

05-09-16 Week in Review Summary

Bill	Name	Summary	Status
House			
House Bill 164	School Calendar Flexibility	Would provide additional flexibility to local boards of education in adopting their school calendars. This act does not apply to year-round schools. Would give districts the ability to spread out the required 1,025 hours of classroom instruction per year over fewer than 185 days.	Filed 3/5/15, passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Ways & Means
House Bill 334	Transfer Office of Charter Schools	An act to establish the office of charter schools located under the State Board of Education; to modify the charter school advisory board; and to enhance the charter school application process.	Filed 3/24/15, ratified; Presented to Governor 9/17/15; Signed by Governor 9/23/15
House Bill 358/Senate Bill 450	School Performance Grade Scale	Would keep the current 15-point grading scale for 2015-16.	Filed 3/25/15, ratified; Presented to Governor 5/12/15; Signed by Governor 5/14/15
House Bill 474	Exclude Yr-Round Track-Out Program / Child Care	Would create track out programs for school-age children when they are out of school on a year round school calendar.	Filed 4/01/15, passed 1 st reading in Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Education Committee 5/09/16, placed on calendar for 5/17/16
House Bill 535	Promoting Charter School Success Pilot	Would appropriate \$1,000,000 for 2015-16 to make a charter school development program through Parents for Educational Freedom in NC, Inc.	Filed 4/1/15, passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the House
House Bill 539	Charter School Funding	Would provide for damages when funds are not transferred within required time lines between local school administrative units and charter schools and modify charter school funding.	Filed 4/1/15, re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

House Bill 557	Charter School Funds	Would provide for the type of funds to be included in the local current expense fund of a local school administrative unit and transferred to charter schools on a per pupil basis. Would require funds from the State Public School Fund, the local current expense fund, and the capital outlay fund.	Filed 4/2/15, passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 561	School System Authority Re: Legal Proceedings	An act to modify the authority of school systems with regard to legal proceedings and investigations.	Filed 4/2/15, passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; reported favorable; re-referred to Committee on Education; Regular Message Received for Concurrence in S Amend; Cal Pursuant 36(b); placed on calendar for 8/3/15; failed concur; conference committee appointed; Conferees changed
House Bill 660	Transition to Personalized Digital Learning	An unfunded measure that would establish teaching and learning standards to enable the transition from textbooks to digital classroom technology.	Filed 4/13/15, passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 661	Teacher Recruitment and Scholarships	Would create an educator preparation program at a community college. It would appropriate \$1 million in each year of the new biennial budget to recruit, prepare, and support at least 1,000 teachers every year for the State's hardest-to-staff schools and classrooms.	Filed 4/13/15, passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Ways & Means
House Bill 738	Increase Textbook Funds & Spending Flexibility	Would provide \$76 million in each of the next two fiscal years to be used for instructional resources, including textbooks, instructional supplies and equipment; LEAs would have the flexibility to spend their allotments on items that they determine are most important.	Filed 4/14/15, passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 761	Charter School	Would authorize a county to provide capital funds to a	Filed 4/14/15, passed first reading; referred to

	Capital Funds	charter school subject to return of those funds upon dissolution of the school.	Committee on Local Government
House Bill 803	School Performance Scores	Would change the calculation of school performance grades. The school achievement score shall account for 50% and the school growth score shall account for 50% of the total sum.	Filed 4/14/15, passed third reading in House. Passed first reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Ways & Means
House Bill 902	Transforming Principal Preparation	Would fund a competitive grant to enable qualified candidates to attend rigorous school leadership training.	Filed 4/15/15, passed third reading in House, passed first reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 936	STEM Scholarship Program	Would provide loan forgiveness for prospective STEM teachers.	Filed 4/16/15, passed first reading in House, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 955	Changes Special Ed./Opportunity Scholarships	Would appropriate funds to the special education scholarship grant program for children with disabilities and would make changes to that program. Also, it allows the state to allocate a greater percentage of voucher funds to Kindergarten and 1st grade children who have never attended public schools	Filed 4/25/15, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 960	Retirement Creditable Service Charter Schools	Would allow a member of the teachers' and state employees' retirement system to purchase credit for employment in a charter school operated by a private nonprofit corporation.	Filed 4/25/15, passed 1 st reading, referred to Pensions and Retirement Committee
House Bill 969/Senate Bill 742	Opportunity Scholarship Military Child Eligibility	An act to add children of military families as an eligibility category for the opportunity scholarship grant program.	Filed 4/26/15, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 1014	NC-PreK Conforming Change	Designates the use and operation of school buses.	Filed 4/28/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Health Committee, special message sent to Senate
House Bill 1016	Funds for Educational	Would appropriate funds for regional professional development for K-12 educators.	Filed 5/02/16, referred to Appropriations Committee

	Training Centers		
House Bill 1026	Collaboration of State Agencies/Early Education	An act to direct certain state agencies to collaborate on an ongoing basis in an initiative to develop and implement a statewide vision for early childhood education. Also, it requires an inventory of all early childhood related programs, the adoption of a universal set of data indicators to measure success, and a study of the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten.	Filed 5/03/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Health Committee
House Bill 1030	2016 Appropriations Act	Would modify the current operations and capital improvements Appropriations Act of 2015.	Filed 5/03/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Finance Committee
House Bill 1031	Special Fund/Help Educators with Loan Payment	Would appropriate funds from the education lottery fund to create a loan repayment assistance program for teachers.	Filed 5/03/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 1040	Study Costs Associated With NC Pre-K Slots	Would study and report the costs associated with funding slots for the NC Pre-K program.	Filed, passed 1 st reading, referred to Health Committee, special message sent to Senate
House Bill 1049	Fund NBPTS Certification	Would fund National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification for certain teachers at low-performing schools.	Filed 5/05/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1057	Funds for Literacy Coaches	Would provide funds to local school administrative units to place a literacy coach in every elementary school.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1065	School Building Leasing Reform	Would provide additional flexibility to local boards of education to enter into leases for school buildings and other facilities.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 1067	Long-Term Suspension and Dropout Study	Would establish the legislative study commission on the connection between long-term suspension and student dropout rates.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee

House Bill 1070	Retirement System 4% COLAS	Would provide a four percent cost-of-living increase for members of the teachers' and state employees' retirement system.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Pensions & Retirement Committee
House Bill 1074	Schools Test for Lead / HS Dropout Pilot Program	Would require all schools to test drinking water outlets for lead and would establish a pilot program to raise the high school dropout age from 16 to 18 in Hickory Public Schools, Newton-Conover City Schools, and Rutherford County Schools.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1075	Funds for D and F Schools / Charter Changes	Would appropriate funds for public and charter schools receiving a D or F and make changes to the charter school statutes.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1079	Up Pay / State Employees / Teachers / Retirees	Would provide a four percent salary increase to state employees and public school personnel and a two and one-half percent cost of living adjustment for state retirees.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1080	Achievement School District	Would establish the achievement school district, a statewide school unit under an operator selected by the State Board of Education. Qualifying schools must receive a performance score in the lowest 5% of elementary schools.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 1095	Use of Excess Opportunity Scholarship Funds	Would transfer some of the excess funds for the Opportunity Scholarship grant program to the public school building capital fund to be used for school construction projects.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1111	State and Local Funds for Charter Schools	Would change the state and local funding method for charter schools and appropriate additional funds necessary.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 1116	Teacher Loan Repayment	Would establish the loan repayment assistance program for teacher and appropriate funds from the	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee

	Assistance Program	Education Lottery fund to implement the program.	
House Bill 1119	Reserved Funds Nontraditional Public Schools	Would require reserved funds for operators of nontraditional public schools.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1054	10% Teacher Salary Increase	An act to increase teacher salaries by 10%.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bills			
Senate Bill 95 (Proposed Committee Substitute)	Performance-Based RIP/School Policy	Proposed committee substitute would establish an Achievement School District (ASD) under the authority of the State Board of Education. The ASD would consist of five low-performing schools from anywhere in NC, led by an ASD superintendent. Each school would be managed by an operator that be awarded five-year contracts to directly manage each school.	Filed 2/19/15, passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Education; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House
Senate Bill 343	Student Assault on Teacher/Felony Offense	Would make it a criminal offense for a student who is sixteen years of age or older who does not have an individualized education program or section 504 plan to assault a school employee on school property when the employee is discharging official duties or the assault is committed as a result of the discharge or attempt to discharge the individual's duties as a school employee. Amended to make a student's first offense a misdemeanor and second and third offenses harsher felonies.	Filed 3/19/15, engrossed by Senate; passed first reading in House referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, if favorable, Judiciary III
Senate Bill 438	Permanent Plates/Charter Schools	Would repeal the sunset on the law authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue permanent registration plates to charter schools.	Filed 3/25/15, passed first reading; referred to Committee on Transportation; re-referred to Committee on Finance, passed 1 st reading in House, referred to Transportation Committee

Senate Bill 456	Charter School Modifications	An act to make changes to the charter school statutes and to direct the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding replication of certain charter schools. The State Board shall adopt criteria for adequate performance by a charter school.	Filed 3/25/15, passed first reading in House, re-referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 740/House Bill 1026	Collaboration of State Agencies/Early Education	An act to direct certain state agencies to collaborate on an ongoing basis in an initiative to develop and implement a statewide vision for early childhood education. Also, it requires an inventory of all early childhood related programs, the adoption of a universal set of data indicators to measure success, and a study of the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten.	Filed 4/25/15, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 753	Reenact School Sales Tax Holiday	Would reenact the sales and use tax holiday for school supplies effective July 1, 2016.	Filed 4/25/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Finance Committee
Senate Bill 776	Appropriations Act of 2016	Would modify the current operations and capital improvements Appropriations Act of 2015.	Filed 4/27/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 786	Appropriations Act of 2016	Would modify the current operations and capital improvements Appropriations Act of 2015.	Filed 4/28/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 799/House Bill 1014	NC-Pre-K Conforming Change	Designates the use and operation of school buses.	Filed 5/02/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
Senate Bill 800	Study Costs Associated With NC Pre-K Slots	Would study and report the costs associated with funding slots for the NC Pre-K program.	Filed 5/02/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Health Care Committee
Senate Bill 811	Lottery Funds for School Construction	Would direct a portion of lottery revenues be used for K-12 school construction based upon county need and ability to pay for school construction projects.	Filed 5/03/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations/Base Budget Committee
Senate Bill 815	Charter School in	Would authorize Longleaf School of the Arts to elect to	Filed 5/04/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to

	State Health Plan	participate in the State Health Plan for teachers and state employees.	Insurance Committee
Senate Bill 816	Raise Teacher Pay	An act to increase teacher salaries.	Filed 5/04/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 820	Appropriations Act of 2016	Would modify the current operations and capital improvements Appropriations Act of 2015.	Filed 5/09/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 834	Give Retirees 1.5% COLA/Funds	Would provide a cost-of-living adjustment for retirees of the teachers' and state employees' retirement system.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 836	Alternative Teacher Preparation	Would authorize local alternative teacher preparation programs. Local boards of education will submit proposals to the State Board of Education.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
Senate Bill 855	Modify School Performance Grades	Would modify the calculation of school performance grades and use funds to study potential factors to include in the calculation of grades. The school achievement score would account for 50% school growth and 50% achievement.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 862	Opportunity Scholarships Forward Funding	Would establish the Opportunity Scholarship grant fund reserve to provide funds for scholarship grants to be awarded to students. It would increase funds for the program by at least \$10 million each fiscal year.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
Senate Bill 867	Protect Students in Schools	Would require criminal background checks for teacher licensure.	Filed 5/10/16, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee