

Legislative Week in Review Summary

Bill	Name	Summary	Status
House Bill 23 / Senate 15	Teachers/Isolated K-12 Schools	Would allot additional teachers for geographically isolated K-12 schools	Filed 1/26/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
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	Passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 53	School Calendar Modification	Would provide additional flexibility to public schools in adopting their school calendars; would require a minimum of 1,025 hours of instruction covering at least nine months	Filed 2/06/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 90	Changes to Education and Election Laws	Known as the class size fix bill, it phases in class size requirements over four years and creates an allotment for enhancement teachers. Learn more.	Presented to Governor 2/13/18, became law without signature
House Bill 136	Lower Compulsory Attendance Age From 7 to 6	Would lower the age when a child must attend school from the age of seven to six years old	Filed 2/20/17, passed 1 st 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 provide training in juvenile justice issues and cultural competency to school safety resource officers (SROs)	Filed 2/28/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 235	Teacher Mentor Qualifications	Would modify the criteria for selection of teacher mentors to provide support to teachers entering the profession	Filed 3/01/17, passed 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd reading in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 329	Home School Education Tax Credit	Would create an income tax credit equal to \$1,250 per semester for children who are home	Filed 3/13/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee

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House Bill 359	CC/High School Enrollment in CTE Courses	Would clarify high school student enrollment in community college career and technical education courses	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 360	Harnett Co. Schools/Exam Window	Would provide greater flexibility to Harnett County Schools in scheduling exams for semester courses	Filed 3/15/17, passed readings in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 389	School Calendar Flexibility Pilot Program	Would allow selected counties to control school start and end dates. (Many legislators introduced bills exempting local districts from calendar law)	Passed by House 4/6/17; passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 417	Actually Get Rid of Common Core Act	Would repeal the North Carolina Mathematics Standard Course of Study adopted in June 2010 and shall adopt a mathematics standard course of study that is consistent with the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in Mathematics (2007) with necessary revisions for the needs of NC	Filed 3/21/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 458	School Annual Report Card	Would modify school performance grades to provide that all schools receive a grade for achievement and school growth	Filed 3/23/17, passed readings in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 482	County Commissioner Role in School Building Acquisition	Would clarify the role of the county commissioners in school building acquisition	Conference committee appointed
House Bill 514	Permit Municipal Charter School/Certain Towns	An act to allow certain towns to operate charter schools	Passed the House 4/27/17, passed 1 st reading in the Senate, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 535 / Senate Bill	Computer Coding Course Elective	Would require the State Board of Education to develop courses in computer programming and	Filed 3/29/17, passed readings in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate,

540		coding as elective courses for middle and high school students	referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 554	Fines and Forfeitures/Payment to Schools	Would direct excess receipts in the civil penalty and forfeiture fund to be transferred to the school technology fund in the same fiscal year to be used toward payment of the 2008 court judgment on civil penalties, fines, and forfeitures and to direct the Legislative Research Commission to study ways to satisfy the remainder of the judgment	Filed 4/04/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 570	K-12 Academic Freedom	Would require the State Board of Education to adopt a policy of academic freedom to maintain a safe and orderly classroom	Filed 4/05/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 582	Abuse & Neglect Resources/Anon. Tip Line App	Would require public schools to provide students with information and resources on child abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse, to appropriate funds to support the anonymous safety tip line application, and to make certain changes to update the general statutes	Filed 4/05/17, passed 1 st 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 and revise the procedures for qualified zone academy bonds	Filed 4/05/17, passed readings in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 605 / Senate Bill 674	School 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 4/05/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 612	Comprehensive Firearm Ed. Elective/Schools	Would authorize a local board of education to offer a comprehensive firearm education elective	Filed 4/05/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee

		course developed and identified by the State Board of Education	
House Bill 634	Private Alternative Teacher Preparation	Would direct the State Board of Education to approve certain qualifying alternative lateral entry educator preparation programs	Filed 4/06/17, passed readings in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 651	State Pension/Ret. Health Ben. Fund	Would establish the Unfunded Liability Solvency Reserve, an employee benefits trust	Passed the House 6/29/17, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 678	Opp. Scholarships/Accredited Schools Only	Would require that students receiving Opportunity Scholarships attend schools that are accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency or the State Board of Education	Filed 4/10/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 746	Omnibus Gun Changes	Would allow concealed carry without a permit for 18-year-olds and up wherever open carry is currently allowed	Passed the House 6/8/17, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 838	Supt. Public Instruction Support Staff	Would provide up to \$596,586 to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for additional personnel	Filed 4/11/17, passed readings in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 841	Testing Transparency	Would improve the transparency of testing in NC; the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall study and make recommendations regarding the extent to which the SAT and ACT tests align with the English language arts and mathematics portions of the Standard Course of Study	Filed 4/11/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 866	Public School Building Bond	An act to provide \$1,900,000,000 bonds for	Passed 1 st reading in House, referred

	Act of 2017	public school facilities through grants to counties for public school projects	to Finance Committee
House Bill 894	Veterans/Health Care/Youth Suicide Prevention	Would develop a pilot program in Cumberland County to provide health care services to veterans and a training program on youth suicide awareness and prevention and risk referral protocol for school personnel	Passed the House 6/28/17, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 933	Reciprocity/School Psychologist Licensure	Would grant a license to practice as a school psychologist to any person who holds the nationally certified school psychologist credential	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading, ordered engrossed
House Bill 934	Threat Assessment Teams/Peer to Peer Counsels	Would require threat assessment teams in public schools and require peer to peer student counseling programs	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 935	Add Piedmont Community Charter School to SHP	Would allow Piedmont Community Charter School to participate in the State Health Plan for teachers and state employees	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Pensions and Retirement
House Bill 936	Allow Durham Public Schools to Provide Housing	Would authorize the Durham Public Schools Board of Education to provide affordable rental housing for teachers and employees of Durham Public Schools	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Government II
House Bill 937	SROs Defined/Training Standards	Would define school safety resource officer and require training standards for those officers, as recommended by the House Select Committee on School Safety	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 938	Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans	Would require charter schools, regional schools, and UNC laboratory schools to develop a school risk management plan and hold school safety exercises	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 939	School Building Vulnerability Assessments	Would direct the Center for Safer Schools to develop a facility vulnerability assessment tool	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee

		and direct schools to assess each school building annually	
House Bill 940	SRO Rpt by LBEs to Center for Safer Schools	Would direct schools to boards of education to report to the Center for Safer Schools about school resource officers	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 941	Increase Funding for SRO Grant	Would appropriate additional grant funds for SROs	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 951	Permit Lincoln County Schools & Community College Alignment	Would allow the Lincoln County Board of Education to align its school calendar with Gaston College	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 953	Support Multiple Recesses for Lincoln County Schools	Would support multiple recess periods for public schools in Lincoln County	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Education Committee
House Bill 954	Rockingham County School Board/Chair Term.	Would establish a one-year term of the chair of the Rockingham County Board of Education	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Government II
House Bill 962 / Senate Bill 720	Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans	Would require charter schools, regional schools, and UNC laboratory schools to develop a school risk management plan and hold school safety exercises	Filed 5/17/18
House Bill 965	National and State Mottos in Schools Act	Would require the national and state mottos to be displayed in public schools	Filed 5/17/18
Senate Bill 15 / House Bill 23	Teachers/Isolated K-12 Schools	Would allot additional teachers for geographically isolated K-12 schools	Filed 1/26/17, passed 1 st reading, passed 1 st reading in House, referred to Education Committee
Senate Bill 39	Charter Schools/CIHSs	Would add charter schools to the public schools eligible to establish cooperative innovative high schools	Filed 2/07/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 48	Clinical Educator for Student Teaching	Would broaden the potential placement of student teachers with clinical educators to include Department of Defense schools	Filed 2/07/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee

Senate Bill 117 / House Bill 160	Forfeit. Retirement Benefits/Anti-Pen. Spiking	Would prohibit the receipt of benefits from the consolidated judicial retirement system for judges who have been impeached and convicted or removed from office, to amend felony forfeiture statutes, to clarify anti-pension-spiking contribution-based benefit cap, and to provide an exemption from rule making	Filed 2/21/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, passed 1 st reading in House, referred to Education Committee
Senate Bill 184	Evidence Passed Vehicle Is a School Bus	Would provide additional methods for proving that a stopped vehicle passed by another vehicle is a school bus; would require schools to provide instruction in school bus safety to students; would require DPI to study how the safety of children boarding and exiting school buses may be increased	Filed 3/06/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 234	SBA Pay/Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund	Would provide a portion of lottery revenues to reform the compensation structure for school-based administrators and for K-12 construction	Filed 3/09/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 542	Public School Building Bond Act of 2017	An act to provide \$1,900,000,000 bonds for public school facilities through grants to counties for public school projects	Passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 254	Access to Sports/Extracurricular Certain Students	Would permit students who attend a public school or home school without an interscholastic athletics program in a given sport or activity to participate in that activity at a public high school	Filed 3/14/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 291	NCVPS/Equal Access to Education	Would appropriate funds to provide equal access for both public and nonpublic NC school students to NC virtual public school courses	Filed 3/15/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 408	NC Truth in Education	Would require each constituent institution to compile and provide certain information to students who apply for admission at the	Filed 3/28/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education

		constituent institution that may be helpful to students in selecting an institution of higher education to attend and in making career choices	
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 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Ed Committee
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 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Ed 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 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
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, passed 1 st reading, re-referred to Education/Higher Ed Committee
Senate Bill 647	JLEOC Study/ESSA/School Report Card	Would direct the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to study any minimal changes required to the school performance grade system that may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act	Filed 4/04/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 661 / House Bill 605	Sch. Dist. Hold Harmless/Hurricane Matthew	Would hold harmless local school administrative units that were impacted by Hurricane Matthew for purposes of daily membership and the budget rating used to calculate the allotment for the transportation of students	Filed 4/04/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Education/Higher Education Committee

Senate Bill 664	Restore Ed.-Based Salary Supplements	Would restore education-based salary supplements	Filed 04/04/17, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Ed Committee
Senate Bill 713	Reenact School Sales Tax Holiday	Would reenact the sales and use tax holiday for school supplies	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 718	Revise Principal Compensation	Would make adjustments to the principal salary schedule and provide a bonus schedule	Filed 5/16/18, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules & Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 720 / House Bill 962	Expand Use/School Risk Management Plans	Would require charter schools, regional schools, and UNC laboratory schools to develop a school risk management plan and hold school safety exercises	Filed 5/17/18
Senate Bill 725 / House Bill 936	Allow Durham Public Schools to Provide Housing	Would authorize the Durham Public Schools Board of Education to provide affordable rental housing for teachers and employees of Durham Public Schools	Filed 5/17/18
School Calendar Flexibility Bills	H20 , H41 , H47 , H50 , H51 , H60 , H77 , H79 , H93 , H106 , H108 , H121 , H166 , H167 , H188 , H202 , H203 , H209 , H210 , H213 , H231 , H234 , H253 , H269 , H291 , H296 , H301 , H313 , H314 , H318 , H346 , H372 , H377 , H419 , H430 , H521 , H523 , H839		