

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

June 1, 2012

Meetings June 4 – June 8

Tuesday Committee Meetings

10:00 AM

House Education Committee, 643 LOB

HB 964 No Liability for Private Schools

HB 1065 Use Moore County Buses for 2014 US Open

HB 1096 Simplify School Beverage Contract Bids

SB 755 Ed. Employees Association/Equal Access Act

11:00 AM

Senate Commerce Committee

Bills to be announced

12:00 Noon

Senate Committee on Program Evaluation, 544 LOB

SB 851 Boards and Commission Efficiency Act of 2012

SB 878 Smarter Gov/Business Intelligence Initiative

SB 879 Establish Efficiency & Cost Savings Commission

1:00 PM

House Committee on Agriculture, 643 LOB

HB 1094 Continue Local Food Advisory Council

Wednesday Committee Meetings

10:00 AM

Senate Committee on Insurance, 1027 LB

HB 244 State Health Plan/Add Schools

Summary of Key Legislation and Additional Resources

Bills that made progress May 28 – May 31.

The Senate Education Committee took up the proposed committee substitute for **SB 795, Excellent Public Schools Act**. A number of changes and additions were made to the bill that are described in the staff report at <http://legislative.ncpublicschools.gov/resources-for-legislation/2012/20120602-Sb795-analysis.pdf/view>. Also distributed at the meeting was the analysis by the fiscal research staff of the costs associated with the bill. (See end of the document for a useful summary chart).

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2011/FiscalNotes/Senate/PDF/SFN0795v1.pdf>. The change to the calendar provisions generated considerable discussion. Instead of funding the additional five days added to the calendar last session (from 180 to 185 days), it shifted to 185 days or 1025 hours and removed the funding in the original version. Legislators noted that this could lead to calendars with less than 180 days. Another significant change is in the provisions for replacing tenure with contracts. Instead of the

provision in the original bill for one-year contracts for all teachers, the revised version provides for one-year contracts for all teachers just in the upcoming year. Then, for teachers employed for three or more years, the superintendent would recommend to the board contracts with terms of 1, 2, 3, or 4 years. Current law prohibits decisions to not renew school administrator contracts and probationary teacher contracts for reasons that are arbitrary, capricious, discriminatory, personal, or political. This phrase is still stricken from the bill, meaning that decisions regarding teacher or school administrator contracts can be on any basis not prohibited by other state or federal law.

Given the complexity and length of this bill, all changes and discussions are not noted in this update. The proposed committee substitute was adopted and received a favorable report. It then made its way through appropriations and finance committees for limited discussion and with little change. The Senate floor debate lasted about two hours before it passed its second reading on party lines. It is on Monday's calendar for its 3rd reading. It will then go the House.

The State Board of Education and the Department of Public Administration offered a number of specific recommendations for needed changes to this bill, including in the areas of early literacy, calendar, school report card and pay for performance. Those recommendations have not been incorporated into the bill. The report submitted to the co-sponsors of the bill is available here at <http://legislative.ncpublicschools.gov/resources-for-legislation/2012/20120525-SB795-recs.pdf>. State initiatives on some of the issues covered in this bill are already underway. The bill's model for the school report card would force an abrupt shift from a plan developed with stakeholders. To give time for fuller discussion, Chairman Harrison's blog discusses the need to address SB 795 in the long session. Here is a link to the blog - [Chairman Harrison's Blog on Senate Bill 795](#).

Another bill that made its way from the Senate Education Committee to the floor is **HB 503, Nutrition Standards/All Foods Sold at School**, now titled **Parent Choice/Clarify Pre-Kindergarten**. In its second week in the committee, the bill was stripped of its original language related to nutritional standards in public schools and replaced with restrictions for child care facilities to make clear that foods brought by children from home are not to be evaluated for nutritional content. The bill also provides the PreK eligibility standards that return it to standards used by More at Four prior to last year. On the Senate floor, Senator Tillman conveyed the chicken nuggets story that has been widely circulated. Legislators disagreed on the facts in the story but passed the bill. The press release issued immediately afterwards was titled "Senate Bill Blocks School Lunch Police." For the rest of the story on the chicken nuggets, see the press release from Hoke County Schools <http://legislative.ncpublicschools.gov/resources-for-legislation/2012/20120602-hoke-lunch.pdf/view> and the explanation from the Department's Section Chief, Child Nutrition Services, Lynn Harvey, <http://legislative.ncpublicschools.gov/resources-for-legislation/2012/20120602-Hoke-lynn.pdf/view>.

Another bill that underwent change in purpose is **HB 966, Repeal Prohibition on Teacher Prepayment**. The Senate Rules Committee took up a proposed committee substitute that added the PreK program eligibility standards and the salary schedule for teachers and administrators. Salary schedules are usually in the budget bill. Senator Apodaca explained before the committee and to the full Senate that this was needed in case the Senate goes home without passing a budget. As the House budget made its way to the Senate on the same day, this presumably was a signal from the Senate to the House. In its amended form, HB 966 received a favorable report from the committee and passed its second and third reading. It is sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Commerce Committee took up new school bus language in **House Bill 177, Environmental Technical Corrections 2011** that has been in some versions of SB 820, Clean Energy and Economic Security Act. While the committee chair has signaled that the bill could be modified for more flexibility, currently it stipulates that future replacement busses can only be CNG. This bill will be considered again

on Tuesday in Commerce. Derek Graham, section chief of Transportation Services, for the Department, is scheduled to speak on the bill. (Note that the tire tread issues that were in SB 820 were not picked up in HB 177.) The proposed committee substitute and explanation of the bill are available here. <http://legislative.ncpublicschools.gov/resources-for-legislation/2012/20120602-hb177-clean-trans.pdf/view> . Also of concern is a bill filed this week, SB 920, Increase Replacement Cycle/School Buses, that requires school bus replacement at 300,000 miles instead of 200,000 miles and with no age component. Derek Graham created slides on transportation-related legislation for the weekly webinar held on Friday. Those slides are available at: <http://legislative.ncpublicschools.gov/resources-for-legislation/2012/20120602-bus-webinar.ppt/view> .

The Budget –

The House Budget was sent to the Senate this week with little modification in the public education provisions since the report from House Appropriations Education Subcommittee. For full review of the provisions, go to [HB 950 Modify 2011 Appropriations Act](#) and the [Money Report](#). An unexpected provision is on page 2 of the Money Report that lists the General Fund Availability. It sets aside \$617,379 for HB 1104, Scholarship Funding Corporate Tax Credit. Efforts were made to amend the budget on the House floor to remove this reserve but rules do not provide for amending provisions in the General Fund Availability.

The State Board has taken positions against legislation that diverts funds from the public schools as this legislation would do. Chairman Harrison has written about this bill in his blog at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/stateboard/> . House Bill 1104 likely will be considered by the House Education Committee. As a matter of transparency it is important to have legislation of such significance discussed in the policy committee and not through budget negotiations that occur outside of public view.

A source of some additional revenue to schools is found in **SB 582, Authorize Indian Gaming/Revenue**. A committee substitute received a favorable report in the House Commerce and Job Development Committee. After much discussion on the merits of allowing the forms of gambling provided for in the legislation, the bill passed its second reading and is on the House calendar for June 5.

Listing of Bills with Impact on Students and Public Schools

HOUSE BILLS

[HB 177 Environmental Technical Corrections 2011](#) (Samuelson, McElraft)

An Act to make clarifying, conforming, and technical amendments to various laws related to the environment and natural resources.

5/23/2012 Referred to the Senate Commerce Committee.

[HB 503 Nutrition Standards/All Foods Sold At School](#) (Insko, LaRoque)

An Act directing the State Board Of Education to adopt rules for other food sale operations on the school campus and to require charter schools participating in the national school lunch program and local boards of education to implement these rules by the 2012-2013 school year.

5/30/2012 Committee substitute received a favorable report in the Senate Education Committee, passed 2nd and 3rd reading on the Senate floor.

[HB 946 \(SB 871\) Restore Funding for Teaching Fellows Program](#) (McLawhorn, Lucas, Bell, Tolson)

An Act to restore funding for the Teaching Fellows Program.

- This would appropriate \$3,475,000 to restore funding.

5/17/2012 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 964 No Liability for Private Schools](#) (Blackwell, Holloway, Johnson, Jordan)

An Act to provide that private colleges and universities, -nonpublic schools, and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities are not liable for a breach of confidentiality caused by the act or omission of a state agency, local school administrative unit, community college, or constituent institution of the University Of North Carolina, as recommended by the [House Select Committee on Education Reform](#).

- As explained in the committee report, this bill is intended to address liability concerns regarding sharing information as a part of the PreK to 20 Data System.

5/17/2012 Referred to the House Committee on Education.

[HB 965 Broaden Successful AP Participation](#) (Blackwell, Holloway, Johnson, Jordan)

An Act to broaden successful participation by students in advanced placement courses and to create performance incentives for schools and teachers for student excellence in advanced placement courses, as recommended by the [House Select Committee on Education Reform](#).

- The committee report identifies the cost for implementation at \$11,660,921.

5/23/2012 Committee substitute received a favorable report in the House Education Committee, re-referred to the House Appropriations Education Subcommittee.

[HB 966 Repeal Prohibition on Teacher Prepayment](#) (Holloway, Johnson, Blackwell, Hilton) (See also companion bill, SB 823)

An Act to repeal the prohibition on teacher prepayment provision in the School and Teacher Paperwork Reduction Act of 2011, as recommended by the [Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee](#).

- This would repeal section 5 of SL 2011-379 (H720). The repeal would return salary payment requirements in G.S. 115C-302.1(b) to language existing prior to the 2011 Session.

5/29/2012 Passed 1st reading in the Senate

5/30/2012 Committee substitute received a favorable report in the Senate Rules Committee and was adopted

5/31/2012 Favorable report in the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee

5/31/2012 Passed 2nd and 3rd reading in the Senate

[HB 967 Yadkin Valley Career Academy Funding](#) (Dockham)

An Act to provide funding for the Yadkin Valley Regional Career Academy.

- This would appropriate \$307,650 for a school run by Davidson County Schools, Lexington City Schools and Thomasville City Schools.

5/17/2012 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 974 Eliminate Student Cost Reduced-Price Breakfast](#) (LaRoque, Sanderson)

An Act to appropriate funds to the Department of Public Instruction for the Child Nutrition Program to eliminate the student cost for reduced-price breakfast in order to increase breakfast participation, as recommended by the [House Select Committee on Childhood Obesity](#).

- This would appropriate \$1,700,000 to supplement federal child nutrition funds.

5/17/2012 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 976 Task Force & Work Group on PE and Fitness](#) (LaRoque, Sanderson)

An Act to establish the Task Force on Physical Education and Physical Activity in Schools and to direct the State Board of Education to coordinate a work group to examine the current status of data collection from fitness testing conducted in kindergarten through eighth grade, as recommended by the [House Select Committee on Childhood Obesity](#).

5/17/2012 Referred to the House Committee on Education.

[HB 977 School Mealtime](#) (LaRoque, Sanderson)

An Act to direct the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to determine optimal seat time for students eating meals in public schools and to explore mealtime options, as recommended by the [House Select Committee on Childhood Obesity](#).

5/17/2012 Referred to the House Committee on Education.

[HB 978 Funds for Child Nutrition](#) (LaRoque, Sanderson)

An Act to appropriate funds to the Department of Public Instruction for the Child Nutrition Program to assist child nutrition programs in meeting nutrition standards, as recommended by the [House Select Committee on Childhood Obesity](#).

- This would appropriate \$20,000,000.

5/17/2012 Referred to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

[HB 984 Restore Funding to NCCAT](#) (Rapp)

An Act to restore funding for the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

- This would appropriate \$3,000,000.

5/17/2012 Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 985 Driver Education Fee Paid When Getting Permit](#) (Gillespie)

An Act to collect a fee for Driver Education when applying for a limited learner's permit.

- This bill would add a new \$15 fee for all learner's permits and an additional \$45 fee to be credited to the costs of the driver education program provided through the public schools. This would seem to be an alternative approach to charging students at the time the time that they take the course.

5/21/2012 Passed 1st Reading, referred to the House Committee on Finance.

[HB 995 Tax Adjustment Plan](#) (Owens)

An Act to increase the sales tax by a penny, reduce the corporate income tax rate by one percent, increase the personal exemption for personal income tax, give state employees and teachers a two percent pay raise, and provide additional funds for education.

5/21/2012- Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Finance, if favorable, Appropriations.

[HB 998 Funds to Reduce Class Size in K-3](#) (Glazier, M. Alexander, Gill, Rapp)

An Act to appropriate funds to reduce class size in kindergarten through third grade.

- This would appropriate \$92,885,877.

5/21/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 999 Restore LEA Flexibility Adjustment Funding](#) (Glazier, Michaux, Rapp, McLawhorn)

An Act to restore public school flexibility adjustment funding.

- This would appropriate \$503,067,940 to remove the "negative reserve" - also referred to as the discretionary cut - that requires school districts to make budget cuts at the local level and return the funds to the state.

5/21/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 1002 Bill of Rights/Deaf/Hearing Impaired](#) (Blackwell, Holloway, Jordan, Gill)

An Act establishing a bill of rights for children who are deaf or hearing impaired, as recommended by The House Select Committee on Education Reform.

- This would create additional rights and processes different from what already is provided in federal and state laws related to children with disabilities.

5/21/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Judiciary Subcommittee A.

[HB 1003 \(SB 842\) Child Nutrition Program Solvency and Support](#) (Howard)

An Act (1) to prohibit local school administrative units from assessing indirect costs to a Child Nutrition Program unless the program is financially solvent and (2) to appropriate funds to promote optimal pricing for child nutrition program foods and supplies, as recommended by [The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee](#) based on recommendations from the Program Evaluation Division.

- This would appropriate \$80,000 to support the North Carolina Procurement Alliance.

5/21/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Health and Human Services.

[HJR 1004 Reform Workforce Development](#) (Howard)

A Joint Resolution expressing the opinion of the General Assembly that the local provision of Workforce Investment Act Services should be streamlined by realigning local workforce development areas with the

boundaries of councils of governments established pursuant to G.S 160a-470, as recommended by the Program Evaluation Division and endorsed by the [Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee](#).
5/21/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Job Development.

[HB 1018 Yadkin Valley Career Academy](#) (Dockham)

An Act to authorize approval of the Yadkin Valley Regional Career Academy as a Cooperative Innovative High School for the 2012-2013 school year.

5/22/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Education.

[HB 1030 \(SB 877\) Accountability for Taxpayer Investment Act](#) (Blackwell, Avila, Hager)

An Act to require state agencies and certain non-state entities to develop, implement, and maintain information systems that provide uniform, program-level accountability information regarding the programs operated by those agencies, as recommended by the LRC Committee on Efficiencies in State Government.

5/22/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to House Committee on Finance.

[HB 1031\(SB 878\) Smarter Gov. Business Intelligence Initiative](#) (Blackwell, Avila, Hager)

An Act to establish enterprise-wide business intelligence as a key component of all state governmental operations in order to maximize data integration and analytics, thereby yielding more efficient government and advancing innovation in North Carolina, as recommended by the Legislative Research Commission Study Committee on Efficiencies in State Government.

5/22/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Committee on Commerce and Job Development.

[HB 1042 \(SB 879\) Establish Efficiency & Cost Savings Commission](#) (Blackwell, Avila, Hager, Crawford)

An Act to establish the Joint Legislative Efficiency And Cost Savings in State Government Study Commission, as recommended by the LRC Committee on Efficiencies in State Government.

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

[HB 1045 Salary Increase for School Employees](#) (Glazier, Rapp, McLawhorn, Carney)

An Act to increase the salaries of public school employees.

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 1046 Funds for Student 2 Student Initiative](#) (Glazier, Hamilton, Martin, Lucas)

An Act to appropriate funds for the Student 2 Student Initiative.

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 1056 \(SB 834\) Partnership for Children Participant Records](#) (Burr, Dollar)

An Act to limit access to identifying information of minor participants in programs funded by the North Carolina Partnership for Children or other local partnerships, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Health and Human Services.

[HB 1058 Reform Workforce Development](#) (Howard)

An Act initiating reform of the Workforce Development Laws of North Carolina, modifying the composition of the North Carolina Commission on Workforce Development, and establishing the Joint Legislative Workforce Development System Reform Committee, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee based on recommendations from the Program Evaluation Division.

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Finance.

[HB 1063 Excuse School Day for Johnston Co. School](#) (Langdon)

An Act to give the Johnston County Board of Education additional flexibility with regard to instructional time lost at McGee's Crossroads Elementary School.

5/31/2012 Favorable report in the House Education Committee

5/31/2012 Passed 2nd and 3rd reading in the House

5/31/2012 Received by the Senate, passed 1st reading and referred to the Senate Education Committee

[HB 1065 Use Moore School Buses for 2012 US Open](#) (Boles, Hackney)

An Act to allow the Moore County Board of Education to (i) permit the use of public school buses to serve the transportation needs of the 2014 U.S. Open Golf Tournament and (ii) begin the 2013-2014 school year one week earlier.

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Education.

[HB 1071 Wake County School Board Organizational Meeting](#) (Gill, Ross, Murry, Jackson)

An Act to provide for the date for the organizational meeting of the Wake County Board of Education to be governed by general law.

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Government.

[HB 1074 Stop Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Govt. Act.](#) (Moffitt)

An Act to make changes to the statutes governing the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Local Governmental Employees Retirement System, and the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina to enhance the operation of the medical board; to establish guidelines for fraud investigations that will enhance the Department of State Treasurer's capability to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; to create a rebuttable presumption of fraud in the average final compensation calculation; and to make it a Class 1 misdemeanor to fraudulently receive the retirement benefit of a deceased disability retiree at least two months after the retiree's death.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on State Personnel, if favorable, Finance.

[HB 1085 State Health Plan/Statutory Changes](#) (Dollar)

An Act to, for the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, which covers retirees within the Retirement System, (1) amend the definition of "dependent child" in order to comply with the affordable care act, (2) limit enrollment without a qualifying event to the annual enrollment period, (3) repeal the optional program of long-term care benefits, and (4) make a clarifying change related to coinsurance.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on State Personnel, if favorable, Finance.

[HB 1094 Continue Local Food Advisory Council](#) (Bradley, Dixon)

An Act to rename the North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council as the North Carolina local food advisory council and to extend the sunset on the law establishing the council, as recommended by the House Select Committee on Agricultural Regulations.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[HB 1096 Simplify School Beverage Contract Bids](#) (Sanderson, LaRoque)

An Act to save money by removing local school administrative units from the separate bid requirements for juice and water, as recommended by the House Select Committee on Childhood Obesity.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Education.

[HB 1097 Fund Child Nutrition Salary & Benefit Costs Inc.](#) (Sanderson, LaRoque)

An Act to appropriate funds to the Department Of Public Instruction to offset the cost of salary and benefit increases required by the state for child nutrition personnel in local school administrative units, as recommended by the House Select Committee on Childhood Obesity.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

[HB 1098 Continue the Sustainable Local Food Advisory](#) (Sanderson, LaRoque)

An Act to continue the work of the sustainable local food advisory council, as recommended by the House Select Committee on Childhood Obesity.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Health and Human Services.

[HB 1099 Support Procurement & Farm to School/Funds](#) (Sanderson, LaRoque)

An Act to reduce child nutrition program food costs by encouraging participation in the North Carolina Procurement Alliance and by appropriating funds for administrative support for the procurement alliance; and to encourage use of the farm to school program and appropriate funds for child nutrition program equipment to

encourage preparation and consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables, as recommended by The House Select Committee On Childhood Obesity.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Committee on Agriculture, if favorable, Appropriations.

[HB 1104 Scholarship Funding Corporate Tax Credit](#) (Stam, Brisson, Hager, Brandon)

An Act to create a tax credit for corporations making donations to fund education scholarships.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Education, if favorable, Finance.

[HB 1112 \(SB 874\) Arts Education as a Graduation Requirement](#) (Carney, Johnson, Glazier, Adams)

An Act directing the State Board Of Education to require one arts education credit for graduation from high school, as recommended by the Arts Education Commission.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Education, if favorable Appropriations.

[HB 1113 Implementation of Comprehensive Arts Educ.](#) (Carney, Johnson, Glazier, Adams)

An Act directing local school administrative units to implement a comprehensive arts education plan, as recommended by the Arts Education Commission.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Education, if favorable Appropriations.

[HB 1119 LEAs Required to Enhance Arts Education](#) (Johnson, Carney)

An Act directing local school administrative units and Public Schools in North Carolina to enhance their arts education programs, as recommended by the Arts Education Commission.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Education.

[HB 1125 Teen Dating Violence Prevention Act](#) (Horn)

An Act to provide for the education of North Carolina high school students about teen dating violence and abuse.

5/25/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Education.

[HB 1126 Repeal Increase in Instructional Days](#) (Horn)

An Act to repeal the law increasing the number of instructional days in the public schools.

5/25/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Committee on Education.

[HB 1146 Make Disable Child Education Tax Credit Refundable](#) (Stam, Randleman, Jones, Jordan)

An Act to make the individual income tax credit for children with disabilities who require special education refundable.

5/25/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Education, if favorable, Finance.

[HB 1151 Restore Funds/Early Child Care & Ed. Services](#) (Insko, Rapp, McLawhorn, Glazier)

An Act to restore funding to the Department Of Health And Human Services, Division Of Child Development and Early Education, for various programs affecting early childhood education and care.

5/29/2012 Passed 1st Reading, referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

[HB 1152 Cap on Charter Schools/Durham County](#) (Luebke, Hall, Michaux)

An Act to limit the number of Charter Schools located in Durham County.

5/30/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Education, if favorable, Finance.

[HB 1153 Standards for Charter Schools Durham County](#) (Luebke, Michaux, Hall)

An Act to set standards for Charter Schools located in Durham County.

5/30/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Education, if favorable, Government.

[HB 1183 Funds for NCCAT Teacher Leadership Initiative](#) (Haire)

An Act to appropriate funds for a Teacher Leadership Initiative operated by the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

5/30/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Education, if favorable, Appropriations.

[HB 1186 Restore Budget Cuts/Add Temp. Sales Tax](#) (Faison, Hall)

An Act to provide for the restoration of personnel positions eliminated in the public schools, the University of North Carolina, the Community College System, and state government employment pursuant to the provisions of the 2011 Appropriations Act; to reduce program and service reductions in Medicaid and Health Choice; and to provide additional funding to the Highway Patrol and to the Savings Reserve Account, all in that order, by temporarily increasing the sales and use tax by seven-tenths of one percent until July 1, 2015.

5/30/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Finance.

[HJR 1191 Resolution of Disapproval of Reorganization](#) (Cleveland)

A House Resolution specifically disapproving Executive Order No. 85, issued March 25, 2011, under provisions of the North Carolina Constitution granting either house of the General Assembly to do so, as the General Assembly has accomplished administrative reorganizations by legislation.

5/30/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee C.

[HB 1212 Chatham Local Government Info/Minors](#) (Hackney)

An Act as to the county of Chatham to broaden the exception to the public records act for identifying information of minors participating in local government parks and recreation programs to include all local government programs, and also to protect e-mail addresses of minors in such programs.

5/31/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Government.

SENATE BILLS

[SB 582 Authorize Indian Gaming/Revenue](#) (Apodaca, Davis, Nesbitt)

An Act to authorize additional Class III gaming on Indian lands pursuant to a Tribal-State Gaming Compact, to create the Indian Gaming Education Revenue Fund, and to appropriate funds.

- This would provide the necessary authorizing legislation for the First Amended & Restated Tribal State Compact entered into by Governor Perdue and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

5/29/2012 Favorable report in the House Committee on Natural and Economic Resources

5/30/2012 Committee substitute received a favorable report in the Commerce and Jobs Development Committee

5/31/2012 Passed 2nd reading in the House and placed on House calendar for 6/5/2012

[SB 795 Excellent Public Schools Act](#) (Apodaca, Berger, Tillman)

An Act to make changes to improve K-3 literacy; provide literacy volunteer leave time; assign school performance grades; maximize instructional time; adjust school calendar start and end dates; fund five additional instructional days within the existing school calendar; establish an NC Teacher Corps; strengthen teacher licensure requirements; provide proof of state-funded liability insurance; establish plans for pay for excellence; end tenure; and eliminate public financing for the Office Of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- This extensive reform package was filed by President Pro Tempore Berger when the General Assembly returned during the interim for a special session on April 23. It is on the agenda for the Senate Education Committee on Education/Higher Education for Wednesday, May 23. It would appropriate the following: \$34,087,650 for early literacy and \$11,350,000 for additional five instructional days (\$1,200,000 for noninstructional support personnel and \$10,150,000 for transportation).

5/29/2012 Committee substitute received a favorable report in the Senate Education Committee and was adopted.

5/30/2012 Committee substitute received a favorable report in the Senate Finance Committee and was adopted.

5/31/2012 Passed 2nd reading on the Senate floor.

[SB 803 Retirement Administrative Changes](#) (Stevens)

An Act to make changes to the administration of the state retirement systems.

5/17/2012 Referred to the Committee on Pensions & Retirement and Aging.

[SB 804 Retirement Technical Corrections](#) (Stevens)

An Act to make technical and conforming changes to statutes affecting the state retirement systems.

5/17/2012 Referred to the Committee on Pensions & Retirement and Aging.

[SB 810 Regulatory Reform Act of 2012](#) (Rouzer, Brown, Davis)

An Act to (1) reestablish the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee; (2) make various technical and clarifying changes to the Administrative Procedures Act; (3) extend the effective date for changes to final decision-making authority in certain contested cases; (4) limit the period during which records of unclaimed property must be maintained; (5) require agencies to give written notice before auditing or examining a business; (6) clarify that the discharge of waste into waters of the state does not include the release of air contaminants into the outdoor atmosphere; (7) authorize rather than require the commission for public health to adopt rules for the testing of water from new drinking water wells for certain volatile organic compounds; (8) direct the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to track and report on permit processing times; (9) delay the effective date for compliance with wading pool fencing requirements from July 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013; and (10) direct the Commission for Public Health to amend the rules governing the duration of permits for sanitary landfills and the period in which those permits are reviewed, as recommended by the Joint Regulatory Reform Committee.

- This legislation is followed for its impact on the Department of Public Instruction and rule-making requirements.

5/30/2012 Passed 2nd reading in the Senate.

5/31/2012 Passed 3rd reading in the Senate.

[SB 815 Reform Workforce Development](#) (Hartsell)

An Act initiating reform of the workforce development laws of North Carolina, modifying the composition of the North Carolina Commission on Workforce Development, and establishing the Joint Legislative Workforce Development System Reform Committee, as recommended by the [Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee](#) based on recommendations from the Program Evaluation Division.

- This legislation seeks common performance measures for workforce development programs across state agencies.

5/21/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

[SB 823 \(HB 966\) Repeal Prohibition on Teacher Prepayment](#) (Tillman, Preston, Soucek) (See also companion bill, H966)

An Act to repeal the prohibition on teacher prepayment provision in the School and Teacher Paperwork Reduction Act of 2011, as recommended by the [Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee](#).

- This would repeal section 5 of SL 2011-379 (H720). The repeal would return salary payment requirements in G.S. 115C-302.1(b) to language existing prior to the 2011 Session.

5/21/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on Education, if favorable, referred to the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee.

[SB 842 \(HB 1003\) Child Nutrition Program Solvency and Support](#) (Hartsell)

An Act (1) to prohibit local school administrative units from assessing indirect costs to a Child Nutrition Program unless the program is financially solvent and (2) to appropriate funds to promote optimal pricing for child nutrition program foods and supplies, as recommended by [The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee](#) based on recommendations from the Program Evaluation Division.

- This would appropriate \$80,000 to support the North Carolina Procurement Alliance.

5/22/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on Health Care.

[SB 871 \(HB 946\) Restore Funding for Teaching Fellows Program](#) (Purcell)

An Act to restore funding for the Teaching Fellows Program.

- This would appropriate \$3,475,000 to restore funding.

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.

[SB 874 \(HB 1112\) Arts Education as a Graduation Requirement](#) (Brunstetter)

An Act directing the State Board Of Education to require one arts education credit for graduation from high school, as recommended by the Arts Education Commission.

5/23/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on Education/Higher Education.

[SB 877 \(HB 1030\) Accountability for Taxpayer Investment Act](#) (Hise, Soucek)

An Act to require state agencies and certain non-state entities to develop, implement, and maintain information systems that provide uniform, program-level accountability information regarding the programs operated by those agencies, as recommended by the LRC Committee on Efficiencies in State Government.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on Program Evaluation.

[SB 878 \(HB 1031\) Smarter Gov. Business Intelligence Initiative](#) (Hise, Soucek, Brock)

An Act to establish enterprise-wide business intelligence as a key component of all state governmental operations in order to maximize data integration and analytics, thereby yielding more efficient government and advancing innovation in North Carolina, as recommended by the Legislative Research Commission Study Committee on Efficiencies in State Government.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on Program Evaluation.

[SB 879 \(HB 1042\) Establish Efficiency & Cost Savings Commission](#) (Hise, Soucek)

An Act to establish the Joint Legislative Efficiency And Cost Savings in State Government Study Commission, as recommended by the LRC Committee on Efficiencies in State Government.

5/24/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on Program Evaluation.

[SB 898 Bear Grass School Property Conveyance](#) (Jenkins)

An Act to require the Martin County Board Of Education to convey the Bear Grass School property to the Town of Bear Grass on a lease-to-purchase basis for specified consideration.

5/29/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Committee on State and Local Government.

[SB 920 Increase Replacement Cycle/School Buses](#) (Tucker)

An Act to increase the replacement cycle on school buses and to reduce state expenditures for school buses accordingly.

5/30/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the Senate Education/Higher Education Committee.

[SB 924 Handgun on Ed. Property/Limited Exception](#) (Goolsby)

An Act to provide that a person who has a concealed handgun permit may carry a handgun on educational property that is the location of both a school and a place of worship during the regularly scheduled hours of worship, provided those hours do not coincide with the operating hours of the school.

5/30/2012 Passed 1st reading, referred to the House Committee on Rules

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