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Pre-K -12 Education Bills
Legislative Session 2017

Week of 04-17-2017 Legislative Summary

Bill	Name	Summary	Status
House			
House Bill 6 / Senate Bill 9	Ed. Finance Reform Task Force / PED Report	Would establish the joint legislative task force on education finance reform to study various weighted student formula funding models and develop a new funding model	Filed 1/25/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, passed 2nd reading, passed 3rd reading, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 13	Class Size Requirement Changes	Would modify the maximum average class size requirements and individual class size requirements for grades K-3	Filed 1/25/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, reported favorable, re-referred to Appropriations Committee, passed 2nd reading, passed 3rd reading, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, **re-referred to Education/Higher Ed Committee**
House Bill 20	School Calendar Flexibility/Alamance County	Would provide additional flexibility to Alamance-Burlington schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 1/25/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 21/ Senate 453	Driver Instruction / Law Enforcement Stops	Would require driver instruction on law enforcement procedures during traffic stops	Filed 1/25/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Transportation Committee, serial referral to Education – K-12 added
House Bill 23 / Senate Bill 15	Teachers/Isolated K-12 Schools	Would provide teacher allotments for geographically isolated K-12 schools	Filed 1/26/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Education/Higher Education
House Bill 40	High School Dropout Age Pilot / McDowell County	Would include McDowell County Schools in the pilot program to raise the high school dropout age from sixteen to eighteen	Filed 2/6/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee

House Bill 41	School Calendar Flexibility / Rowan County	Would provide additional flexibility to the Rowan County Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/6/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 42	Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education Election Method	Would change the election method of the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education from nonpartisan to partisan	Filed 2/6/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Elections and Ethics Law, placed on calendar for 3/20/17, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 47	School Calendar Flexibility / Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to Beaufort, Craven, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico and Washington County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/7/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 49	GLOW Charter School in State Health Plan	Would authorize Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington to elect to participate in the State Health Plan for teachers and state employees	Filed 2/7/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Insurance Committee
House Bill 50	School Calendar Flexibility / Stanly County	Would provide additional flexibility to the Stanly County Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/7/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 51	School Calendar Flexibility / Montgomery County	Would provide additional flexibility to the Montgomery County Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/7/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 53	School Calendar Modification	Would provide additional flexibility to public schools in adopting their school calendars; would change the start time of schools to be no earlier than August 10	Filed 2/7/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 55	Apex/Cary/Police Assistance on School Grounds	Would authorize the Apex police department to provide law enforcement assistance to the Cary police department on the grounds of the temporary Apex High School in Cary	Filed 2/7/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Government, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

House Bill 60	School Calendar Flexibility / Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to certain boards of education in adopting school calendars	Filed 2/8/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 72	School Bus Cameras / Civil Penalties	Would allow photographic or video evidence for the enforcement of violations for passing a stopped school bus	Filed 2/8/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Judiciary I, if favorable Education, if favorable Finance
House Bill 77	School Calendar Flexibility / Johnston County	Would provide additional flexibility to Johnston County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/9/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 79	School Calendar Flexibility / Gaston County	Would provide additional flexibility to Gaston County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/9/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 85	Funds for Educational Training Centers	Would provide funds for regional professional development for K-12 educators	Filed 2/9/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 87	ESSA Plan Submission	Would prohibit the State Board of Education and DPI from submitting the state plan required by the ESSA until the latest possible date established by the U.S. Dept. of Education	Filed 2/13/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 90	Eliminate NC Final Exam	Would eliminate the NC final exam and the analysis of student work process as the measures used to evaluate teacher performance and instead use school-wide growth values for teachers who teach less than sixty percent of their time in end-of-grade or end-of-course subjects	Filed 2/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, passed 2nd reading, passed 3rd reading, sent to Senate, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 93	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to certain boards of education in adopting their school calendars	Filed 2/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 97	Arts Education Requirement	Would direct the State Board of Education to require one arts education credit prior to graduation from high school	Filed 2/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operation of the Senate

House Bill 106	School Calendar Flexibility/Cabarrus County	Would provide additional flexibility to Cabarrus County Schools and Kannapolis City Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 108	School Calendar Flexibility/Mecklenburg County	Would provide additional flexibility to Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 112	School Calendar Flexibility/Forsyth County	Would provide additional flexibility to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 115	Retirement Technical Corrections Act of 2017	Would make changes to the teachers' and state employees' retirement system	Filed 2/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Pensions & Retirement, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 116	Student Safety in Athletics	Would require the State Board of Education and local boards of education to educate student athletes on sudden cardiac arrest and heat-related illnesses; Would establish a database on the occurrence of injury and illness of student athletes and recodify the statutory provisions on concussion safety and emergency action plans	Filed 2/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Health Committee, if favorable, Education Committee, re-referred to Education Committee
House Bill 117	Protect Students in Schools	Would require criminal background checks for teacher licensure and school personnel employment and for board members of nonprofits seeking initial approval to establish a charter school	Filed 2/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Health Committee, withdrawn from committee, re-referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Finance Committee
House Bill 121	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to certain local boards of education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee

House Bill 127	Transylvania County Board of Education/Election Nonpartisan	Would change the election method of the Transylvania County Board of Education from partisan to nonpartisan	Filed 2/16/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Elections and Ethics Law
House Bill 132	High Achieving Tuition Scholarships	Would create a scholarship program for top-performing high school students attending NC community colleges and appropriate funds for the program	Filed 2/16/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, referred to Education Committee - Community Colleges, **re-referred to Appropriations Committee**
House Bill 133	Elect the State Board of Education	An act to amend the NC constitution so board members are elected by congressional district and serve four-year terms	Filed 2/16/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Elections and Ethics Law
House Bill 135	Technical Changes to Courses of Study Statute	Would make organizational and technical changes to the courses of study statutes	Filed 2/16/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 136	Lower Compulsory Attendance Age From 7 to 6	Would lower the age when a child must begin attending school from seven years to six years	Filed 2/20/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 138	Revise Gang Laws	Would increase the felony class of crimes committed by gang members by one class and by two classes for gang leaders	Filed 2/20/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Judiciary II
House Bill 149	Students with Dyslexia and Dyscalculia	Would require the State Board of Education and local boards of education to implement a screening program to identify students with dyslexia and dyscalculia	Filed 2/21/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 155	Modify Educator Licensure Requirements	Would expand activities qualifying for continuing licensure of retired teachers, exempt members of the General Assembly for continuing education requirements for teachers and allow school boards to hire retired educators to serve as interim principals	Filed 2/21/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate

House Bill 159	Charter School TSERS Election	Would extend the amount of time a charter school has to elect to become a participating employer in the teachers' and state employees' retirement system	Filed 2/21/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Committee on Pensions and Retirement, placed on calendar for 3/27/17, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 166	School Calendar Flexibility/Cleveland County	Would provide additional flexibility to Cleveland County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/22/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 167	School Calendar Flexibility/Franklin County	Would provide additional flexibility to the Franklin County Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/22/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 170/Senate 390	Pilot/Sports for Students with Disabilities	Would authorize the Dept. of Public Instruction to use funds to conduct a pilot program on integrated community-based adapted sports programs for students with disabilities	Filed 2/22/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 174	Concealed Carry/Church School Property	Would allow a person with a concealed carry permit to carry a handgun on educational property that is both a school and a church but only outside of school hours	Filed 2/22/17, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 188	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/23/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 202	School Calendar Flexibility/Rutherford County	Would provide additional flexibility to Rutherford County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 203 (Senate 195)	School Calendar Flexibility/Watauga County	Would provide additional flexibility to Watauga County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 204	School-Justice Partnership/Training SROs	Would direct local boards of education to establish school-justice partnerships and to	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee

		provide training in juvenile justice issues and cultural competency to school safety resource officers	
House Bill 209 (Senate 262)	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 210 (Senate 221)	School Calendar Flexibility/Guilford County	Would provide additional flexibility to Guilford County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 213	School Calendar Flexibility/Wake County	Would provide additional flexibility to Wake County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 231	School Calendar Flexibility/Martin County	Would provide additional flexibility to Martin County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/01/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 234	School Calendar Flexibility/Caldwell County	Would provide additional flexibility to Caldwell County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/01/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 235	Teacher Mentor Qualifications	Would modify the criteria for selection of teacher mentors	Filed 3/01/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, passed 2nd reading, passed 3rd reading, ordered engrossed, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 253	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to Alleghany, Ashe and Wilkes County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/02/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 265	Partisan Elections/Certain School Boards	Would change the election method of the Beaufort, Dare, Haywood, Hyde, Madison, and Yancey County Board of Education to partisan	Filed 3/07/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Government, reported favorable, re-referred to Committee on Elections & Ethics Law, placed on calendar for 04/10/17, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on

			Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 269	School Calendar Flexibility/Person County	Would provide additional flexibility to the Person Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/07/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 273	Charter Schools in State Health Plan	Would authorize Coastal Preparatory Academy, Pine Springs Preparatory Academy and Unity Classical Charter School to elect to participate in the State Health Plan for teachers and state employees	Filed 3/07/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Pensions and Retirement, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 281	School Calendar Modification / Hoke County	Would provide additional flexibility to Hoke County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 285	Suicide Prevention/Awareness School Personnel	Would provide a training program on youth suicide awareness and prevention and risk referral protocol for school personnel	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Health Committee, re-referred to Education Committee, **placed on calendar for 4/27/17**
House Bill 286	School Calendar Flexibility/Cumberland County	Would provide additional flexibility to Cumberland County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 287	Red Light Cameras/Hope Mills & Spring Lake	Would make changes to the law governing red light cameras in the towns of Hope Mills and Spring Lake	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Government, re-referred to Transportation Committee
House Bill 291	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to Bladen, Columbus, Robeson County Schools and Whiteville City Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 293	Onslow Board of Education Partisan/Swain Clarify Election	Would change the manner of election for the Onslow County Board of Education from nonpartisan to partisan	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Government, re-referred to Committee on

			Elections & Ethics Law, placed on calendar for 04/10/17, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 296	School Calendar Flexibility/Moore County	Would provide additional flexibility to Moore County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 299	State Health Plan Admin. Changes	Would make administrative changes to the laws relating to the NC State Health Plan for teachers and state employees	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Insurance Committee
House Bill 301	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to Davie County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 302	DoDEA/Clinical Educators for Student Teaching	Would provide for clinical educators to include educators employed at Department of Defense schools	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Committee on Homeland Security, reported favorable, cal pursuant rule 36(b), passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 304	DOT/Maintain Driveways Used by School Buses	Would direct the DOT to maintain and repair certain private driveways used by public school buses for turning the bus around	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Transportation Committee
House Bill 305	School Boards Can't Sue Counties	An act repealing the statutory authority for a local board of education to file a legal action challenging the sufficiency of the funds appropriated by the board of county commissioners	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Government, **re-referred to Judiciary IV**
House Bill 313	School Calendar Flexibility/Durham Public Schools	Would provide additional flexibility to Durham Public Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee

House Bill 314	School Calendar Flexibility/Orange County	Would provide additional flexibility to Orange School Systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 318	School Calendar Flexibility/Yadkin County	Would provide additional flexibility to Yadkin County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 322	School Performance Grades	Would increase the weight of school growth in the calculation of school performance grades to 50 percent	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 327 (Senate 248)	NC Board of Proprietary Schools	Would establish the NC Proprietary School Licensure act	Filed 3/13/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, serial referral to finance stricken, serial referral to Appropriations stricken, **re-referred to Finance Committee**
House Bill 329	Home School Education Tax Credit	Would create an income tax credit for children who are home schooled	Filed 3/13/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 336	Ltd. License/Drive to School Event Past 9:00	Would authorize a holder of a limited provisional license to drive past 9:00 P.M. when driving to or from an extracurricular or athletic activity	Filed 3/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Transportation Committee, re-referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Committee on Judiciary II
House Bill 339 / Senate 252	North Carolina Teaching Fellows	Would reestablish the NC Teaching Fellows program; would provide forgivable loans of up to $8,250 a year for up to four years for students studying to teach special education or STEM classes	Filed 3/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 346	School Calendar Flex./Iredell County	Would provide additional flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 359	CC/High School Enrollment in CTE Courses	Would clarify high school enrollment in community college career and technical education courses	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 360	Harnett Co. Schools/Exam	Would provide greater flexibility to Harnett	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred

	Window	County Schools in scheduling exams for semester courses	to Education Committee, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 372	School Cal. Flex./Warren County	Would provide additional flexibility to Warren County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 375	School Cal. Flex./ CC	Would provide additional flexibility to local boards of education in adopting the school calendar; would allow any school district to start classes as soon as August 15 to align with local community college	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, placed on calendar for 4/06/17, passed 2nd reading, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 377	School Cal. Flex./Chatham County	Would provide additional flexibility to Chatham County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 389	School Calendar Flexibility Pilot Program	Would establish the school calendar flexibility pilot program	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Committee on Commerce & Job Development, ordered engrossed, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 417	Actually Get Rid of Common Core Act	Would get rid of the Common Core Act and adopt a math course of study aligned with the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in Mathematics; would adopt the English language arts standard course of study set forth in *An English Language Arts Curriculum Framework for American Public Schools: A Model*	Filed 3/21/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 419	School Calendar Flex/Certain Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/21/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 430	School Calendar Flex. / Certain Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/21/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee

House Bill 432 / Senate 343	Increase Teacher Supplement/Electronic Notice	Monies collected from legal advertisements and notices would be used for local supplements for teacher salary and other county needs	Filed 3/21/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State & Local Gov't II, **placed on cal for 4/24/17**
House Bill 447	Lexington City Bd. Of Ed./Change to Election	Would change the Lexington City Board of Education from a nine-member appointed board to a seven-member board elected on a nonpartisan basis in odd-numbered years	Filed 3/22/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State & Local Gov't I, passed 3rd reading, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 450	Future Ready Student Act of 2017	Would make changes to the general statutes providing for career and technical education; each local board of education would offer at least two work-based learning opportunities	Filed 3/22/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Education Committee, ordered engrossed, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 458	School Annual Report Card	Would modify school performance grades so all schools receive a grade for school performance, achievement and growth and require the SBOE to modify the annual report card to abide by the ESSA	Filed 3/23/17, passed 1st reading, passed 2nd reading, passed 3rd reading, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 481	Restore Lottery Revenue Distribution Structure	Would require 50% of lottery distributions be used on NC pre-K and reducing early grade class size to 1:18; 40% would go to the Public School Building Capital Fund	Filed 3/23/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 482	County Commissioner Role in School Building Acquisition	Would clarify the role of the county commissioners in school building acquisition	Filed 3/27/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State & Local Gov't II, **passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate**
House Bill 495	Increase Textbook Funds &	Would expand the teaching excellence bonuses	Filed 3/27/17, passed 1st reading, referred

	Spending Flexibility	for certain teachers who would have received a bonus; would fund textbooks by $35 million	to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 514	Permit Municipal Charter School/Certain Towns	Would allow certain towns to operate charter schools	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 520	Union County Board of Ed/Partisan Election	Would change the election method of the Union County Board of Education from nonpartisan to partisan	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Gov't, placed on calendar for 04/10/17, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
House Bill 521	School Calendar Flex/Union County	Would provide additional flexibility to Union County Public Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 523	School Calendar Flex/Lincoln County	Would provide additional flexibility to Lincoln County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 534	Computer Coding Course Elective	Would require the SBOE to develop courses in computer programming and coding as electives for middle and high school students	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 540	Teachers & State Employees Pay Raise	Would award a $2,400 pay increase to teachers and state employees earning less than 100,000	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 556	Office of Early Childhood Education	Would establish the office of early childhood education	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, **placed on calendar for 4/27/17**
House Bill 570	K-12 Academic Freedom	Would require the SBOE to adopt a policy of academic freedom in the classroom	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 600	School Construction Flexibility	Would provide additional flexibility to local boards of education to enter into leases for school buildings and other facilities	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 603 / Senate 637	Small Farms to Healthier Schools Initiative	Would fund an initiative between school nutrition programs and local farmers	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee

House Bill 605/Senate 661	Sch. District Hold Harmless/Hurricane Matthew	Would hold harmless local school administrative units that were impacted by Hurricane Matthew for purposes of average daily membership and the budget rating used to calculate the allotment for the transportation of students	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 610	Funds for NC Pre-K/Tier 3 Counties	Would appropriate additional funds for the NC pre-k program in tier three counties	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 612	Comprehensive Firearm Ed. Elective	Would authorize a firearm education elective course	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 634	Private Alternative Teacher Preparation	Would direct the SBOE to approve certain qualifying alternative lateral entry teacher education preparation programs	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, **placed on calendar for 4/27/17**
House Bill 638	Public School Construction Grants & Lottery Changes	Would appropriate a portion of lottery revenues for K-12 school construction	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 641	School Bus Safety Enhancement Act	Would require buses to be inspected once every 42 days instead of every 30 days	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 643	Civics and Economics Education Study Committee	Would establish the joint legislative study committee on civics and economics education	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, **re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House**
House Bill 644	Charter School Transportation Grant	Would provide a grant program for charter schools to receive funds to cover a certain percentage of their student transportation costs	Filed 04/05/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 658 / Senate 280	Early Literacy Initiative/Funds	Would fund early literacy initiatives	Filed 04/06/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 670	Protect Educational Property	Would make the threat of mass violence on educational property or at an extracurricular activity a felony	Filed 04/10/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Judiciary II
House Bill 678	Opp. Scholarships/Accredited	Would require that students receiving	Filed 04/10/17, passed 1st reading, referred

	Schools Only	Opportunity Scholarships (i.e. vouchers) attend schools that are accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency or the State Board of Education	to Education Committee
House Bill 681	Teacher Licensure/Military Spouses	Would provide for procedures to decrease the burden on military spouses in obtaining NC teacher licenses	Filed 04/10/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 704	Divide School Systems/Study Committee	Would establish a joint legislative study committee on the division of local school administrative units	Filed 04/10/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 730	Ninth Grade Academy Pilot/Funds	Would appropriate funds for a ninth grade academy pilot program for up to 10 local school administrative units	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 751	Career and College Ready/High School Grads	Would require all students who receive a high school diploma endorsement to demonstrate a certain level of reading achievement	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 779	Charter School Changes	Would change various changes to charter school laws; would allow the state board to approve enrollment growth of greater than 40%	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 786	NC Energy and Water Efficiency Schools Act	Would enact the energy-efficient and water-efficient schools act	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 800	Various Changes to Charter School Laws	Would make various changes to the laws affecting charter schools	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 806	Student Notice/Charter School Closure	Would require student and family fair notice and an impact statement prior to the closing or restructuring of a charter school	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 815	Nondiscrim. & Account./Certain Private	Would broaden nondiscrimination requirements and improve testing transparency for certain	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and

	Schools	nonpublic schools	Operations of the House
House Bill 825	Protect NC Children from Lead Exposure	Would require certain public schools and child care facilities in NC to test drinking water for lead	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Environment Committee
House Bill 826	Modify Low-Performing School Definition	Low-performing schools are those that receive a performance grade of D or F and a school growth score of "not met expected growth"	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 833	Driver Education Oversight	Would strengthen the oversight and accountability for the driver education program	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Transportation Committee, **re-referred to Transportation Committee**
House Bill 838	Supt. Public Instruction Support Staff	Would provide additional personnel to support the office of the superintendent of public instruction	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee, **placed on calendar for 4/27/17**
House Bill 839	School Cal. Flex./Low-Performing Districts	Would allow local boards of education to set a school calendar that meets the instructional needs of local school administrative units identified as low-performing	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 840	Earned AP, IB, CTE, & 3rd Grade Bonuses	Would allow qualifying teachers to receive bonuses earned due to student success on AP, IB, CTE, or student growth	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 841	Testing Transparency	Would improve the transparency of testing in NC	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 845	NC Healthy Schools	Would enact the NC Healthy Schools Act	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House
House Bill 848	School Energy Savings Act of 2017	Would provide that school systems derive 60% of their energy needs from renewable energy by 2030	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House
House Bill 855	Teacher Appreciation	Would make the first Tuesday of the first full week in May 'Teacher Appreciation Day in NC"	Filed 04/11/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar and

			Operations of the House
House Bill 866 / Senate 542	Public School Building Bond Act of 2017	Would enact the public school building bond act for the issuance of $1,900,000,000 for public school facilities through grants to counties for public schools	**Filed 4/20/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee**
House Bill 868	Innovation Early College HS/CIHS Funds	Would appropriate funds to support the planning and support of the Innovation Early College High School	**Filed 4/20/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee**
Senate Bills			
Senate Bill 39	Charter Schools / CIHSs	An act to add charter schools to the public schools eligible to establish cooperative innovative high schools	Filed 2/7/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, withdrawn from Committee, re-referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 48	Clinical Educators for Student Teaching	An act to broaden the potential placement of student teachers with clinical educators to include Department of Defense schools	Filed 2/7/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, withdrawn from Committee, re-refereed to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 55 (House 72)	School Bus Cameras / Civil Penalties	Would allow photographic or video evidence for the enforcement of violations for passing a stopped school bus	Filed 2/8/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, withdrawn from Committee, re-referred to Judiciary Committee, re-referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, placed on calendar for 3/21/17, passed 1st reading in House, referred to Committee on Judiciary I
Senate Bill 56	School Calendar Flexibility / Certain Systems	Would provide flexibility for certain local boards of education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/8/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the

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Senate Bill 61	Ltd. License / Driving to School Past 9:00	Would allow a holder of a limited provisional license to drive past 9:00 P.M. when driving to or from a class at a high school or postsecondary school	Filed 2/8/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, withdrawn from Committee, re-referred to Judiciary Committee
Senate Bill 68	Student Attendance / Page Program Recognition	Would encourage local boards of education to adopt student attendance recognition programs and to provide that students serving as legislative or governor's pages shall be eligible for participation in these programs	Filed 2/9/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Education Committee, re-referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, placed on calendar for 3/21/17, passed 1st reading in House, referred to Education Committee
Senate Bill 78	Cost to Comply/Fed Ed Funds/PED Study	Directs DPI to study the costs of complying with federal mandates on state and local education agencies	Filed 2/14/17, passed 1st reading, re-referred to Education Committee, re-referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, reported favorable, passed 1st reading in House, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, & Operations of the House
Senate Bill 101	School Calendar Flexibility/Person County	Would provide additional flexibility to the Person County Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operation of the Senate
Senate Bill 110	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide additional flexibility to Alleghany, Ashe, and Wilkes County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 2/16/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 146	Juvenile Reinvestment Act	Would raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction to include sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds, except in the case of certain felonies	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate

Senate Bill 147	Reenact School Sales Tax Holiday	Would reenact the sales and use tax holiday for school supplies	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 149	Modify School Performance Grades	Would change the calculation of school performance grades to fifty percent school growth, fifty percent school achievement; would direct DPI to study factors to include in the calculation of grades	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 159	Access to Sports/Extracurricular for All Students	Would allow students who attend a public, private, or home school without a school athletics program to participate in activities at a public high school	Filed 3/01/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 166	Expand Local Option Sales Tax for Education	Would give counties greater flexibility to use local option sales tax revenues for education	Filed 3/01/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 169	Teaching Excellence Bonus Expansion	Would expand teaching excellence bonuses for certain teachers who would have received a bonus	Filed 3/01/17, passed 1st reading, re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget, re-referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, passed 2nd reading, passed 3rd reading, sent to House, passed 1st reading in House, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate Bill 184	Evidence Passed Vehicle is a School Bus	Would provide additional methods for proving that a stopped vehicle passed by another motor vehicle is a school bus; would provide instruction in school bus safety to students and direct DPI to study how the safety of children boarding and exiting school buses may be increased	Filed 3/06/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Judiciary

Senate Bill 194	School Calendar Flexibility/Caldwell County	Would provide flexibility to Caldwell County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/07/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 201	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain Systems	Would provide flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/07/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 211	Charter Schools/Higher Ed.	Would allow boards of trustees of constituent institutions and boards of trustees of community colleges to operate charter schools	Filed 3/07/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 215	Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Calendar Pilot	Would authorize the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education to operate a school calendar flexibility pilot program	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 226	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/08/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 227	School Calendar Flexibility/Certain School Systems	Would provide flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 234	SBA Pay/Needs-Based Pub. Sch. Capital Fund	Would appropriate a portion of lottery revenue to reform the compensation structure for school-based administrators and for K-12 school construction based on county need and ability to pay for projects	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, re-referred to Education Committee
Senate Bill 237	School Calendar Flex./Caswell County	Would provide additional flexibility to Caswell County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 239	Youth Development Pilot Program	Would establish a youth development pilot program for school-aged children	Filed 3/09/17
Senate Bill 252	North Carolina Teaching	Would revamp the NC Teaching Fellows program	Filed 03/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred

/ House 339	Fellows		to Education Committee, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 253	Carteret Co. Board of Ed. Partisan Election	Would change the election method of the Carteret County Board of Education from nonpartisan to partisan	Filed 3/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Select Committee on Elections
Senate Bill 254	Access to Sports/Extracurricular Certain Students	Would allow students who attend a public school or home school without an athletic program in a particular sport or activity to participate in that activity at a public high school	Filed 3/14/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 280	Early Literacy Initiative/Funds	Would appropriate funds for early literacy initiatives	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 296	Road Improvements Adjacent to Schools	Would make certain revisions to state law concerning requirements for road improvements adjacent to schools	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Transportation Committee
Senate Bill 312 / House 254	Surplus Computers for Low-Income Students	Would allow the state surplus property agency to distribute state surplus computers to nonprofits that refurbish and donate computers to benefit low-income students and households	Filed 3/16/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Finance Committee, re-referred to Committee on Rules & Operations, reported favorable, passed 1st reading in House, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, & Operations of the House
Senate Bill 316 (House 285)	Suicide Prevention/Awareness School Personnel	Would provide a training program on youth suicide awareness and prevention and risk referral protocol for school personnel	Filed 3/16/17, passed 1st reading, re-referred to Health Care Committee
Senate Bill 318	School Calendar	Would provide additional flexibility to schools	Filed 3/20/17, passed 1st reading, referred

	Flexibility/PED Report	and districts identified as low-performing	to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 321	School Calendar Flexibility/PED Report	Would provide additional flexibility to schools and districts identified as low-performing, as recommended by a program evaluation division report	Filed 3/21/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 365	School Buses/Allow Use of Blue Lights	Would allow school buses to use a blue light for certain purposes	Filed 3/23/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 380	Encourage High Schoolers to Attend CCs	Would encourage high school students to attend their local community colleges for academic or vocational classes	Filed 3/23/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 418	Dyslexia Kindergarten Screening	Would require the screening of every kindergarten student for dyslexia	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 423	Life Changing Experiences School Pilot	Would appropriate funds to establish a two-year pilot program to administer the Life Changing Experiences Community Education Project for grades 6-11	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 430 House 537	2017 Governor's Budget	Bill containing base budget appropriations	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 439	Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist Statewide	Would appropriate funds to eliminate the waitlist for the NC Pre-K program statewide	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 442	Study/Expand Computer Science to All Students	Would direct the SBOE and DPI to develop recommendations to further the teaching and student learning of computational thinking and computer science in K-12 schools	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate

Senate Bill 443	TA Tuition/Teachers Pilot/Funds for Books	Would provide that TAs receiving funds to attend an educator preparation program continue to receive pay while student teaching and that they receive 10% of the tuition award towards the cost of books	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 447	Turning TAs into Teachers	Would expand the TA tuition reimbursement pilot program	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 473	Class Size Reporting/Principal	Would require the school principal to report to the superintendent on noncompliance with class size requirements in kindergarten through third grade	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 482	Charter Schools in the Workplace	Would provide enrollment priority and permit board membership for corporate partners of charter schools	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 483	NC Comprehensive School Accountability	Would require comprehensive school accountability through the requirement of certain tests to assess student progress for students receiving Opportunity Scholarships	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 490	Portability of Leave/Charter Schools	Would allow sick leave to be transferred between a charter school and local school administrative unit	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 504	Educational Property Definition/Firearms	Would define "educational property" with regards to the law prohibiting the possession of weapons on educational property and to amend the law restricting firearms at extracurricular activities conducted in public places	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 511	School Construction	Would provide flexibility to local boards of	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred

	Flexibility	education to enter into leases for school buildings and other facilities	to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 517	NC New Teacher Support Act	Would support new teachers in NC and appropriate funds; would reimburse certain teachers for licensure fee	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 518	Budget Resp./Account./Transparency in Schools	Would enact the budget responsibility, accountability, and transparency in schools act	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 527	Require Physical Education	Would require P.E. for public school students	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 531 / House 305	School Boards Can't Sue Counties	Would repeal the statutory authority for a local board of education to file legal action challenging the sufficiency of the funds appropriated by the board of county commissioners	Filed 3/29/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to State and Local Gov't
Senate Bill 541	Teacher Compensation/Exceed Max. Class Size	Would change class size requirements for K-3 and require local BOEs not in compliance to compensate a teacher for the increased student workload until the class size is corrected or the local board receives a waiver	Filed 3/30/17
Senate Bill 542	Public School Building Bond Act of 2017	Would enact the public school building bond act of 2017 to provide funds for public school facilities	Filed 3/30/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 558	School Road Improvement Grant Program	Would enact a grant program to grant funds to local BOEs and charter schools to make necessary improvements to State-maintained roads	Filed 3/30/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 562	Local Funds for Charter Schools	Would require a board of county commissioners to appropriate a per pupil amount of funds to a	Filed 3/30/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the

		charter school for each student enrolled in the charter schools who resides in a local school administrative unit located in that county	Senate
Senate Bill 586	Require U.S. Civics Test in High School	Would require a high school civics test identical to the civics portion of the U.S. naturalization test	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 598	Future Teachers of North Carolina	Would establish the Future Teachers of North Carolina to encourage high-achieving high school students to consider teaching as a career	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, withdrawn from committee, re-referred to Education/Higher Education Committee, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 599	Excellent Educators for Every Classroom	Would establish the professional educator preparation and standards commission to expand educator preparation programs	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Ed Committee
Senate Bill 603	Exceptional Educ. For Exceptional Children	Would establish an education savings account program in NC	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 623	School Bus Flexibility	Would provide additional flexibility to local boards of education in the use of school buses	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 626	Permit Superintendent Spouses to Work	Would permit spouses of superintendents to be employed by a local board of education	
Senate Bill 658	Charter School Funds	Would authorize boards of county commissioners to determine the method of providing county funds to charter schools	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 662	Charter School Transportation Grant	Would provide for a grant program for charter schools to receive funds to cover a certain	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the

	Program	percentage of their student transportation costs	Senate
Senate Bill 664	Restore Ed.-Based Salary Supplements	Would restore education-based salary supplements	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate