

Of note:

 = Bills Met Crossover Deadline

NOTE: There are **no deadlines** for bills introduced on the report of the House Committees on Appropriations, Finance, or Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

FINAL 2015 Legislative Session Summary and Status of Previously Filed Bills

BILL	NAME	SUMMARY	STATUS
House Bill 9	Restore School Calendar Educational Purpose Waiver	This bill proposes giving flexibility to local boards of education for calendar modifications to allow for approved educational purposes.	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee
House Bill 13	Amend School Health Assessment Requirement	All children entering public schools for the first time must submit proof of a recent health assessment to be kept permanently in the child’s official school record.	Ratified; Presented to Governor 8/18/15; Signed by Governor 8/18/15
House Bill 18	Continuing Budget Authority	An act authorizing the director of the budget to continue expenditures for the operation of government at the level in effect on June 30, 2015 until September 18, 2015.	Ratified; Presented to Governor 8/27/15; Signed by Governor 8/27/15
House Bill 21	Restore Teaching Fellows Program	For the 2016-17 fiscal year, it proposes to fund 500 Teaching Fellowships at a total cost of \$3,250,000.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 26	Restore Educational Sales Tax Holiday	This is an act to reenact the sales and use tax holiday for school supplies.	Passed first reading; referred to Finance Committee
House Bill 29	Technical Change to Courses of Study Statute	The State Board of Education will adopt a standard course of study and provide supplemental funds to low-wealth counties to enhance instruction and student achievement.	Passed third reading in House. Passed first reading in the Senate and referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

House Bill 35	Education Innovation Task Force	A legislative task force on education consisting of 19 members will study the need for a permanent group to study education innovation.	Passed third reading in House. Passed first reading in the Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 53	LEA Flexibility for Supplemental Pay	Would permit local boards of education to use state funds for supplemental salaries and differential pay for school personnel.	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee
House Bill 56	State Health Plan/Rehired Retiree Eligibility	Retirees returning to work for the state in temporary positions may retain their state health coverage benefits rather than having to enroll in a new high-deductible health plan. <i>(Note School districts often hire retired personnel to serve on interim basis until vacant positions can be permanently filled.)</i>	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Insurance
House Bill 96	Charter School Financial Accountability	Would increase the financial accountability of charter schools. It would require charter schools to submit a proposed budget and evidence that the financial plan is reasonable.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Judiciary I
House Bill 97	Appropriations Act	Would make base budget appropriations for current operations of state departments, institutions and agencies.	Ratified; Presented to Governor 9/18/15; Signed by Governor 9/18/15
House Bill 123	Legislators Spend Time in Schools	Would encourage legislators to spend time in their local public schools in order to understand the issues related to educating children. Legislators would be required to visit public schools no more than four days per year.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendars, and Operations of the House
House Bill 133	Modify Special Education Scholarships	Would increase scholarship funds available to students with disabilities from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per semester & modify the tuition payment method for those students. Eligible students shall receive no more than \$4,000.	Passed first reading; referred to the Committee on Education; re-referred to Committee on Appropriations

House Bill 137	School Calendar Flexibility	Would provide flexibility to local boards of education in adopting their school calendars.	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee
House Bill 138	Arts Education Requirement	Would direct the State Board of Education to require one arts education credit prior to graduation from high school.	Passed third reading from House. Passed first reading in the Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 139	Gun on Private School Property/Forsyth County	Would allow an executive head at any private school funded exclusively with private funds and located in Forsyth County to adopt a school policy to allow certain school employees to possess and carry a handgun on the educational property of the private school.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Judiciary 1
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.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Ways & Means
House Bill 181	Charter School Grade Level Expansion	Would allow grade level expansion in charter schools in areas of rapidly growing populations near military installations.	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee
House Bill 202	Superintendent of Public Instruction Member of SBE	Would make the superintendent of public instruction a member of the State Board of Education	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee
House Bill 216	Great Leaders for Great Schools/Study	Would direct the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study strategies for providing North Carolina with great leaders for great schools. Strategies include recruiting the highest performing administrators and implementing a rewarding compensation plan.	Passed first reading in the Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

House Bill 228	Assistant Principal/Principal Salaries	Would provide that an assistant principal who becomes a principal shall receive at least the same pay as when employed as an assistant principal in the local school administrative unit.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 237	Repeal Personal Education Plans/Transition Teams & Plans	Superintendent shall determine whether a student is exempt from mandatory retention. Teacher shall submit documentation of the relevant exemption & evidence that promotion is based on the student's academic record.	Ratified; Presented to Governor 5/27/15; Signed by Governor 6/2/15
House Bill 238	Duty-Free Time/Lunch for Teachers	Would provide all teachers with duty-free instructional planning time and duty-free lunch.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 248	Eliminate NC Final Exam	Would eliminate the NC final exam and require local boards of education to adopt a policy to require that each local school administrative unit use school-wide growth values to determine Standards 6 ratings. The End-of-Grade and End-of-Course assessments shall be used for determining student growth values for teachers.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 249	Reaffirming Support for Public Schools	This is a House resolution to reaffirm the General Assembly's continued support and advocacy for strong, innovative, and high-achieving public schools during the observance of the 175 th anniversary of the first public school in NC.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; Withdrawn from calendar; re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 300	Modify School Performance Grades	Would modify school performance grades to provide that all schools receive a grade for school achievement and school growth.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education

House Bill 310	No Class Rank Computation/Chapel Hill	An act to exempt the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools from the requirement that class rank be recorded on the transcripts of high school students.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 314	Pilot/Sports for Students w/Disabilities	Would authorize the Department of Public Instruction to fund a pilot program on integrated community-based adapted sports programs for students with disabilities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 324	Partisan Board of Education Elections	An act to require all elected local boards of education to be elected on a partisan basis with vacancies in the membership of the boards filled upon recommendation by the executive committee of the nominating political party.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Elections; reported favorable by Committee substitute; re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 334	Charter School and Other Education Laws Changes	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	Ratified; Presented to Governor 9/17/15; Signed by Governor 9/23/15
House Bill 335	Green Teacher Network Pilot Program	Would appropriate funds for the Green Teacher Network Pilot Program, a nonprofit corporation to transform two Title I Schools into outdoor learning centers.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 342	Supporting Title I Schools	An act to allow local boards of education to set a school calendar that meets the instructional needs in communities with a large population of Title I schools	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 354	Charter School Transparency Act	Would increase transparency in the operations of charter schools. It includes information about the governance, admission policies and budget.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Judiciary IV

House Bill 358/Senate Bill 450	School Performance Grade Scale	Would extend use of the 15 point scale for school performance grades for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 years only	Ratified; Presented to Governor 5/12/15; Signed by Governor 5/14/15
House Bill 359	Excellence in School Leadership	An act to increase the school-based administrator salary schedule; provide performance bonuses to principals of schools exceeding expected student growth; and to direct the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study excellence in school leadership.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 368	Improve the A-F Grading System	An act to improve the school performance grade system. The school achievement score shall account for 20% and the school growth score shall account for 80% of the total sum (currently it is the reverse).	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education –K-12
House Bill 380	Statewide School Safety Management	Would authorize the Department of Public Safety to implement a statewide school risk and response management strategy, make conforming changes to other school safety requirements and to provide for grants for additional school counselors.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 420	Students w/Dyslexia and Dyscalculia	An act to require the State Board of Education and local boards of education to implement a screening program to identify students with dyslexia and dyscalculia.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 428 (Senate 438)	Permanent Plates/Charter Schools	An act to repeal the sunset on the law authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue permanent registration plates to charter schools.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Transportation; re-referred to Committee on Finance
House Bill 439	Competency-Based Assessments	Would establish the intent of the General Assembly to transition to utilizing competency-based learning assessments for all elementary and secondary students in NC.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

House Bill 447	Dropout Prevention & Recovery Pilot Expansion	Would direct the State Board of Education to establish a two-year Dropout Prevention and Recovery Pilot Program. The State Board of Education shall select one charter school to provide educational services and programming for the Pilot Program.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 468	Special Education Charter Pilot	Would establish a three-year Special Education Charter School Pilot Program. The State Board of Education will select one charter school in Wake County to provide the educational services and programming for the Pilot Program. The purpose of the program is to provide additional options for students with disabilities to access instructional programs and individualized learning opportunities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 473	After-School Grants/21 st Century Learning	Would require that the Department of Public Instruction complies with Federal law in the administration of 21 st century community learning grants and does not exceed minimum requirements in regard to the award of funds to sub-grantees. Would modify the competitive after-school grant program.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 474	Healthy Out-of-School Recognition Program	An act to include trackout programs to children when they are out of school on a year-round school calendar and to establish the Healthy Out-of-School Time (HOST) Recognition Program.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 484	Home Schoolers Participate in School Sports	Would permit home-schooled students in certain local school administrative units to participate in interscholastic athletics.	Passed first reading; serial referral to local government and appropriations stricken; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

House Bill 489	Increase School Bus Safety	Would require local school administrative units to provide instruction in school bus safety to students and to direct the Department of Public Instruction to study how the safety of children boarding and exiting school buses may be increased.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 522	State Advisory Council on Indian Education	Would modify the membership of the State Advisory Council on Indian Education.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the House
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.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the House
House Bill 536	School Bus Cameras/Civil Penalties	An act to authorize the use of photographic or video evidence for the civil enforcement of violations for passing a stopped school bus.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Judiciary II; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Judiciary III
House Bill 539	School Playgrounds Available to Public (Changed to Charter School Funding)	Bill would have forced local school districts to share more revenue and federal funding with charter schools. This change could divert millions of dollars of revenue from local public school districts to charter schools for programs and services they may not even offer. In other words, charter schools would receive funding for services and costs borne exclusively by local public schools.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Education; withdrawn from calendar; re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 547	School Psychologists Salary/Sixth Tier	Would establish the sixth tier for the school psychologists, school speech pathologists, and school audiologists salary schedule.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
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.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations

House Bill 559	Testing Feedback for Students/Teachers	Would direct the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to provide summative feedback to parents, students, and teachers on the results of statewide tests and assessments.	Passed third reading in House. Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.
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.	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 568	Transforming Poverty Schools Pilot Program	Would establish the transforming poverty schools pilot program. The program would focus on high-poverty schools and shall be designed to create centers that provide a full-service system of support to students and school communities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 572	Study HS Interscholastic Athletics	Would establish a legislative commission to study the current administration of high school athletics by the NC High School Athletic Association.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 587	School Flexibility Act	The Department of Public Instruction shall conduct professional development workshops in each region of the state. The Department must conduct at least one workshop annually for the superintendents and their designees.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Ways & Mean
House Bill 600	Home Schoolers Participate in School Sports	Would allow students attending home schools to participate in interscholastic athletic activities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

House Bill 602	Recruit CC Students to Teach/Pilot	Would appropriate \$91,000 for a pilot program to recruit community college students to the College of Education at Appalachian State University.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Education; re-referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 604	Parent-Taught Driver Education	Would direct the State Board of Education to develop a process to allow parent-taught driver education.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 609	Healthy and High-Performing Schools	Would enact the Healthy and High-Performance Schools Act of 2015 to ensure that meals include locally grown, healthy produce and that students participate in physical activity.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 624	School Performance Grades Calculation	Would modify the calculation of school performance grades and provide notice to the public on the method of calculation of the grades.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 632	Study Student Online Data Privacy	Would require the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly on issues related to ensuring privacy of online student data.	Passed first reading; referred to Rules, Calendars and Operations of the House; passed first reading in the Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 644	Online Driver Education	Would direct State Board of Education to adopt rules allowing the provision of certain driver education instruction by electronic means.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 647	Epi Pens In All Child-Serving Businesses	Healthcare providers can prescribe epinephrine autoinjectors to organizations, other than schools, at which allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis may be present (i.e., recreation camps, colleges, universities, day care facilities, youth sports leagues, amusement parks, restaurants, places of employment, and sports arenas).	Passed in House and Senate; ratifies on 9/29/2015. Governor signed on 10/20/2015.

House Bill 653	International Student Assessment	Would direct the Department of Public Instruction to join and participate in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). The Department will administer PISA to a sample of students in the 15-year-old age group in approximately 50 schools.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 658	Funds for Educational Training Centers	An act to appropriate funds for regional professional development for K-12 educators.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 660	Transition to Personalized Digital Learning	An act to further the transition to personalized digital learning in all NC K-12 public schools; to transition from textbooks to digital materials for all learners; and to require the State Board of Education to develop and implement digital teaching and learning standards for teachers and school administrators.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 661	Teacher Recruitment and Scholarships	Would transform educator preparation in NC in response to a decline in enrollment in teacher preparation programs. Subject areas to recruit are science, math, and special education especially in low-wealth areas. Would create an educator preparation program at a community college.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Ways & Means
House Bill 662	NC Elevating Educators Act of 2015	Would establish a multi-year program to provide for excellent and high-quality digital instruction. The program would provide for financially stable advanced teaching roles for K-12 classroom teachers.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education; placed on calendar for 4/29/15; ordered engrossed; withdrawn from calendar; re-referred to Committee on Appropriations

House Bill 673	Modify Read to Achieve	An act to modify the statutes pertaining to Read to Achieve. The State Board of Education shall provide several valid and reliable alternative assessments.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Ways & Means
House Bill 675	Modify School Performance Grades	Would increase the weight of school growth in the calculation of school performance grades. The school achievement score shall account for 50% (is 80%) and the school growth score shall account for 50% (is 20%) of the total sum.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education- k-12
House Bill 687	Public Schools/Testing Schedule	Would provide flexibility to local school administrative units in establishing the annual testing schedule.	Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Ways & Means
House Bill 701	School Nurses/LRC Study	Would authorize the Legislative Research Commission to study issues related to staffing the public schools with an adequate number of school nurses to meet the needs of students.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendars and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 726	School Boards Can't Sue County	An act to repeal 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.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Judiciary II; added to calendar; failed second reading
House Bill 727	Reading Assessment	Would allow local boards of education to select a diagnostic reading assessment for the Read to Achieve Program among three assessments approved by the State Board of Education.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 738	Increase Textbook Funds & Spending Flexibility	An act to increase funding for instructional resources, including textbooks, instructional supplies, and equipment, and to allow local school administrative units the flexibility to spend these funds on the resources they determine are most important.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations

House Bill 745	Innovation Through Local Schools/Pilot	Would direct the State Board of Education to implement the innovation through local schools pilot program. The State Board of Education will select one or more school administrative units to participate in the pilot program.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 761	Charter School Capital Funds	Would authorize a county to provide capital funds to a charter school subject to return of those funds upon dissolution of the school.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Local Government
House Bill 769	\$2,000 Pay Increase for Teachers	Would increase the monthly teacher salary schedule for the 2015-16 school year.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 775	Teach Financial Literacy in Schools	An act to establish a pilot program on teaching financial literacy in the public schools.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 776	Ensure Economic Diversity/Students at School	Would direct local boards of education to ensure that the student population at each school is economically diverse.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 778	Charter School Changes	An act to enhance the charter school application process; to allow charter schools to establish certain fees; to direct the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study charters school funding for students with disabilities and to study the rules, procedures, and policies applicable to charter schools.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
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 (is 80%) shall account for 50% of the total sum (is 20%).	Passed third reading in House. Passed first reading in Senate; referred to Committee on Ways & Means

House Bill 819	Student Discipline Data Reports	An act to require the State Board of Education to include in its reports on student discipline an analysis of disproportionalities in referral of students for disciplinary actions and reports to law enforcement agencies and to make data on student discipline publicly available.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 825	School-to-Prison Pipeline/Study	Would establish the legislative task force on the prevention of a school-to-prison pipeline in NC.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendars and Operations of the House
House Bill 838	Increase Dropout Age to 18	Would raise the high school dropout age over a two-year period.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Education
House Bill 843	Residential Public High School/JLEOC Study	Would direct the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study establishing a residential public high school for high-achieving, severely economically disadvantaged students.	Passed first reading; referred to Rules, Calendars and Operations of the House
House Bill 858	GW Back-to-School Grants/Funds	Would appropriate \$500,000 to so that public schools may purchase framed portraits of George Washington under the "George Washington Back-to-School Grants" program.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 898	Incentives-Based Recipient Education	Would sponsor career days and other educational outreach efforts at middle and high schools and institutions of higher education.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Commerce and Job Development
House Bill 916	Personal Education Savings/Disabled Students	Would establish the personal education savings scholarship program.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations

House Bill 917	Loan Repayment Assistance/Certain Teachers	The program is designed to attract qualified teachers to the profession. It would help participants reduce the amount of indebtedness created by the cost of higher education through assisting in the repayment of educational loans.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 918	Teacher Evaluation Preparation Redesign Pilot	Would establish a pilot for redesigning teacher education preparation programs to produce highly effective teachers.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 919	Funding for Driver Education	Would fund the driver education program from unclaimed lottery prize money in 2015-16 FY and from the proceeds of a late fee on motor vehicle registration in subsequent yrs.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 926	Promoting Accelerated Student Success	Would appropriate funds for local school administrative units in order to provide that every kindergarten and first grade classroom has a full-time teacher assistant and every second and third grade classroom has a half-time teacher assistant.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 943	Connect NC Bond Act of 2015	Would provide \$500 million for new public schools, additions, and renovations.	Ratified; presented to Governor 10/01/15; Not Signed by Governor 10/21/2015
SENATE			
Senate Bill 6	State Health Plan/Rehired Retiree Eligibility	Retirees returning to work for the state in temporary positions may retain their state health coverage benefits rather than having to enroll in a new high-deductible health plan.	Passed third reading in Senate. Passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on State Personnel, if favorable then Appropriations
Senate Bill 14	Academic Standards/Rules Review/Coal Ash/Funds	This is an act to transfer funds for the litigation expenses of the Rules Review Commission. The State Board of Education shall provide \$100,000 to the Office of	Ratified; presented to Governor 4/1/15; became law without Governor signature 4/13/15

		Administrative Hearings to be allocated to the Rules Review Commission. The Department of Public Instruction shall transfer \$275,000 to the Department of Administration to support the Academic Standards Review Commission.	
Senate Bill 30	Value Student Learning Act	This bill would increase the weight of school growth in the calculation of school performance grades. The weighting would change from 20% growth/80% testing to 60% growth/40% testing.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; Withdrawn from Committee; Re-referred to Committee on Ways & Means
Senate Bill 31	Restore Teaching Fellows Program	For the 2016-17 fiscal year, it proposes to fund 500 Teaching Fellowships at a total cost of \$3,250,000.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 79	Clinical Experience in Teacher Ed Programs	Would require teacher education programs to provide high quality school-based clinical experiences through partnerships with local boards of education.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 84	Dropout Prevention & Recovery Pilot Expansion	State Board of Education will select one charter school in 2014 & in 2015 to provide educational services. The purpose of this three-year program is to reengage students and increase graduation rates. The program is for high school students who have dropped out of high school or transferred to the charter school.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 94	Education Simplification Amendment	Would provide a Secretary of Education to replace the current Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 95	Performance-Based Reduction in Force/School Policy (Bill Name PROPOSED: Achievement School	Would establish an Achievement School District under the authority of the State Board of Education. Operators would be awarded five-year contracts to manage each school.	Bill was withdrawn when it did not have enough support to pass. Referred back to House Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House where it could be studied/returned to the House for vote. The House proposal

	District)		was to rename the bill and they developed and proposed a lengthy committee substitute language that would impact students, parents, school personnel, school facilities and local boards of education. The Proposed Committee Substitute would create an “Achievement School District (ASD)” comprised of five schools chosen from the bottom 25% of schools across the state. It will force the local school board to either: close the school, use a turn-around principal model, or transfer governance from the local school board to a new Achievement School District (ASD). The ASD would hire third-party operators to take over management & operations and local school boards remain responsible for providing transportation and building maintenance Pilot takeover programs like this in other states have not proven successful. Many education experts believe that lower-performing schools are better served by remaining a part of the local school system and given more local flexibilities and resources for innovative education methods and family support services
Senate Bill 107	Restore Master’s Degree Pay for All Teachers	Would restore education-based salary supplements for all teachers and instructional support personnel beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 121	Excellence in School Leadership Act	Would provide an annual bonus of two thousand dollars to principals of schools that exceed annual growth expectations for	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee;

		student achievement. In addition, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee will conduct a study on excellence in school leadership to attract, prepare, support and reward principals and assistant principals.	re-referred to Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 176	Charter School Grade Level Expansion	Would allow grade level expansion in charter schools in areas of rapidly growing populations near military installations. A charter school granted a charter to open an elementary school may expand the school to include a middle school serving grade six the following school year.	Passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Education
Senate Bill 181	Wake County Commissioner Districts	Would increase the number of Wake County Commission seats and alter the districts to coincide with the districts of the Wake County Board of Education.	Passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Elections; Ratified
Senate Bill 211	Penalty for Late Payment of Monies/Charters	Would provide a monetary penalty when funds are not transferred within required time lines between local school administrative units and charter schools.	Passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Judiciary I
Senate Bill 237	Education-Based Salary Supplements	Would provide education-based salary supplements for certain school employees. This act applies to teachers and instructional support personnel at the six-year degree level or the doctoral degree level. They shall be paid on the “M” salary schedule.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Appropriations
Senate Bill 242	Eliminate Personal Education Plans	Would eliminate personal education plans for students. Students at-risk of academic failure would no longer have a personal education plan for academic improvement with focused intervention and performance benchmarks.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate Bill 260	Permit Align School/Community College Calendar	Would permit certain local boards of education to align their school calendars with those of community colleges serving their communities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Ways and Means
Senate Bill 272	Eliminate Personal Education Plans	Would eliminate personal education plans for students. Students at-risk of academic failure would no longer have a personal education plan for academic improvement with focused intervention and performance benchmarks.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 276	Bereavement Leave/State and School Employees	Would provide state employees and public school employees with three days of paid leave for bereavement upon the death of an immediate family member.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 277	Restore Educational Sales Tax Holiday	Would reenact the sales and use tax holiday for school supplies effective July 1, 2015.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 279	Amend Qualifications/ Practice of Counseling	An act amending the professional counselors act to modify educational qualifications for the practice of counseling and to require local boards of education to address sex trafficking prevention and awareness.	Ratified; Presented to Governor 10/1/15; Signed by Governor 10/20/2015
Senate Bill 283	Classroom Experience for School Personnel	Would give classroom experience to professional public school employees who are not classroom teachers.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 289	Education Preparation Reform Act	Would improve teacher education preparation programs in NC to ensure that NC has a nationally accredited teacher education unit that promotes continuous improvement in teacher preparedness.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Education
Senate Bill 298	School Bus Cameras/Civil Penalties	Would authorize the use of photographic or video evidence for the civil enforcement of violations for passing a stopped school bus.	Engrossed in Senate; passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Appropriations
Senate Bill 315	School Playgrounds Available to Public	Would authorize local boards of education to make outdoor school property available to	Ratified; presented to Gov. 6/6/2105; Signed by Governor 6/11/2015

		the public for recreational purposes.	
Senate Bill 316	Reaffirming Support for Public Schools	Senate resolution to reaffirm the Senate’s continued support & advocacy for strong, innovative, & high-achieving public schools during the observance of the 175 th anniversary of the first public school in NC.	Adopted 3/18/15 by Senate.
Senate Bill 330	Change Orders on School Construction Projects	Would amend the law regarding change orders on school construction projects. All change orders involving school construction contracts shall be approved by the local board of education.	Passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Local Government
Senate Bill 333	Teacher Attrition Data	Would require that the State Board of Education include specific data in its annual report on the teaching profession. The report will include data on the teaching profession, the number of teachers who left the profession, and the reasons for teachers leaving to teach in other states.	Ratified; presented to Governor 6/25/15; Signed by Governor 6/29/2015
Senate Bill 343	Student Assault on Teacher/Felony Offense	Would make it a felony offense for a student who is sixteen years of age or older 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.	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 384	Increase Pay/Experience Teachers	Would increase the salary of experienced teachers by adding steps to the teacher salary schedule. Teachers beyond step 29 on the teacher salary schedule would receive more money.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 387	SBE Confirmations	A joint resolution providing for a joint session of the General Assembly to act on a joint resolution providing for confirmation of appointments by the governor of new State Board of Education members.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Select Committee on Nominations

Senate Bill 388	Reading Assessments	An act to allow local boards of education to select a diagnostic reading assessment for the read to achieve program among three assessments approved by the State Board of Education. The State Board shall approve three valid, reliable, formative, and diagnostic reading assessment instruments for selection by local school administrative units.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 400	School Access for Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts	Would encourage access to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations for public school students. Local boards of education shall encourage schools to facilitate access for students to participate.	Ratified; Presented to Governor 9/18/15; Signed by Governor 9/25/2015
Senate Bill 401	Pilot/Sports for Students with Disabilities	Would authorize the Department of Public Instruction to use funds to conduct a pilot program on integrated community-based adapted sports programs for students with disabilities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Education/Higher Education; reported favorable; re-referred to Committee on Appropriations
Senate Bill 408	Firearms on School Grounds/Security Guards	An act to provide that the prohibition regarding carrying a concealed weapon on educational property does not apply to an armed security guard at a college, university, or public school while discharging the guard's duties.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 415	NC Virtual Public School/Umstead Exemption	Would make the NC Virtual Public School exempt from the Umstead Act.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from committee; re-referred to Transportation; reported

			favorable; re-referred to Committee on Finance; passed second reading; regular message sent to House; regular message received from Senate; passed first reading; referred to the Committee on Transportation, if favorable, Finance
Senate Bill 439	Students with Specific Learning Disabilities	Would require the State Board of Education and local boards of education to implement a screening program for the early identification of students with specific learning disabilities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 444	Teacher Compensation Modifications	An act to increase the entry-level base pay for teachers from \$33,000 to \$35,000 for ten months of employment.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 450	School Performance Grade Scale	Would extend the use of the fifteen point scale for assignment of school performance grades for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years only.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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.	Passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; withdrawn from calendar; re-referred to Committee on Appropriations
Senate Bill 463	Increase Access to Education	An act providing for increased access to higher education. Would provide resident tuition status to individuals who have attended school in NC for at least three consecutive years or received a high school diploma or GED from a school in NC.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 494	Student Attendance Recognition	Would allow a student who is lawfully absent from school to be eligible for a	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of

		student attendance recognition program adopted by the local board of education.	the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Education
Senate Bill 503	Sex Offense with Student/Charter Schools	For crimes of “Taking indecent liberties with a student” and “Intercourse and sexual offenses with a student,” the definition of “school personnel” includes employees of charter schools and nonpublic schools.	Passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; withdrawn from committee; re-referred to Committee on Judiciary III
Senate Bill 510	NCVPS/Equal Access to Education	Would appropriate funds to provide equal access for public and nonpublic NC school students to NC Virtual Public School courses.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 515	Driver Education Funding	Would restore the funding from the highway fund for the driver education program administered by the Department of Public Instruction.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Transportation
Senate Bill 517	Teachers/Isolated K-12 Schools	An act to provide for teacher allotments for geographically isolated K-12 schools.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 523	Avoid Double Billing of Taxpayers	An act to require each county to pay the cost of community college remediation for students who graduated from a high school in that county within the past two years. No State funds will be used.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Education
Senate Bill 524	Grad Requirements/Sports Pilot	Requires the teaching of a semester course that includes instruction in Founding Principles of the United States of America and “the State of North Carolina” in high school, removing "American History I – The Founding Principles" as the statutorily-named course to fulfill this requirement.	Ratified; presented to Governor 9/30/2015; Signed by Gov. 10/29/2015

		Also funded a pilot program for an integrated community based adapted sports program for students with disabilities in grades K-12.	
Senate Bill 530	Competency-Based Assessments	Would establish the intent of the General Assembly to transition to utilizing competency-based learning assessments for all elementary and secondary students in NC.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 531	Study Need for Pulse Oximeters in Schools	Would direct the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study the need to ensure that every public school has a pulse oximeter.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 534	Continuing Budget Authority	An act authorizing the director of the budget to continue expenditures for the operations of government in effect on June 30, 2015.	Ratified; Presented to Governor 6/30/15' Signed by Governor 6/30/15
Senate Bill 535	NC Works Career Coaches	Would establish the NC Works Program to place community college career coaches in high schools to build awareness of dual enrollment opportunities, to conduct academic and career advising with students, and to coordinate faculty and staff professional development activities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 551	Out of School Services	Would establish the Healthy Out-of-School Time Recognition Program to prevent childhood obesity.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 554	School Building Leasing Reform	Would provide additional flexibility to local boards of education to enter into leases for school buildings and other facilities.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 555	Student Reading Act	Would enact the Student Reading Act to gauge reading proficiency based on a standardized assessment of reading comprehension and student reading portfolios.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate Bill 561	Career and College Ready Graduates	An act to require that students who complete high school are career and college ready.	Passed reading in House. Re-referred to Committee on Education; placed on calendar for 8/19/2015; Place on calendar, and withdrawn; re-referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 594	Teach for NC Pilot Program	Would establish the Teach for NC Pilot Program in response to a decrease in enrollment in teacher preparation programs and the teacher turnover rate. Would provide scholarship loans to qualified teacher assistants in the Richmond, Scotland and Anson County school systems who are preparing to teach.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 597	Education Statutes Revision	Would make changes to various statutes to reflect current practices in education. The State Board of Education shall adopt tests and implement a procedure to identify and serve low-performing schools.	Passed first reading in House; referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate Bill 601	Student Data Protection Act	An act to prohibit operators of certain online services from disclosing, selling, or targeting advertising based on student data gathered from those services and to require contracts for online services to protect student data.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 624	Private Schools/Firearms Amendments	Would provide that certain employees and volunteers at private schools may carry certain weapons on educational property when authorized by the school board of trustees or school administrative director. A person who has a concealed handgun permit may carry a concealed handgun on educational property that is both a school and a place of worship when the person is attending worship services and functions at the location.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate Bill 631	Eliminate Annual Training Requirement- School Boards	Would eliminate mandatory annual training for local boards of education.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 640	School Nurses-LRC Study	Would authorize the legislative research commission to study issue related to staffing public schools with an adequate number of school nurses to meet the needs of students.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 649	Access to Sports/Extracurricular for All Students	Would permit students who attend a public, private, or home school without an interscholastic athletics program in a given sport or particular extracurricular activity to participate in that activity at a public high school.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; withdrawn from Committee; re-referred to Committee on Education
Senate Bill 657	Charter Schools/Higher Ed/LRC Study	Would authorize the legislative research committee to study allowing constituent institutions and community colleges to operate charter schools.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 713	2015 Governor's Budget	An act to make base budget appropriations for operations of state departments, agencies, and institutions. The public schools education budget is an estimated \$8,397,294,193 for 2015-16 and \$8,408,873,828 for 2016-17.	Passed first reading; referred to Committee on Appropriations

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