for DPI for ADM for low-wealth counties due to the impacts of COVID-19. Funds shall be available for expenditure until the deadline established by applicable federal law and guidance.
 7. Appropriates funds from federal grants authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness (**\$94.7M**), Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding (**\$1.6b**), and Emergency Rental Assistance (**\$546.6M**) to, DPI *and* other State agencies. Recipient public school units and State agencies and departments must **report quarterly**, on amount of federal funds received, expended, and used; persons served; administrative costs; unspent funds; and positions established.



Legislative Update:

Governor vetoed (2/26/2021)

SB 37 In-Person Learning Choice for Families.

1. All local school administrative units shall provide the option of in-person instruction in grades K-12 enrolled in that unit for the remainder of the scheduled 20-21 school year.
2. Local school administrative units in compliance with the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit shall implement Plan A and Plan B as appropriate for reopening as follows:
 - *Parent or guardian has discretion for their child to remain in remote education.***
 - a. Option of in-person instruction under Plan A to all students enrolled in that school with an IEP.
 - b. Option of in-person instruction under Plan A or Plan B for all other students enrolled in grades K through 12 in that unit.
 - c. May adjust student assignments as necessary for the remainder of the 20-21 school year to comply with in-person instruction plan requirements and ensure efficient use of school resources.
 - d. Create a process for teachers and staff to self-identify as high-risk from COVID-19 and have a plan in place to address requests for alternative work reassignments.
 - e. Authority to make day-to-day decisions concerning whether shifting individual schools or individual classrooms providing in-person instruction to remote instruction as necessary due to COVID-19 exposures that result in insufficient school personnel or required student quarantines. Local board must report to DPI within 72 hours of the shift.



Legislative Update:

Ed Bills that Passed the House unanimously

HB 82 Summer Learning Choice for NC Families.

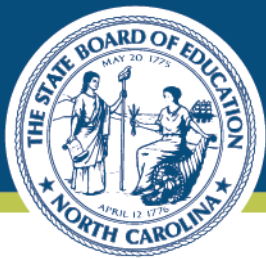
- Primary Sponsors: [Moore](#); [Elmore](#); [Torbett](#); [Zenger](#)
- Establish School Extension Learning Recovery and Enrichment Programs in Each Local School Administrative Unit to Mitigate the Impacts of Covid-19 on At-Risk Students and to Require the Implementation of Innovative Benchmark Assessments.

HB 78 Report on K-12 Computer Science Data. | [Bill Summary](#)

- Primary Sponsors: [Blackwell](#); [Clemmons](#); [Elmore](#); [Hurley](#)
- Require Annual Reporting on Participation on Computer Science Courses and Course of Study.

HB 79 Student Digital Learning Access. | [Bill Summary](#)

- Primary Sponsors: [Blackwell](#); [Clemmons](#); [Elmore](#); [Hurley](#)
- Require the State Board of Education to Maintain a Digital Learning Dashboard Updated Annually by Public School Units and to Require Recommendations to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee Based on Information on Student Digital Learning Access During Covid-19.



Legislative Update: K-12 Education Bills to Watch

HB 152 Modify School Performance Grades.

- Primary Sponsors: [Riddell](#); [Elmore](#); [Clemmons](#); [Paré](#)
- Modify School Performance Grades to Provide that All Schools Receive a Grade for School Achievement and a Grade for School Growth.
- Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if fav., House Rules on 2/25/2021

HB 159 Education Law Changes.-AB

- Primary Sponsors: [Torbett](#); [Blackwell](#)
- Appropriate Funds for Legislatively Mandated Compensation Bonuses for Teachers and Instructional Support Personnel in Certain Public Schools and to Make Various Changes to Education Laws, as Recommended by Department of Public Instruction.
- Filed on 2/24/2021

SB 115 Students, Parents, Community Rights Act. (Local Bill)

- Primary Sponsors: [Johnson](#); [Sawyer](#); [McInnis](#)
- Permit increased access to outdoor sporting facilities in public and nonpublic high schools in the following counties: Anson, Iredell, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Union, and Yadkin.
- Passed Senate Rules 2/25/21

SB 116 Let Them Play and Let Us Watch.

- Primary Sponsors: [Johnson](#); [Sawyer](#); [Britt](#)
- Permit increased access to outdoor sporting facilities in public and nonpublic high schools.
- Passed Senate Rules 2/25/21



Legislative Update: Education Committee Meetings

February Legislative Calendar

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

- [House Finance](#)
 - [Finance Committee Briefing: Overview of General Fund Revenue](#)

General Fund Revenue Consensus Forecast

Fiscal Year	Revenue (\$ millions)	Y/Y Change (\$ millions)	Percent Change
2020-21 (est.)	\$27,602.6	\$3,663.3	15.3%
2021-22 (est.)	\$27,350.6	(\$252.0)	(1.0%)
2022-23 (est.)	\$28,461.5	\$1,110.9	4.0%

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

- [House/Senate: Appropriations, Education \(Joint\)](#)
 - [Glossary of Frequently Used Fiscal Terms](#) | [Education Department Contact Information](#)
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 - [Introduction to the Budget](#)
 - Mark your Calendar: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 - **Senate ONLY Budget Deliberations**

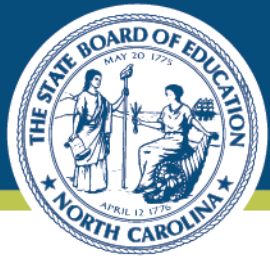


Legislative Update: Presentation to Education Appropriations

March Legislative Calendar

Thursday, March 4, 2021

- [House / Senate Joint Appropriations – Education](#)
- We will add here prior to Thursday, March 4th, 2021.



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Stay Tuned for the April Edition of the New and Improved Community Affairs Update Joining Julie Pittman and Tabari Wallace in Educator and Principal Engagement Updates.



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