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# July 2023 Long Session Update

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# GA UPDATE

# General Assembly Update

- **Eight veto overrides**
- **Senate is winding-down committee work**
- **House continues committees** (*K-12 next Tuesday*)
- **Negotiated bills are moving – Policy bills soon?**
- **Budget still being negotiated**



# Budget Update?



**Michael Hyland**  
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.@SenatorBerger says the earliest he anticipates votes on the budget is the week of July 24th, based on where talks with the House stand #ncpol #ncga @WNCN @Queen\_City\_News @wnct9 @myfox8

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# Bills Being Monitored

# K-12 Education Legislation

SB 193 Career Development Plans. (in both Budgets)

SB 263 (HB 336) Healthy Students – A Nurse in Every School (not in Budgets)

HB 8 Computer Science Graduation Requirement (Passed out of Senate Rules)

HB 142 Protect Our Students Act.-AB (Passed out of Senate Rules)

HB 382 Registered Nurses in Schools \* (Senate Budget and SB411)

HB 605 School Threat Assessment Teams. (Presented to Governor)



# K-12 Education Legislation

## HB 432 Principal Licensure Changes. | Bill Summary | Voted out of Senate Rules

### Current Requirements and Duties:

- SBE shall have entire control of licensing of all applicants
- SBE shall adopt rules for the renewal and extension of all licenses

### Applicants must:

- Submit a complete application to the SBE
- Pay the applicable fee
- Attain a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or accredited university
- Complete an accredited school administrator preparation program
  - *Grandfather clause for those already approved by SBE prior to January 1, 2023*
- Have at least four years of experience as a licensed professional educator & one of the following:
  - *Possesses MSA*
  - *Possesses a Master's of Education degree in Educational Leadership*
  - *Has completed an add-on licensure program if candidate holds master's in an education-related field*
- Submit a portfolio to the SBE for approval
- Candidates are required to complete an internship that is at least **500 hours** in duration





# Bills Presented to Governor

# SB 49: Parents' Bill of Rights

## (Part 1 - Overview)

- Primary Sponsors are Senators Galey, Lee, and Barnes.
- Very similar to a version Senator Berger brought forward last session.
- Most of the bill is organizing and updating current general statutes into one document by establish a “Parents' Bill of Rights”
  - Which enumerates certain rights of parents related to the education, health, privacy, and safety of their child.
- Requires public school units to provide parents with information related to parental involvement in schools, legal rights for their child's education, and guides for student achievement.
- Requires public school units to provide notifications on student physical and mental health, require age-appropriate instruction on certain topics in kindergarten – 4th grade, and creates remedies for parents to address concerns over implementation of these requirements.
- Requires health care practitioners to obtain written consent from the parent of a minor child before providing treatment.
- The bill would require parental review and affirmative consent prior to administration of a protected information survey to a child by a public school unit.
- Last minute Amendment by Rep. Saine to push back the effective date.

# SB 49: Parents' Bill of Rights

## (Part 2 - SBE and DPI impact)

- Governing bodies (LEAs and Charter Boards) would be required to adopt procedures to address concerns about disputes from guardians and a process for resolving concerns within 7 days of notification.
- If the concern is unresolved after 30 days, the public school unit would provide a statement of reasons for lack of resolution. A parent could then either:
  - Request a parental concern hearing before the State Board of Education, and have the matter reviewed by a hearing officer who would recommend a decision to the State Board of Education.
  - Bring a declaratory judgment action for injunctive relief.
- The Department of Public Instruction would develop student services guidelines, standards, and frameworks by June 30, 2024, and all student support services training for school personnel would be required to adhere to those requirements
- Party line vote, except one Republican voted against the bill.
- Presented to Governor on July 3<sup>rd</sup>

# HB 618: Charter School Review Board

(Presented to Governor)

- Primary Sponsors are Speaker Moore, Rules Chair (Rep. Destin Hall), Reps. Cotham & Willis
- The North Carolina Charter School Review Board becomes the initial authorizer of charter schools
- State Board of Education establish rules for the operation and approval of charter schools, but those rules must first be approved by the CSRFB
- SBE hears appeals from decisions of the CSRFB
- Appeals to the SBE may come from an applicant, charter school, or the State Superintendent
- SBE is the final decision-making authority on the approval of charter application, renewals, revocations, and amendments
- **Senate Amendment: Makes Superintendent's designee an advisory position (like CSAB)**
- **Senate Floor Amendment for HB 219 (Charter Omnibus) includes staggered appointments for CSRFB**

# K-12 Education Legislation

## HB 574 Fairness in Women's Sports Act. | Bill Summary - Presented to Gov.

- Prohibit male students from playing on middle school, high school, or collegiate athletics teams designated for females, women, or girls.
  - The SBE would be required to monitor middle and high schools for compliance. If the SBE finds a school in violation, it must report the school to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.
- Require a student's sex to be recognized solely based on reproductive biology and genetics at birth for purposes of athletic participation.
- Create a civil cause of action for students who are harmed as a result of a violation of the bill, or who are retaliated against for reporting violations. Create a civil cause of action for public school units that suffer harm as a result of following the requirements of the bill.



# K-12 Education Legislation

## HB 219 Charter Omnibus. Previous Version

Part I – Clarify Requirements of Charter Application and Renewal

Part II – Reclarifying material revisions on enrollment caps

Part III – Allow Charter Schools to Admit Out-of-State Students and Foreign Exchange Students

Part IV – Admission Preferences for Certain Pre-K programs and Military Families

Part V – Prohibit Discrimination of Charter School Students

Part VI – Authorize Counties to Provide Capital Funds to Charter Schools

*Part VII – Comparable Per Student Funding*

*Part VIII – Classification of Charter and Nonpublic schools of Interscholastic Athletics*



# K-12 Education Legislation

## HB 219 Charter Omnibus. Senate Changes - Calendared for House 7/12

Part I – Clarify Requirements of Charter Application and Renewal

Part II – LIMIT ENROLLMENT CAPS TO LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS

Part III – Allow Charter Schools to Admit Out-of-State Students and Foreign Exchange Students (HB 531)

Part IV – Admission Preferences for Certain Pre-K programs and Military Families

Part V – Prohibit Discrimination of Charter School Students

Part VI – Authorize Counties to Provide Capital Funds to Charter Schools

Part VII – ALLOW THE CENTRAL PARK SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN DURHAM TO CONDUCT A WEIGHTED ADMISSIONS LOTTERY PILOT\*\*

Part VIII – TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO REVIEW BOARD STAGGER



# Bills that have not moved...



# K-12 Education Legislation

## SB 636 School Athletic Transparency. (Discussion only House K12)

- Original version did have biological participation requirements (amended out in the PCS)
- Clarifying and modifying requirements for rules related to interscholastic athletics.
- Requiring the Superintendent of Public Instruction to enter into memoranda of understanding with administering organizations and oversee middle and high school athletics.
- Requiring administering organizations to meet certain requirements and restrictions related to oversight of high school interscholastic athletics.
- Make administering organizations a public body under the open meetings law.
- Require public school units to annually report on interscholastic expenses and receipts.
- Require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to study and report on various matters related to interscholastic athletics.
- Emergency Rule Making provided



# K-12 Education Legislation

## HB 17 Elect the SBE/SPI as SBE Chair. | Bill Summary

- State Board of Education members will be elected by the voters through maps created by the General Assembly on four year overlapping terms
- State Superintendent shall be the Chair of the SBE
- Constitutional Amendment, not subject to Crossover



## K-12 Education Legislation

### SB 187 Teacher Licensure Changes (HB280)

#### *(House Rules)*

- Would allow for limited licenses to be renewable

### HB 824 Teacher Licensure Changes

- Originally titled “Teacher License Reciprocity from Every State”
- Amended in committee to include language from SB 187
- Bill now requires SBE to grant a CPL to a licensed teacher in “another state with substantially similar licensure requirements.”



# K-12 Education Legislation

## HB 149 Remote & Virtual Charter/CC Pres Confirmation | Bill Summary

- Authorizes charter schools to provide remote instruction to students
  - SBE “shall review and approve a charter or charter modification for the creation of a remote charter academy that meets the requirements established for a term of five years.”
- SBE shall approve a minimum of two statewide remote charter academies
- Authorizes a one-year extension to the expiring virtual charter school pilot and provides enrollment growth and funding in the same manner as other charter schools for the remainder of the pilot.
- The SBE would be required to evaluate the success of remote charter academies based on school performance scores and grades, retention rates, attendance rates, and for grades 9-12, high school completion and dropout rates.



# Questions?



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