

This Week in Review – June 22 - 26

The NC General Assembly convened on Tuesday, April 26 to focus on the response to COVID-19. This week, Senate Bill 818 was signed by the governor. The bill would provide a \$350 bonus for educators. Senate Bill 113 was also presented to the governor. It would allow NC schools flexibility to use more than five remote learning days.

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

Bill	Name	Summary	Status
House Bills			
House Bill 158	COVID-19 New Driver Response	Would temporarily waive the road test requirement for level two limited provisional licenses and to provide accommodations for driver education coursework interrupted by school closures in the spring semester of 2020; would expire when the division resumes administering road tests for Level 2 license applicants	Presented to Governor
House Bill 678	Amend Counselor/SA/Soc. Worker Prof. Acts	An act to amend the licensed professional counselors act; to update and revise the substance abuse professional practice act; and to amend the social worker certification and licensure act	Filed 4/10/19, passed readings in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Health Care
House Bill 1023	Coronavirus Relief Fund/Additions & Revisions	Would provide additional and revised uses for federal coronavirus relief funds; provides \$7 million to DPI for PPE; \$5 million to DPI to hold in reserve and to award as grants; \$75 million to DPI for emergency school nutrition services, including school meals	Presented to Governor

House Bill 1035	2020-2021 Calendar Modifications	An act to provide modifications to the 2020-21 school calendar to address extraordinary circumstances due to COVID-19 and to extend the use of funds for school nutrition	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, passed reading in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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reported favorable Com Substitute, re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, withdrawn, re-referred to Committee on Health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	Presented to Governor
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 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Pensions and Retirement



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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	Presented to Governor
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 1 st 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 1 st 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 1 st 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 1 st 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 1 st 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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1113	Local Options Sales Tax/School Construction	An act to give Guilford County greater flexibility to use local option sales tax revenues for education	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Finance, reported fav com substitute, cal pursuant rule 36(b), passed 2 nd reading, placed on calendar for 6/22, passed 3rd reading, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 1114	2020 Omnibus Appropriations Act	An act to make appropriations for the current budget	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations

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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, Operations of the House
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Education
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
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; would abolish the Opp. Scholarship Program, change performance grades to account for 51% growth and align K-12 calendars with community colleges	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Pensions and Retirement
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; would restore salary supplements for teachers as long as they spend at least 70% of their time in the area they got their master’s degree in	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1153	Iredell-Statesville Bd. Of Ed/Election Method	Would provide a voter referendum on changing the method of election for the Iredell-Statesville Schools Board of Education from partisan to nonpartisan	Filed 5/19/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on State and Local Government, reported favorable, passed 2 nd , 3 rd reading, sent to Senate, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Redistricting and Elections
House Bill 1181	Certain Appropriations for Education/COVID	Would appropriate \$150 million to DPI to improve internet connectivity for students by installing Wi-Fi in school buses and providing community and home internet access points; \$65 million to DPI to purchase computers for students and school personnel; \$25 million to DPI for grants for schools	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations

		to apply for funds to support extraordinary costs associated with services for exceptional children; \$25 million to DPI for contracted services for school health support personnel (counselors, nurse, psychologists, and social workers)	
House Bill 1182	Funds for Educational Entities/COVID	Would provide funds to DPI to provide services and cover costs necessary to assist schools and students affected by COVID-19	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1185	2020 Omnibus Appropriations Act	Would make appropriations for the current operations of state government and other changes in the budget operations of the state	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1186	2020 Omnibus Appropriations Act	Would make appropriations for the current operations of state government and other changes in the budget operations of the state	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1189	Drivers Education COVID-19 Response	Would provide \$10 million in nonrecurring funds for 2020-21 for the driver education allotment	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12, reported fav com substitute, passed readings in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 1190	UNC-TV/At-Home Learning Initiative	Would provide \$1.9 million to the UNC Center for Public Media for the At-Home Learning Initiative to expand student learning experiences in response to the impacts of COVID-19	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1199 (Senate Bill 842)	Graduating Sr Numeric Grade/Appropriate Funds	Would allow graduating seniors to receive numeric grades on transcripts and to appropriate funds (\$10,000)	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Education – K-12, reported fav com substitute, passed reading in House, passed 1 st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, ratified, Ch. SL 2020-13

House Bill 1203 (Senate Bill 850)	Ensure Healthy Schools/COVID-19	An act to require at least one school nurse in every school beginning in the 2020-21 school year; would provide \$102 million in recurring funds to increase the Instructional Support Allotment to provide at least one full-time school nurse in every school in the unit	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Health
House Bill 1205	Expedited State Leasing-Broadband	Would streamline the preparation and finalization of new leases and lease renewals on state property to expedite deployment of broadband infrastructure	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, re-referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, reported fav, cal pursuant rule 36(b), placed on calendar for 6/23, passed 2nd, 3rd reading, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 1206	Student Mental Health Well-Being/COVID-19	Would fund additional school mental health support personnel in response to anticipated greater need due to impacts from the coronavirus disease 2019; would provide \$480 million in recurring funds to meet the following ratios: at least one school psychologist for every 700 students; at least one school counselor for every 250 students; at least one school social worker for every 400 students	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1212	NC Teacher Support Program Funds	Would provide funds to support teachers participating in the NC New Teacher Support Program.	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1213	DMV/Waive Rd Test/Parent/Guard. Liability	Would allow the DMV to issue a drivers license or limited provisional license before the applicant passes a road test upon condition parent or guardian accepts financial liability	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Transportation

House Bill 1217 (Senate Bill 790)	HBCU/HMSI Funds/Doct. Prog./Teaching Fellows	Would allocate funds to historically black colleges and universities to address underfunding and add institutions to the Teaching Fellows Program	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1223	Additional Funds for EC/COVID-19	Would provide additional funds for exceptional children impacted by COVID-19	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations
House Bill 1225	Education & Transportation Bond Act of 2020	Would place an \$8 million bond on the November ballot to provide funds for public school facilities	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Appropriations, amend adopted A1, passed 2 nd reading, placed on calendar for 6/22, ordered engrossed, passed 1st reading in Senate, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bills			
Senate Bill 113	Education Omnibus	An act to exempt certain school psychologists from NC Psychology Board licensure; to clarify the use of digital learning plan funds; make modifications to the 2020-21 school calendar requirements to expand the use of remote learning days, and more education related actions	Presented to Governor
Senate Bill 476	School-Based Mental Health	An act to require the State Board of Education to adopt a school-based mental health policy and to require K-12 School units to adopt and implement the plan that includes a mental health training program and a suicide risk referral protocol	Signed by Governor, Ch. SL 2020-7
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, re-referred to

			Education/Higher Education, reported fav, passed 2 nd , 3 rd reading, sent to House, passed 1st reading in House, referred to Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
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 1 st 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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate

Senate Bill 766	Rebuild a Better NC Bond Act	Would place a \$3 billion bond on the November ballot	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 769	Municipal Broadband Expansion	An act to enable local governments to expand access to broadband	Filed 5/14/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
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, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 793 (House Bill 1113)	Expand Local Options Sales Tax for Education	An act to give Guilford County greater flexibility to use local option sales tax revenues for education	Filed 5/18/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 794	Nash Bd. Of Ed. Name Change	An act to change the name of the Nash Board of Education to the Nash County Board of Education and the Nash School Administrative Unit to the Nash County School Administrative Unit	Filed 5/18/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Education

Senate Bill 796	Carteret Co. Bd. Of Educ. Districts	Would provide that the districts and election methods for the Carteret County Board of Education are the same as those for the Carteret County Board of Commissioners	Filed 5/19/20, passed 1 st reading, reported fav com substitute, com sub adopted, passed 2 nd , 3 rd reading, passed 1 st reading in House, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, Ratified, Ch. SL 2020-34
Senate Bill 800	Law Enforcement & Teacher Protection Act	Would establish the Law Enforcement & Teacher Protection Reserve in the General Fund to be used for public health and testing, shortfalls in education funding and public safety	Filed 5/19/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 818	Compensation of Certain School Employees	Would provide educators a \$350 bonus	Signed by Governor
Senate Bill 819	Authorize Teacher-Gov't Emp'ee Housing/Bertie	Would authorize the Windsor Township Development Commission and Bertie County to collaborate to provide affordable rental housing units to teachers and other government employees	Filed 5/19/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 833	DMV/Mdfy Req for Driving Perm/Prov License	Would temporarily modify the requirements for a learner's permit and drivers license	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Transportation
Senate Bill 839	PPE & Hazard Pay for Public School Employees	Extends funds for the remainder of the year for a temporary \$5 pay increase for frontline education workers; provides \$75 million for PPE for more than 180,000 public school employees	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 842 (House Bill 1199)	Graduating Sr Numeric Grade/Appropriate Funds	Would allow graduating seniors to receive numeric grades on transcripts and to appropriate funds (\$10,000)	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 843	Waive Road Test/DMV Expand Office Hours	Would temporarily waive the road test requirement for level two limited provisional licenses and provide funds for the DMV to implement a pilot	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Transportation



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		program to expand office hours to accommodate backlogs resulting from the COVID-19 crisis	
Senate Bill 844 (House Bill 1206)	Student Mental Health Well-Being/COVID-19	Would fund additional school mental health support personnel in response to anticipated greater need due to impacts from COVID-19	Filed 5/27/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 850 (House Bill 1203)	Ensure Healthy Schools/COVID-19	An act to require at least one school nurse in every school beginning in the 2020-21 school year; would provide \$102 million in recurring funds to increase the Instructional Support Allotment to provide at least one full-time school nurse in every school in the unit	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 857	Private School Families Tax Incentive	Would provide tax relief during the COVID-19 pandemic to taxpayers who received federal COVID-19 stimulus checks and have children attending private school	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 859	Student Internet Connectivity Act	Would provide \$176 million in nonrecurring funds to expand the School Connectivity Initiative to provide home mobile internet access points to all public school students who are eligible for federally subsidized free or reduced-cost school meals	Filed 5/26/20, passed 1 st reading, referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate