



*This Week in Review – May 4 - 8*

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

Both chambers 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 passed their relief bills on Saturday, May 2. They were both signed by the Governor this week.**

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

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>House Bills</b>			
<a href="#">House Bill 1035</a>	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 <sup>st</sup> reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12, reported favorable, re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House
<a href="#">House Bill 1038</a>	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 <sup>st</sup> reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations, reported favorable Com Substitute, re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

<a href="#">House Bill 1043</a>	Pandemic Response Act	Funds relief in response to COVID-19, including funds for school nutrition, remote learning, and summer learning programs	<b>Signed by Governor</b>
<a href="#">House Bill 1047</a> (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 <sup>st</sup> reading, referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs
<a href="#">House Bill 1050</a>	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 <sup>st</sup> reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12
<b>Senate Bills</b>			
<a href="#">Senate Bill 704</a>	COVID-19 Recovery Act	An act that includes emergency relief, including an extra \$22 million for DPI to provide funds for school nutrition programs	<b>Signed by Governor</b>
<a href="#">Senate Bill 706</a> (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 <sup>st</sup> reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
<a href="#">Senate Bill 711</a>	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	<b>Filed 5/5/20, passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate</b>