



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

May 6, 2016

By Wednesday of this week, House and Senate leaders had agreed upon a spending level: \$22.225 billion in 2016-2017. This reflects a 2.3% increase in overall spending from the current year's levels. General Assembly committees have swung into high gear, working hard to adjust the state's budget for the coming fiscal year.

Another high watermark of the week for public education was a Tuesday presentation by the Chairman of the State Board of Education Bill Cobey and State Superintendent June Atkinson to the House Education Appropriations Committee. This committee will be doing the heavy lifting next week of kick-starting the legislature's work on its education budget. The presentation from Tuesday focused on six (6) main budget priorities for public schools this year:

1. Teacher salary increases
2. Digital learning (including textbooks and digital resources)
3. Teacher recruitment and retention (including professional development funding)
4. State agency support of public schools
5. General classroom support
6. Residential schools.

For more details on the line-item budget requests, please see our State Board of Education's [2016-17 Budget Requests](#) and our [2016 Legislative Agenda](#).

Additionally, here you will find links to the presentation of the Governor's recommended budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee, as well as other items of interest:

1. [State Budget Director's Presentation on the Governor's Recommended Budget](#)
2. [Governor's Recommended Budget](#)
3. [Comparison of Current Teacher's Salary to Governor's 2016-17 Proposed Teacher Salary Schedule](#)
4. [Revised 2016-17 General Fund Appropriation Education Budget Summary](#)

### **Relevant Bills with Action This Week:**

(For relevant bills filed last week, please see our [Legislative Update](#) from April 29, 2016.)

1. [HB 1011](#) Retirement Technical Corrections Act of 2016.-AB
  - Referred to House Committee on Pensions and Retirement
2. [HB 1014 \(SB 799\)](#) NC-PreK Conforming Change
  - Referred to House Committee on Health (HB 1014)
  - Referred to Senate Committee on Education/Higher Education (SB 799)

3. [HB 1016](#) Funds for Educational Training Centers
  - Referred to House Appropriations
4. [HB 1026 \(SB 740\)](#) Collaboration of State Agencies/Early Education
  - Referred to House Committee on Health and Human Services
5. [HB 1027 \(SB 808\)](#) Study Unfunded Liability/Retiree Health Fund
  - Referred to House Committee on Pensions and Retirement (HB 1027)
  - Referred to Senate Rules and Operations (SB 808)
6. [HB 1030](#) 2016 Appropriations Act
  - Referred to House Committee on Finance, if favorable, House Appropriations
7. [HB 1031](#) Special Fund/Help Educators with Loan Payment
  - Referred to House Committee on Education - Universities, if favorable, House Appropriations
8. [HB 1038 \(SB 728\)](#) Lottery - JLOC Recommendations
  - Referred to House Appropriations
9. [HB 1040 \(SB 800\)](#) Study Costs Associated With NC Pre-K Slots
  - Referred to House Committee on Health (HB 1040)
  - Referred to Senate Committee on Health Care (SB 800)
10. [HB 1049](#) Fund National Board Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Certification
11. [SB 725 \(HB 945\)](#) Unemployment Insurance Technical Changes
  - Enrolled – Sent to the Governor
12. [SB 726 \(HB 973\)](#) Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Update
  - Amended and passed in the House
  - Placed on Senate Calendar for Tuesday, May 10, 2016
13. [SB 729 \(HB 974\)](#) Various Changes to the Revenue Laws
  - Enrolled – Sent to the Governor
14. [SB 776](#) Appropriations Act of 2016
  - Referred to Senate Appropriations
15. [SB 785](#) Child Welfare System Recommendations
  - Referred to Senate Committee on Health Care
16. [SB 786](#) Appropriations Act of 2016
  - Referred to Senate Appropriations

17. [SB 789](#) Enhance Oversight of Service Contracts/PED
  - Referred to Senate Rules and Operations
18. [SB 792](#) ([HB 1036](#)) State IT Contracts/Contractor Liability
  - Referred to Senate Rules and Operations (SB 792)
  - Referred to House Judiciary I (HB 1036)
19. [SB 811](#) Lottery Funds for School Construction
  - Referred to Senate Appropriations
20. [SB 815](#) Charter School in State Health Plan
  - Referred to Senate Committee on Insurance
21. [SB 816](#) Raise Teacher Pay
  - Referred to Senate Appropriations

### **Committee Meetings/Session: May 9-12**

#### Monday, May 9:

- 11:30 AM Senate Session
- 3:00 PM House Session

#### Wednesday, May 11:

- 10:00 AM House Committee on Health, 643 LOB
  - Study Allocation of CC Subsidies/Waitlist. ([H1012](#))
  - Study Alignment of CC Services Applications. ([H1013](#))
  - NC-PreK Conforming Change. ([H1014](#))
- 8:30 AM House Appropriations, Health and Human Services, 643 LOB

#### Thursday, May 12:

- TBA

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