



NC STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - APRIL 2021



**THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**



Legislative Update:

- Overall Bills Introduced: 987 (as of 4/01/21)
 - House Bills = 490 | Senate Bills = 497
- K-12 Public Education Bills: 190
- Calendar Flexibility Bills: 30

2021 Request and Filing Deadlines

Drafts	To Bill Drafting By 4:00 PM	Filed in House By 3:00 PM
Local Bills	Wednesday, March 3	Thursday, April 8
Public Bills & Resolutions (Not Approps or Finance)	Wednesday, April 7	Tuesday, May 4
Public Bills (Approps and Finance)	Wednesday, April 14	Tuesday, May 11

Crossover Deadline: Thursday, May 13

2021 Senate Request/Filing Deadlines

Drafts	Requested by 4:00 p.m.	Filed in Senate by 4:00 p.m.
Local Bills	Thursday, February 25	Thursday, March 11
Public Bills & Resolutions	Thursday, March 11	Tuesday, April 6

*** CROSSOVER DEADLINE *
Thursday, May 13, 2021**

Bills eligible to be filed in 2021 with no deadlines

- (1) Redistricting bills for House, Senate, Congress, or local entities.
- (2) Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
- (3) Resolutions pertaining to the internal affairs of the House or adjournment resolutions.
- (4) Bills introduced on the report of the House Committees on Appropriations, Finance, or Rules.



Legislative Update:

Session Laws - Chaptered Bills – NCGA Link

Session Law	Title
Ch. SL 2021-1 <u>S36</u> (= <u>H42</u>)	<u>2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications.</u> Primary Sponsors: B. Jackson ; Harrington ; Hise Modifies the State COVID-19 relief legislation in light of the additional federal legislation and guidance. - Bill Summary
Ch. SL 2021-3 <u>H196</u> (= <u>S172</u>)	<u>2021 COVID-19 Response & Relief.</u> Primary Sponsors: Faircloth ; Bumgardner ; K. Hall ; Strickland Modifications to Covid-19 relief legislation and provides additional appropriations for the expenditure of Federal Covid-19 pandemic relief funds.
Ch. SL 2021-4 <u>S220</u>	<u>The Reopen Our Schools Act of 2021.</u> Primary Sponsors: Ballard ; Lee ; Hise Provides access to In-Person learning for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. – Bill Summary
Ch. SL 2021-6 <u>H356</u>	<u>Speaker/PPT Appointments 2021</u> Primary Sponsors: D. Hall SECTION 2.2. The Honorable Deanna Ballard of Watauga County is appointed to the Education Commission of the States for a term expiring on December 31, 2022. SECTION 2.5. Todd Godbey of New Hanover County is appointed to the Charter Schools Advisory Board for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, to fill the unexpired term of Jeanette Butterworth.



Legislative Update:

House K-12 Ed Bills – Passed Third Reading

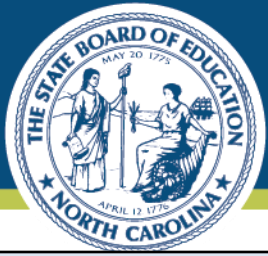
Bill	Short Title	Action Text
H18	Local School Admin. Unit Cash Management.	Passed the House - Sent To Senate
H53	Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students.	Ordered Enrolled – sent to the Governor
H70	Historic School Preservation Act.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H78	Report on K-12 Computer Science Data.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H79	Student Digital Learning Access.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H82	Summer Learning Choice for NC Families.	House concurred – Order Enrolled – Sent to the Governor by special messenger
H118	Students, Parents, Community Rights Act.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H128	Increase Access to Sporting Venues in Schools.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H134	2nd Amendment Protection Act.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H136	Encourage Healthy NC Food in Schools.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H159	Education Law Changes.	Passed the House – Sent to the Senate
H193	2020-2021 School Transportation Flexibility.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
H205	Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools.	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate



Legislative Update:

Senate K-12 Ed Bills – Passed Third Reading

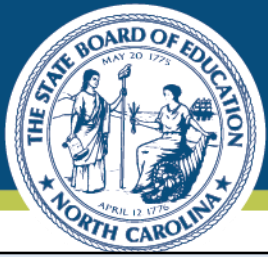
Bill	Short Title	Action Text
<u>S43</u>	<u>Protect Religious Meeting Places.</u>	Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<u>S52</u>	<u>Sex Offender Residence Restriction/Clarify.</u>	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<u>S87</u>	<u>Medicaid Reimbursement/Charter Schools.</u>	Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<u>S115</u>	<u>Students, Parents, Community Rights Act.</u>	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<u>S116</u>	<u>Let Them Play and Let Us Watch.</u>	Ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<u>S170</u>	<u>Students, Parents, Community Rights Act.</u>	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<u>S232</u>	<u>Students, Parents, Community Rights Act.</u>	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<u>S256</u>	<u>Students, Parents, Community Rights Act.</u>	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<u>S387</u>	<u>Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021.</u>	Passed the House – Enrolled – Sent to the Governor by special messenger.



Legislative Update:

House K-12 Education Bills Recently Filed

Bill	Short Title	Bill Sponsors
<u>H347</u> = <u>S331</u>	<u>Healthy Students - Nurses in Every School.</u>	<u>Ball</u> ; <u>Cunningham</u> ; <u>Ager</u> ; <u>Cooper-Suggs</u>
<u>H358</u>	<u>Save Women's Sports Act.</u>	<u>Brody</u> ; <u>McElraft</u> ; <u>Wheatley</u> ; <u>Dixon</u>
<u>H363</u>	<u>Small County School System Supplemental Funds.</u>	<u>Hanig</u>
<u>H371</u>	<u>NC Teacher Support Program Funds.</u>	<u>Ball</u> ; <u>Goodwin</u> ; <u>Cleveland</u> ; <u>Gailliard</u>
<u>H396</u>	<u>Address Pandemic Learning Loss/Select Systems.</u>	<u>K. Baker</u>
<u>H409</u>	<u>Revise, Study, and Fund LEP Allotment.</u>	<u>Meyer</u> ; <u>A. Baker</u> ; <u>Hurtado</u>
<u>H420</u> = <u>S359</u>	<u>K-3 Reading and Literacy Improvement Act.</u>	<u>Hunt</u> ; <u>A. Baker</u> ; <u>Brown</u> ; <u>Cooper-Suggs</u>
<u>H428</u> = <u>S298</u>	<u>Teacher Licensure/Retired Educator Program.</u>	<u>Elmore</u> ; <u>Brody</u> ; <u>Miller</u> ; <u>Clemmons</u>
<u>H450</u> (= <u>S396</u>)	<u>Equality for All.</u>	<u>Alston</u> ; <u>Harrison</u> ; <u>Fisher</u>
<u>H474</u>	<u>DRIVE to Excellence in Teaching.</u>	<u>Ball</u> ; <u>Lucas</u> ; <u>Hunt</u> ; <u>von Haefen</u>
<u>H475</u> (= <u>S274</u>)	<u>Restore Master's Pay for Teachers & ISP.</u>	<u>Ball</u> ; <u>Hurtado</u> ; <u>Brown</u> ; <u>Clemmons</u>
<u>H486</u>	<u>Replace EOC with National Assessment</u>	<u>Elmore</u> ; <u>Bell</u> ; <u>K. Hall</u> ; <u>Torbett</u>



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Bill	Title	Bill Sponsors
<u>S376</u>	<u>Restore Lottery Funding for Schools.</u>	<u>Burgin</u> ; <u>Foushee</u> ; <u>Corbin</u>
<u>S382</u>	<u>Administrators/Lifetime Licensure.</u>	<u>Waddell</u>
<u>S383</u>	<u>Restore Educator Longevity.</u>	<u>Waddell</u>
<u>S396</u> (= <u>H450</u>)	<u>Equality for All.</u>	<u>Murdock</u> ; <u>Marcus</u> ; <u>Nickel</u>
<u>S400</u>	<u>Restore Benefits to Educators/State Employees.</u>	<u>Mohammed</u> ; <u>Waddell</u> ; <u>Chaudhuri</u>
<u>S406</u>	<u>Education Funding Transparency.</u>	<u>Edwards</u> ; <u>Sawyer</u> ; <u>Corbin</u>
<u>S412</u> (= <u>H5</u>)	<u>\$15/Hour Min. Pay for Noncert. Sch. Employees.</u>	<u>Crawford</u> ; <u>deViere</u> ; <u>Garrett</u>
<u>S418</u>	<u>NC Teaching Fellows/HMSIs.</u>	<u>Lee</u> ; <u>Ballard</u> ; <u>Britt</u>
<u>S450</u>	<u>Carbon Monoxide Detectors/School Bldgs.</u>	<u>Lee</u> ; <u>Ballard</u> ; <u>Barnes</u>
<u>S456</u>	<u>Child Development Associate Apprentice Pilot.</u>	<u>Robinson</u> ; <u>Batch</u> ; <u>Lowe</u>
<u>S496</u>	<u>DOI Omnibus Bill.-AB</u>	<u>Johnson</u> ; <u>Edwards</u> ; <u>McInnis</u>



Legislative Update: K-12 Education Bills to Watch

[SB 387 Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021.](#)

- Primary Sponsors: [Berger](#); [Ballard](#); [Lee](#)
- Modify the Implementation of the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program in Order to Attain Statewide Reading Proficiency by the Third Grade.
- [Bill Summary](#)
- "Science of Reading" means evidence-based reading instruction practices.
- DPI in consultation with DHHS shall use the Early Literacy Program to build strong foundational early literacy skills utilizing the Science of Reading for children in the NC Pre-K program.
- Literacy training coursework for educator preparation program approval.
- Align literacy curriculum and instruction with Read to Achieve.
- Literacy interventions and individual reading plans.
- Elimination of social promotion - The superintendent shall determine whether a student may be exempt from mandatory retention on the basis of a good cause exemption.
- Reading Camps, Bonuses, and The Excellent Public Schools Act Fund
- DPI shall develop a Digital Children's Reading Initiative
- SBE shall provide the alternative assessment to local school administrative units upon request and establish achievement level ranges for each the approved alternative assessment.
- DPI shall create a uniform template for all data collected for Read to Achieve beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and for each school year thereafter.
- DPI shall provide for EVAAS analysis all formative and diagnostic assessment data K-3rd grade.
- Passed the House – Enrolled – **Sent to the Governor by special messenger** on 4.01.21



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H82 Summer Learning Choice for NC Families.

- Primary Sponsors: [Moore](#); [Elmore](#); [Torbett](#); [Zenger](#)
- Would require each local school administrative unit (LEA) to offer a school extension learning recovery and enrichment program after the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Bill Summary**
- Program Plan: Each LEA must submit a plan for its Program to DPI no later than 30 days prior to the final instructional day of the 2020-2021 school year and DPI must notify LEAs of any necessary plan changes and approve the plan within **21 days** of receiving it from an LEA.
- Charter schools are encouraged to submit plans to offer Programs consistent with this act depending on the grade levels served by the school.
- Use of Reading Camp Funds: LEAs may use the funds allocated to them for reading camps for the 2020- 2021 fiscal year to support their Programs for reading instruction for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders.
- Funds from ESSER II: The General Assembly appropriated \$1,442,331,888 to public school units for the purposes of responding to COVID-19, including addressing learning loss and returning to in-person instruction.
- Program Assessments: Within funds available, the SBE must provide a competency-based assessment to LEAs for use at the beginning and end of the Program for students in grades K-8. The results of the assessments must be provided to the student's teacher for the 21-22 school year.
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Legislative Update: Budget

- **House / Senate Joint Appropriations**
 - Consensus Revenue Forecast | Budget Overview (2.17.21)
 - Governor's Budget Recommendations | Gov. Budget Long Sheet (3.25.21)
- **Governor's Budget Recommendations FY 2021-2023**
 - Budget – North Carolina Strong, Resilient, Ready
 - Revenue and Budget Summary
 - Education | Ensuring a Sound Basic Education for All Students
- House and Senate Appropriations Committees will meet independently to consider legislation that contains appropriations.



Legislative Update: Education Committees

March Legislative Calendar

April Legislative Calendar

- **House / Senate Joint Appropriations – Education**
 - [Intro to the Budget Meeting \(2.23.21\)](#)
 - [Public School Funding Overview \(3.02.21\)](#)
 - [Public School Funding Overview Continued \(3.03.21\)](#)
 - [Public Schools Budget Request \(3.04.21\)](#) – [SBE/DPI Expanded Budget Request](#)
 - [Budget Committee Follow Ups \(3.23.21\)](#) – [Fiscal Research Division](#) – [K-12 Questions](#)
- **House: Education – K-12 | Bills in Committee**
 - [Agenda \(3.09.21\)](#) – Bills: H90 - H159 - H193 - H136
 - [Agenda \(3.23.21\)](#) – Bills: H32 - H69 - H205 - H247 - H249
- **Senate: Education/Higher Education | Bills in Committee**
 - [Agenda \(3.10.21\)](#) – Bill: [S220](#) CPR Grad. Req. Extension
 - [Agenda \(3.23.21\)](#) – Bill: [H53](#) Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students
- **House Appropriations - Education**
 - [Agenda \(4.01.21\)](#) – Bills: H32 | [School Business Systems Modernization](#) - Dr Michael R Spano



Legislative Update:

Federal Legislation - 117th Congress (2021-22)

[H.R.1319](#) —American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) | [Summary](#)

- Sponsor: [Rep. Yarmuth, John A. \[D-KY-3\]](#)
- House Budget Committee Report: [H. Rept. 117-7](#)
- Latest Action: 03/11/2021 Became Public Law No: 117-2. ([All Actions](#))

ARP provides **\$1.9T** in additional relief for COVID-19. **\$4T** relief was provided in 2020.

Elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund

- Nearly **\$122B** for the K-12 General Stabilization Fund.
- **\$2.6B** for State Special Education Grants under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), to be used in FY 2021.
- **\$800M** to help children experiencing homelessness.
- States are required to sub-grant at least **90% of ESSERF** to school districts according to Title I of ESSA – includes charter schools.
- State Educational Agencies (SEAs) need to reserve at **least 5%** and LEAs must reserve at least **20%** to "address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs".
- States need to disseminate the funding within **60 days** of receipt; within 30 days of getting the new relief funding, school districts have to publish "a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction".



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Federal Legislation - 117th Congress (2021-22)

[H.R.1319](#) —American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) | [Summary](#)

Child Nutrition & Related Programs

- Supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) - Extends the **15% increase** in SNAP benefits through **Sept. 30, 2021**, to address the hunger crisis. Provides **\$1.15 billion** for SNAP. Of these funds: **\$15M** for the management and oversight of the program. **\$1.135B** to make grants to each state agency for fiscal years 2021-2023.
- Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program
 - Amends the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to permit a state agency to extend a state agency plan for **90 days** for the purpose of operating a program during a covered summer period when the school lunch program are closed.

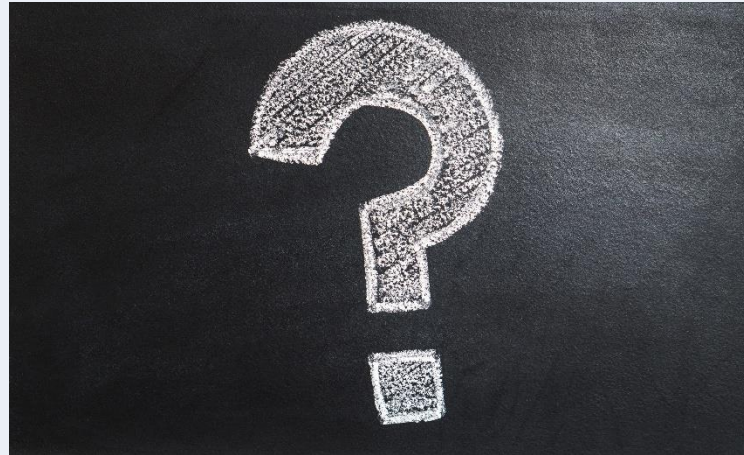
Funding for youth suicide prevention

- Provides **\$20M** to HHS for grants for youth suicide and early prevention programs.

**FACT SHEET: [Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II](#)
Office of Elementary & Secondary Education – [ESSER Fund](#)**

[2019-2022 ALLOTMENT POLICY MANUAL Funds Related to Coronavirus/COVID-19](#)

Questions?



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Previous Legislative Updates

- **Links to Previous Legislative Updates:**

• <u>March 2020</u>	• <u>August 2020</u>	• <u>Jan. 2021</u>
• <u>April 2020</u>	• <u>Sept. 2020</u>	• <u>Feb. 2021</u>
• <u>May 2020</u>	• <u>Oct. 2020</u>	• <u>March 2021</u>
• <u>June 2020</u>	• <u>Nov. 2020</u>	
• <u>July 2020</u>	• <u>Dec 2020</u>	