



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - MAY 2021



**THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AND  
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# Legislative Update:

- Overall Bills Introduced: 1690 (as of 5/12/21)
  - House Bills = 969 | Senate Bills = 721
- K-12 Public Education Bills: 321
- K-12 Bills that made Crossover 95+
- Calendar Flexibility Bills: 35

## 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

**Legislative Update –**  
**May 3, 2021**

**Crossover Deadline: Thursday, May 13**

### Bills eligible to be filed in 2021 with no deadlines

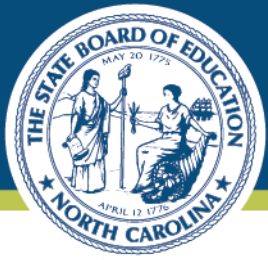
- (1) Redistricting bills for House, Senate, Congress, or local entities.
- (2) Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
- (3) Resolutions pertaining to the internal affairs of the House or adjournment resolutions.
- (4) Bills introduced on the report of the House Committees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



# Legislative Update:

## Session Laws - Chaptered Bills – NCGA Link

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



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Session Law	Title
<b>Ch SL 2021-7</b> <b><u>H82</u></b>	<b><u>Summer Learning Choice for NC Families.</u></b> Sponsors: <a href="#">Moore</a> ; <a href="#">Elmore</a> ; <a href="#">Torbett</a> ; <a href="#">Zenger</a> Establishes School Extension Learning Recovery and Enrichment Programs in Each Local School Administrative Unit to Mitigate the Impacts of Covid-19 on At-Risk Students. – <a href="#">Bill Summary</a>
<b>Ch SL 2021-8</b> <b><u>S387</u></b>	<b><u>Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021.</u></b> Sponsors: <a href="#">Berger</a> ; <a href="#">Ballard</a> ; <a href="#">Lee</a> Modifies the implementation of the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program in order to attain statewide reading proficiency by the third grade. – <a href="#">Bill Summary</a>
<b>Ch SL 2021-9</b> <b><u>H53</u></b>	<b><u>Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students.</u></b> Sponsors: <a href="#">Cleveland</a> ; <a href="#">Bell</a> ; <a href="#">Martin</a> Authorizes student attendance in a Local School Administrative Unit for children of Active Duty Military due to the military orders of the parent. – <a href="#">Bill Summary</a>
<b>Ch. SL 2021-19</b> <b><u>H142</u></b>	<b><u>UNC Building Reserves/Certain Projects.</u></b> Sponsors: <a href="#">Arp</a> ; <a href="#">Hastings</a> ; <a href="#">Hardister</a> ; <a href="#">Pickett</a> Appropriates \$2,359,159 from the General Fund to the UNC Board of Governors for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for the Building Reserve. - UNC School of the Arts, Performance Place Renovation - \$42,901



# Legislative Update:

## K-12 Ed Bills – Filed this Week

Bill	Short Title	Bill	Short Title
<a href="#">H911</a>	<a href="#">Regulatory Reform 2.0.</a>	<a href="#">H946</a>	<a href="#">Sound Basic Education for Every Child.</a>
<a href="#">H915</a>	<a href="#">Turn High-Achieving Students into Teachers.</a>	<a href="#">H948</a>	<a href="#">Add Segregation Score to School Report Cards.</a>
<a href="#">H919</a>	<a href="#">Muddy Sneakers.</a>	<a href="#">H952</a>	<a href="#">Mental Health Triage Unit Pilot Program.</a>
<a href="#">H920</a>	<a href="#">Charter School Omnibus.</a>	<a href="#">H953</a>	<a href="#">Funds for Sch. Mental Health Support Persons.</a>
<a href="#">H921</a>	<a href="#">Tier I Community Reinvestment.</a>	<a href="#">H954</a>	<a href="#">Video Lottery Terminals.</a>
<a href="#">H923</a>	<a href="#">Social and Emotional Learning Pilot.</a>	<a href="#">H960</a>	<a href="#">Career Path Options Transparency Act.</a>
<a href="#">H934</a>	<a href="#">Student Success Program.</a>	<a href="#">H966</a>	<a href="#">HBCU/HMSI Funds/Adv. Bd./Teaching Fellows.</a>
<a href="#">H942</a>	<a href="#">Green Schools Save Money.</a>	<a href="#">H968</a>	<a href="#">DRIVE Recommendations/Teacher Diversity.</a>



# Legislative Update:

## House K-12 Ed Bills – Moved this Week

Bill	Short Title	Bill	Short Title
<a href="#">H3</a>	<a href="#">Craven Bd of Ed/Partisan Electoral Districts.</a>	<a href="#">H400</a>	<a href="#">Asheville City Sch. Bd. Elections.</a>
<a href="#">H85</a>	<a href="#">Cleveland Cty Bd of Ed Vacancies.</a>	<a href="#">H445</a>	<a href="#">School Calendar Flexibility/Chatham County.</a>
<a href="#">H169</a>	<a href="#">State Health Plan Data Transparency.-AB</a>	<a href="#">H621</a>	<a href="#">Increase Dropout Age/Completion Indicator.</a>
<a href="#">H175</a>	<a href="#">Ret. &amp; Treasury Tech. Corrections Act of 2021.-AB</a>	<a href="#">H664</a>	<a href="#">County Service Districts/Early Childhood Ed.</a>
<a href="#">H177</a>	<a href="#">State Health Plan Administrative Changes.-AB</a>	<a href="#">H729</a>	<a href="#">Charter Schools Omnibus.</a>
<a href="#">H185</a>	<a href="#">School Calendar Flexibility/Wake County.</a>	<a href="#">H740</a>	<a href="#">Defined Merging Areas/Zipper Merge.</a>
<a href="#">H226</a>	<a href="#">School Calendar Flex/Mecklenburg County.</a>	<a href="#">H746</a>	<a href="#">POW/MIA Flags/State Bldgs &amp; Schools.</a>
<a href="#">H247</a>	<a href="#">Standards of Student Conduct.</a>	<a href="#">H794</a>	<a href="#">Allow Schools in All Zoning Districts.</a>
<a href="#">H276</a>	<a href="#">Adjust High School Athletics Conf./Onslow.</a>	<a href="#">H813</a>	<a href="#">Prohibit State Agencies Payment of Ransomware.</a>
<a href="#">H324</a>	<a href="#">Ensuring Dignity &amp; Nondiscrimination/Schools.</a>	<a href="#">H825</a>	<a href="#">Charter School Advisory Bd. Member Changes.</a>
<a href="#">H362</a>	<a href="#">Revise Personal Leave Costs for Teachers.</a>	<a href="#">H878</a>	<a href="#">Schools for the Deaf/Administration.</a>
<a href="#">H392</a>	<a href="#">Ret. Svc. Purchase/Omitted Membership Service.</a>	<a href="#">H903</a>	<a href="#">School Calendar Flexibility/Statewide.</a>



# Legislative Update:

## Senate K-12 Ed Bills – Moved this Week

Bill	Short Title
<a href="#">S277</a>	<a href="#">Ret. &amp; Treasury Tech. Corrections Act of 2021.-AB</a>
<a href="#">S355</a>	<a href="#">Government Transparency Act of 2021.</a>
<a href="#">S450</a>	<a href="#">Carbon Monoxide Detectors/School Bldgs.</a>
<a href="#">S496</a>	<a href="#">DOI Omnibus Bill.-AB</a>
<a href="#">S542</a>	<a href="#">SHP Combat Fraud and Abuse Incentives.</a>
<a href="#">S582</a>	<a href="#">High School Adjunct Instructors/CC Prep.</a>
<a href="#">S593</a>	<a href="#">Special Education Due Process Hearings.</a>
<a href="#">S668</a>	<a href="#">Anti-Pension Spiking Amds &amp; Litig. Moratorium.</a>
<a href="#">S695</a>	<a href="#">Statewide Medical Action Plan for Schools.</a>



# Legislative Update:

## Bills to Watch

Bill	Short Title	Bill Sponsors
<a href="#"><u>H159</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Education Law Changes.</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Torbett</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Blackwell</u></a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes various changes to education laws.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salary flexibility for school employees; Revise operating balance restrictions for school nutrition programs; Temporarily extend CPR graduation requirements; Revise annual census of school resource officers; Clarify Charter school application fee; Lifetime licensure requirements for professional educators; Combine education and workforce innovation grant programs; Bonuses for teachers and staff for students with visual and hearing impairments; Revise report dates; and</li> <li>• SBE required to use rulemaking to adopt standards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 4/5/2021</li> </ul>	
<a href="#"><u>H324</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Ensuring Dignity &amp; Nondiscrimination/Schools.</u></a>   <a href="#"><u>Bill Summary</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Saine</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Boles</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Yarborough</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Torbett</u></a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bill would demonstrate the General Assembly's intent that students, teachers, administrators, and other school employees do the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect the dignity of others.</li> <li>• Acknowledge the right of others to express differing opinions.</li> <li>• Foster and defend intellectual honesty, freedom of inquiry and instruction, and freedom of speech and association.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Passed 3rdd Reading on 5/12/2021 – Will be sent to the Senate</li> </ul>	
<a href="#"><u>H486</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Replace EOC with National Assessment.</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Elmore</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Bell</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>K. Hall</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Torbett</u></a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a Nationally Recognized Assessment of High School Achievement and College Readiness to Replace the End-Of-Course Tests for Grades Nine Through Twelve.</li> <li>• Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 4/29/2021</li> </ul>	





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<a href="#">H644</a>	<a href="#">Remote Academies.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a>	<a href="#">Elmore</a> ; <a href="#">Saine</a> ; <a href="#">Torbett</a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would authorize the use of remote academies by local school administrative units (LEAs).</li> <li>• The State Board of Education shall establish by rule additional minimum requirements for student monitoring, student attendance and testing requirements, infrastructure, and delivery of instruction in remote academies.</li> <li>• Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 5/6/2021</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">H677</a>	<a href="#">School Accountability Recommendation Comm.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a>	<a href="#">Clemmons</a> ; <a href="#">Elmore</a> ; <a href="#">Riddell</a> ; <a href="#">Gill</a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would establish the Joint Select Committee on School Accountability Systems.</li> <li>• Measures of accountability to be considered:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement- balancing growth and proficiency measures.</li> <li>• Social and emotional learning and early literacy and numeracy.</li> <li>• Postgraduation outcomes- percentages of students attending postsecondary education and pursuing employment.</li> <li>• Skills acquisition opportunities- career and technical education pathway completion, apprenticeships, and internships. .</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 5/6/2021</li> </ul>	



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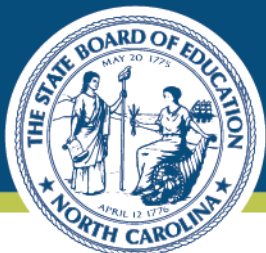
## Bills to Watch

Bill	Short Title	Bill Sponsors
<b><u>S593</u></b>	<b><u>Special Education Due Process Hearings.</u></b>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Would allow parties to seek immediate judicial review of administrative law judge (ALJ) decisions in special education due process hearings.</li><li>• The State Board of Education (SBE) may enforce the final decision of the administrative law judge by ordering a local educational agency to comply with one or more of the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) To provide a child with appropriate education.</li><li>(2) To place a child in a private school that is approved to provide special education and that can provide the child an appropriate education.</li><li>(3) To reimburse parents for reasonable private school placement costs in accordance with this Article and IDEA when it is determined that the LEA did not offer or provide the child with appropriate education and the private school in which the parent placed the child was an approved school and did provide the child an appropriate education.</li></ol></li><li>• Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 5/6/2021</li></ul>	<a href="#">B.Jackson</a> ; <a href="#">Ballard</a> ; <a href="#">Lee</a>



# Legislative Update: Bills to Watch

Bill	Short Title	Bill Sponsors
<a href="#">S695</a>	<a href="#">Statewide Medical Action Plan for Schools.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a>	<a href="#">Jarvis</a> ; <a href="#">Lee</a> ; <a href="#">Ballard</a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directs the SBE to adopt a statewide medical action plan for all public school units and directs public school units to implement the medical plans.</li><li>• The plan must include the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A standard student medical <i>condition form</i> to be used for each student.</li><li>• A standard student medical <i>action plan form</i> to be used for each student.</li><li>• A method to ensure that all persons having supervisory responsibility over a student, including teachers and other public school personnel, volunteers, and chaperones, receive a student medical action plan form for each student whenever the student leaves the campus of the public school unit, including field trips, interscholastic athletic activities, and any other event.</li></ul></li><li>• The bill also directs that local boards of education, charter schools, regional schools, laboratory schools, and the renewal school system implement the medical action adopted by the SBE.</li><li>• Passed 3rd Reading on 5/10/2021</li></ul>	



# Legislative Update: Charter School Bills to Watch

Bill	Short Title	Bill Sponsors
<a href="#">H729</a>	<p><a href="#">Charter Schools Omnibus.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would authorize charter schools to meet the instructional time requirement by providing in-person or blended instruction. Counties could lease real property to charter schools. Would ensure State funds for public school students attending charter schools are comparable to funds given students attending other PSUs.</li> <li>• House Calendar 5/12/2021</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Yarborough</a>; <a href="#">Hardister</a>; <a href="#">Bradford</a>; <a href="#">Brody</a></p>
<a href="#">H794</a>	<p><a href="#">Allow Schools in All Zoning Districts.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would require that schools be designated as a permitted use in all zoning districts, prohibit development regulations from limiting schools to locations contiguous to State maintained roads, and would define schools to include public, charter, and private schools</li> <li>• Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 5/11/2021</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Arp</a>; <a href="#">Saine</a>; <a href="#">Brody</a>; <a href="#">Torbett</a></p>
<a href="#">H825</a>	<p><a href="#">Charter School Advisory Bd. Member Changes.</a>   <a href="#">Bill Summary</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would add the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee, as a voting member to the NC Charter Schools Advisory Board, eliminate one of the State Board of Education's appointees to the Board, and stagger the terms of office for those members appointed by the General Assembly.</li> <li>• Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 5/12/2021</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Saine</a>; <a href="#">Paré</a>; <a href="#">Willis</a>; <a href="#">Zenger</a></p>
<a href="#">H911</a>	<p><a href="#">Regulatory Reform 2.0.</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would amend 115C-270.20. Licensure requirements.</li> <li>• Create lottery exemption for grandchildren of board members</li> <li>• Ref to the Com on Regulatory Reform, if fav., House Rules on 5/11/2021</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Riddell</a>; <a href="#">Bradford</a>; <a href="#">Moffitt</a>; <a href="#">Yarborough</a></p>



# Legislative Update:

## House Education Committee – May 2021

### May Legislative Calendar

#### House Education K-12

Bill	Short Title	Date	Action Text
<a href="#">H247</a>	<a href="#">Standards of Student Conduct.</a>	05/10/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H324</a>	<a href="#">Plan A for Charter Schools.</a>	05/10/2021	Re-ref to the Com on Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<a href="#">H362</a>	<a href="#">Revise Personal Leave Costs for Teachers.</a>	05/10/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H390</a>	<a href="#">School Calendar Flexibility/Certain Systems.</a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H428</a>	<a href="#">Teacher Licensure/Retired Educator Program.</a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H644</a>	<a href="#">Remote Academies.</a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H657</a>	<a href="#">School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams.</a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H664</a>	<a href="#">County Service Districts/Early Childhood Ed.</a>	05/11/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H677</a>	<a href="#">School Accountability Recommendation Comm.</a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H681</a>	<a href="#">CCS/Teacher In-State Tuition Pilot.</a>	05/04/2021	Re-ref Com On Appropriations
<a href="#">H755</a>	<a href="#">Academic Transparency.</a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">H760</a>	<a href="#">Opportunity Gap Task Force.</a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate



# Legislative Update:

## Senate Education Committee – May 2021

### May Legislative Calendar

#### Senate Education / Higher Education

Bill	Short Title	Date	Action Text
<a href="#"><u>S115</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Kickoff College Sports Act.</u></a>	05/03/2021	Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#"><u>S421</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>CC/In-State Tuition.</u></a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<a href="#"><u>S450</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Carbon Monoxide Detectors/School Bldgs.</u></a>	05/10/2021	Passed 3rd Reading
<a href="#"><u>S582</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>High School Adjunct Instructors/CC Prep.</u></a>	05/10/2021	Passed 3rd Reading
<a href="#"><u>S593</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Special Education Due Process Hearings.</u></a>	05/10/2021	Reptd Fav
<a href="#"><u>S654</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>K-12 COVID-19 Provisions.</u></a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<a href="#"><u>S671</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Changes to the K-12 Scholarship Programs.</u></a>	05/06/2021	Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
<a href="#"><u>S695</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Statewide Medical Action Plan for Schools.</u></a>	05/10/2021	Passed 3rd Reading



# 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](#)
- The Senate is finalizing their version of the budget. Once the Senate finishes their version, the House will work on their budget plan. The budget is then reconciled between the two chambers and the final budget will be sent to the Governor.



# 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.

- For more details, please see the [April 2021](#) Legislative Update.

### **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](#)**

- [COVID Manual](#)
- [COVID Allotment Policy Updates PPT](#)
- [COVID Allotment Policy Updates Draft Planning Allotments](#)



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