



This Week in Review – April 27 – May 1

The NC General Assembly convened on Tuesday, April 26 to focus on the response to COVID-19.

Both chambers have now passed their COVID-19 recovery packages. The package totals around \$1.6 billion, and spends federal funding provided to the State in the CARES Act, the \$2 trillion recovery bill Congress passed in late March.

Budget provisions will be added to SB 704, while the policy language will be placed in HB 1043. **Both chambers are expected to convene on Saturday, May 2, to vote on the bills.**

***Items in bold reflect action taken this week**

Bill	Name	Summary	Status
House Bills			
House Bill 1035	Education Omnibus/COVID-19	An act to provide relief to school students and personnel in response to COVID-19; would provide NC schools 1-year waivers on standardized testing, school calendar flexibility, K-3 class size reductions, and teacher licensure	Filed 4/28/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12, reported favorable, re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House
House Bill 1038	Omnibus COVID-19 Response Funds	An act that would provide relief to K-12 schools for funds for school nutrition, internet connectivity, summer learning programs, physical and mental health services, and more	Filed 4/28/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations, reported favorable Com Substitute, re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House



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House Bill 1043	Pandemic Response Act	Funds relief in response to COVID-19, including funds for school nutrition, remote learning, and summer learning programs	Filed 4/28/20, passed in House, sent to Senate, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget
House Bill 1047 (Senate Bill 706)	Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students	An act to authorize student attendance for children of active duty military due to the military orders of the parent	Filed 4/29/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs
House Bill 1050	PED/Low-Performing School Districts	Would require consideration of early childhood learning improvement plans for low-performing local schools and require that comprehensive needs assessments for low-performing schools include analysis of early childhood learning	Filed 4/29/20. passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12
Senate Bills			
Senate Bill 704	COVID-19 Recovery Act	An act that includes emergency relief, including an extra \$22 million for DPI to provide funds for school nutrition programs	Filed 4/28/20. Engrossed, sent to House, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate Bill 706 (House Bill 1047)	Educ. Changes for Military-Connected Students	An act to authorize student attendance for children of active duty military due to the military orders of the parent	Filed 4/30/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate