

This Week in Review – May 11 - 15

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

Of note this week, the House filed [House Bill 1088](#) that would place a \$3.9 billion bond on the November ballot. \$2 billion would go to public schools to begin to address an estimated \$8 billion in construction and renovation needs.

***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 1 st 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 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations, reported favorable Com Substitute, re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, withdrawn, re-referred to Committee on Health
House Bill 1043	Pandemic Response Act	Funds relief in response to COVID-19, including funds for school nutrition, remote learning, and summer learning programs	Signed by Governor

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 1 st 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 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12
House Bill 1069	Retirement Technical Corrections Act of 2020	An act to make changes to the Teachers and State Employees’ Retirement System	Filed 5/12/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Pensions and Retirement
House Bill 1071	State/Federal Funds for School Connectivity	Would provide \$4.6 million in recurring funds and \$15 million in nonrecurring funds to be used for the School Connectivity Initiative	Filed 5/12/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1084	Bob Jordan Teaching Fellows Restoration Act	Enacts the Bob Jordan Teaching Fellows Restoration Program Act and appropriates funds to implement the act; removes the STEM or special education requirement	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1088	Invest NC Bond Act of 2020	Would place a \$3.9 billion bond for schools, colleges and universities, and water and sewer infrastructure on the November ballot	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1091	TeachNC License Plate	Would authorize the DMV to produce a “TEACHNC” special registration plate	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Finance
House Bill 1103	2020 Omnibus Appropriations Act	An act to make appropriations for the current budget	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1107	NCSSM Tuition Grant Program	Would establish a tuition grant for graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics program; \$1 million in recurring funds	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1112	2020 Omnibus Appropriations Act	An act to make appropriations for the current budget	Filed 5/14/20

House Bill 1114	2020 Omnibus Appropriations Act	An act to make appropriations for the current budget	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1116	Enhancing Accessibility to Teacher Prof. Dev.	Would appropriate \$350,310 in nonrecurring funds for 2020-21 to develop and implement professional development courses for teachers	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1122	Provide Affordable Broadband Access to NC	Would provide \$4.5 million for grants to Local Education Agencies to purchase mobile hotspot devices to provide Wi-Fi on school buses; \$250K to conduct research on the size and scope of the homework gap; \$125K for a third-party evaluation of the pilot program and progress toward closing the homework gap; \$125K for mobile service testing to ensure hotspots can provide adequate access for at-home educational needs	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1123	Study of Retention of K-12 Teachers	Would fund the Teacher Retention Task Force and revise the state of the teaching profession report	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1126	Enabling Opportunity Scholarship Reporting	An act to require the administration of a common examination to a sample of certain nonpublic and public students for the purposes of enabling Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program reporting and to provide for funds for the evaluation	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1129	Ensure a Sound Basic Education	An act to create new programs and make changes to the laws related to elementary secondary, and postsecondary public schools	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1130	Invest in a Sound Basic Education	An act to appropriate funds to create new programs and make changes to the laws related to early childhood education initiatives and elementary, secondary, and postsecondary public schools	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1131	Teacher Pipeline Development	Would appropriate \$75,000 in nonrecurring funds to the NC Foundation for Public School Children for the North Carolina Teacher Cadet Program	Filed 5/14/20

House Bill 1132	Study on K-12 Student Retention	An act to direct the study of kindergarten through twelfth grade student retention	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1139	Local Boards of Education Budget Flexibility	An act to allow budget flexibility for local boards of education for 2020-21	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1146	Prof. Teachers & Admins. Accountability Act	An act to appropriate funds to reform the public education system; includes salary and retirement changes	Filed 5/14/20
House Bill 1148	Restore Master's Pay for Certain Teachers	Would reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers with a master's, six-year, or doctoral degree they completed prior to Aug. 1, 2013	Filed 5/14/20
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	Signed by Governor
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 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 711	Eligibility Changes for Opp Scholarships	Further expands the number of students who can receive a private school voucher. Eliminates the existing eligibility requirements for students to attend private schools with public tax dollars	Filed 5/5/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 725	PED/Low-Performing School Districts	An act to require consideration of early childhood learning in improvement plans for low-performing local school administrative units and to require that comprehensive needs assessments for low-performing schools include analysis of early childhood learning	Filed 5/13/20, passed 1st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 747	\$15/Hour Min, Pay for Noncert. Sch. Employees	Would require the hourly rate of the minimum salary for noncertified public school employees to be at least \$15/hr	Filed 5/14/20

Senate Bill 749	RO Filling Stations for New Hanover Schools	An act to provide funds for reverse osmosis water filtration filling stations in New Hanover County Schools	
Senate Bill 764	CTE Pilot for Guilford Co. Schools	An act to appropriate funds to Guilford County Schools to establish and operate an innovative signature career academy program in its traditional high schools	Filed 5/14/20
Senate Bill 765	Education Omnibus	An act to appropriate funds to make changes to laws related to elementary and secondary public schools	Filed 5/14/20
Senate Bill 766	Rebuild a Better NC Bond Act	Would place a \$3 billion bond on the November ballot	Filed 5/14/20
Senate Bill 769	Municipal Broadband Expansion	An act to enable local governments to expand access to broadband	Filed 5/14/20
Senate Bill 771	Restore Educational Sales Tax Holiday	An act to reenact the Sales and Use tax holiday for school supplies	Filed 5/14/20
Senate Bill 787	Restore Master's Pay for Teachers	An act to reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel	Filed 5/14/20
Senate Bill 789	HBCU/HMSI Funds/Doct.Prog/Teaching Fellows	An act to allocate additional funds to HBCU's and to add certain institutions to the Teaching Fellows program	Filed 5/14/20
Senate Bill 790	HBCU/HMSI Funds/Doct.Prog/Teaching Fellows	An act to allocate additional funds to HBCU's and to add certain institutions to the Teaching Fellows program	Filed 5/14/20
Senate Bill 791	Funds for NC Pre-K	An act to appropriate additional funds for all income-eligible four-year-old children to participate in the NC Pre-K program	Filed 5/14/20