

# Summary of Conference Budget - Final SL 2023 – 134 (HB 259) - October 3, 2023

(See “Comparison” file for comparison of Money items (noted by #XX) and salary schedules)

## SALARY AND PERSONNEL (Part VII A)– Comparison file for details

<b>Benefits (Part 39)</b>	<b>Retirement</b>	<b>Health</b>
	25.02%	\$7,557

### 7A.1 Teachers and Instructional Support

- Step increase for all + increase to the step
- Range of increase including step - \$1,060 to \$2,890 / 2.0% to 7.7%

### 7A.3 Bonuses for Teachers not subject to TSERS

Performance bonuses – no change from 2022-23  
Funds provided in January 2024

### 7.A.4 #41 Salary Supplements – PRC071

**\$30,000,000 (R)**

#### Additional Funding

- Increases the threshold of taxable property to \$50.9 billion which may increase the number of PSUs that are eligible.

#### *Supplanting*

- Provides a threshold for the supplanting of 95%.
- No penalty to LEAs who supplanted – the 2023-24 allocation will be unaffected.
- No provision for a remedy if supplanting occurs for 2024-25 onward.
- No allocation will be provided if supplanting for the 2024-25 allocation.
- No allocation will be provided if the LEA supplants based on the calculations of 2021-22 and 2022-23. For the 2021-22 year only, supplanting caused by PRCs 031, 024, 019 will not be included.

### 7A.5 Small & Low Wealth County Signing Bonus for Teachers – PRC062

Codifies to 115C-302.8 Signing bonus for teachers in Small Counties. No change.

### 7A.6 Principals

Increase, 4.0%

Growth based on best of 2 years (2022 and 2023)

Starting 2024-25 intent to include Pre-K ADM for the school in salary determination.

**7A.7 Bonuses for Principals not subject to TSERS**

Performance bonuses – no change from 2022-23.

Funds provided in October 2023 (*TBD, pending budget certification process*)

**7A.8 Assistant Principals**

Step increase plus schedule increase consistent with the teacher schedule. Increases follows the teacher salary increases.

**7A.9 & 7A.10 (a) Noncertified & Central Office**

Increase 4.0%

**7A.10 (b)** Additional pay for bus drivers (\$4,716,932)

**7.83 Paid Parental Leave – PRC011**

Clarifies language related to the paid parental leave (G.S.126-8.6(c1) related to minimum service may be an aggregate of all entities providing parental leave (e.g., state agencies, IHE, community college and charter schools that have opted in).

**ALLOTMENTS (Part VII)**

**7.1 Funds for Children with Disabilities – PRC032**

Formula codified. 115C-111.05. No change in formula, remains a cap of 13%.

**7.7 Weighted Funding for EC**

Directs DPI to develop a funding model based on the reported costs of services provided. Due January 15,2024.

**7.2 Funds for Academically Gifted- PRC034**

Formula codified 115C-150.10. No change in formula remains 4% of allotted ADM.  
Requires DPI to develop a uniform definition for AIG students for funding purposes effective 2024-25.

**7.3 Low Wealth Supplemental Funds – PRC031**

Formula codified 115C-472.17. No change in funding formula from prior years.

**7.3 #61 Small School Supplemental Funds – PRC019 \$4,749,449 (R)**

Formula codified. 115C-472.18 – Increase in funding.

<b>ADM</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Increase from 2023</b>
0-1,300	\$1,820,000	\$1,820,000	\$0
1,301-1,700	\$1,548,700	\$1,774,700	\$226,000
1,701-2,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,729,400	\$129,400
2001-2,300	\$1,560,000	\$1,684,100	\$124,100
2,301-2,600	\$1,470,000	\$1,638,800	\$168,800
2,601-2,800	\$1,498,000	\$1,593,500	\$95,500
2,801-3,300	\$1,548,000	\$1,548,200	\$200

Modified language to calculate eligibility of county LEAs separately from the city LEAs. Impact to one LEA.

**7.3 Disadvantaged Supplemental Funding -PRC024**

Codified 115C-472.19. No change to formula.

**7.27 #56/57 School Psychologist Allotment to change to \$295,830,060 (R)  
School Health Allotment PRCs 006 and 007 \$10,000,000(NR)  
(\$295,830,060) (R)**

Modify the school psychologist allotment (PRC006) to also include social workers, nurses, and school counselors. Reduces the instructional support position allotment for the current 3,241 FTE of school health positions coded to PRC007.

Additional \$10m to the School Health allotment.

Positions will be allocated into the appropriate PRC, and chart of accounts will be modified to reflect the change.

Prohibits requiring school nurses to have a 4-year degree.

Modifies the definition and duties of a school counselor, career development coordinator and school health personnel.

**#67 Driver Training – PRC012** **\$1,300,000 (R)**

Additional funds to the allotment.

**4.4 #60 Instructional Supplies (Indian Gaming) – PRC061** **\$1,000,000(R)**

Increase the dollars per ADM. **\$10,000,000(NR)**

**7.63 At Risk – PRC069** **(\$7,000,000)**

DPI is required to reduce the At Risk allotment by \$7m for each year and use those funds to develop a grant program for at risk students. The grant program is referred to as ELISS. Grants may be up to \$500K, and a match is required.

DPI may utilize up to \$200K for administration.

**7.58 #62 Eliminate Student Copay for Reduced-Price Meals** **\$3,000,000 (R)**

Funds student copay. **\$3,000,000(NR)**

## GRANTS

**7.19 #77 CTE Grants for Homebuilding - *New*** **\$200,000 (R)**

Grant program for PSUs prioritized by low wealth, At risk and EC students.

**7.22 #71 STEM Grants - *New*** **\$1,000,000 (NR)**

Grants to PSUs to engage in experiential STEM education programs.

**7.30 #78 Exceptional Children Transportation Reserve Fund** **\$175,384 (R)**

Codify in G.S.115C-250.3. States that the funds shall not be distributed based on a pro rata basis and instead must follow the priority in law.

**7.36 #58 School Safety Grants – PRC039** **\$35,000,000 (NR)**

Same language as prior years related to:

- Grants for Students in Crisis – up to \$350,000
- School Safety Training Grant – up to \$350,000
- School Safety Equipment Grant
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Pilot – NEW

Shall allocated \$3.2m to New Hanover County Schools and \$2m to Davidson County Schools as a directed grants for an AI school safety Pilot Program. Report by Jan 25, 2025.

Allows the State Superintendent to utilize the funds to subsidize the SRO grants if the requests exceed the funds available.

\$100K administrative allowance for DPI to administer.

Report April 1, annually.

2022-23 funds appropriated in SL2021-180 shall not revert and shall remain available until June 30, 2025.

**7.40 and 7.15(8) NBPTS Participation Fee Grant Program – PRC198**

Amends G.S 115C-296.2A to include a reimbursement grant program for fees for NBPTS.

This continues a program currently funded by ESSER funds (7.15). Funded with \$1m General funds in 2024-25.

Report January 15, annually.

**7.44 #73 Teacher Assistant Tuition Reimbursement Grant Program - PRC066** **\$575,000(R)**

New G.S. 115C-269.31 Replaces the TA to Teacher pilot program.

Grant program with existing recurring funding (new \$575K is restoring nonrecurring funds).

Eligible to LEAs. Prioritizes the pilot program LEAs and low wealth.

Amount of the award is up to \$4,600 per academic year, per teacher assistant up to 4 years. Tuition must be at an educator preparation program at a NC institution of higher education while employed at a LEA as a TA.  
Report December 1, 2024.

**7.44A #59 Teacher Apprentice Grant Program - *New* **\$1,000,000(R)****

New G.S.115C-269.32. Eligible to LEAs. Grant program to award funds for the cost of tuition at an educator prep program for eligible teacher apprentices and for salary supplements for teacher apprentices who become teachers in the LEA. Funds at \$4,600 per academic semester up to four academic years and a salary supplement at the differential of a 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher and a teacher with 4 years of experience for 4 years.

Each LEA must have a MOU with each IHE in which the apprentices are enrolled.

Report May 15, 2024.

**7.45 #63 Economically Disadvantaged Public School Support Funds **\$4,000,000 (R)****

Funds for charter schools and schools within a LEA that exceeded growth and the population of the school is 80% economically disadvantaged students.

Funds may be used for curriculum materials, instructional support personnel, bonuses, and retention programs.

**7.53 #89 Special Needs Pilot Program- *New* **\$975,000 (NR)****

DPI shall contract with Amplio Learning Technologies to create a pilot program for a special education digital intervention software in Alamance, Catawba, and Nash County Schools

Report October 15, 2025.

**7.54 Increase Amount for the Developmental Day Centers/Report**

From funds available, set the funding rate at \$1,350 per month for each student enrolled in a Center. Unexpended/unencumbered funds shall not revert and will be reserved to establish a grant program.

Grants to Developmental day Centers. LEAs are not eligible.

Report March 15 and October 15.

**7.55 #66 CTE Modernization and Expansion Grant- PRC023 **\$2,000,000 (NR)****

Grant program for modernization of CTE programming, materials, training, and professional development for courses in grades 6-12. Grant recipients shall use the funds to procure and implement an online digital CTE Learning platform.

PSUs eligible.

DPI shall select approved providers by December 15, 2023.

**7.57 #75 Enhanced School Bus Stop Arm Grants **\$370,758 (NR)****

Grant program to PSUs to add, upgrade or replace mechanical.

stop signals on school buses.

Report April 15, 2024.

**7.59 #102 CEP Meal Program Incentive** **\$500,000 (R)**

Program to expand public school participation in Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

PSUs are eligible and will be determined before April 30, 2024.

\$6.3 funded in 2024-25.

Report January 1, 2025.

**7.61 High School Remote Instruction Flexibility Pilot - New**

DPI shall select 10 LEAs to participate in a remote instruction flexibility pilot, which shall authorize the LEAs to establish a school calendar for high schools that uses up to 5 days or 30 hours of remote instruction to ensure final exams for the Fall semester are administered prior to December 31.

**7.62 #104 SparkNC Pilot High-Tech Learning Accelerator Credit** **\$3,000,000 (NR)**

Select PSUs may partner with SparkNC to develop a nontraditional, student driven pathway through which students may select and complete modular learning experiences that , when aggregated, will provide a competency-based equivalency to a traditional elective course credit. 18 LEAs are noted in the law as being permitted to participate in the program.

**7.66 #59 Advanced Teaching Roles Salary Supplements** **\$10,900,000 (R)**

Provides salary supplements for Adult Leadership teachers at \$10K, and for Classroom excellence Teachers at \$3K.

A maximum of 15% of the teachers in each ATR school as adult teachership teachers and 5% as classroom excellence teachers.

Definitions of the roles are included in the provision.

**7.67 #65 Realign Advanced Teacher Roles – PRC022** **\$2,000,000 (R)**

SBE shall authorize New Hanover County Schools to participate in ATR if the LEA submits a proposal by 7/1/2023 that meets the requirements.

**7.69 #87 Plasma Games Grant Program** **\$3,000,000 (NR)**

DPI shall create a grant program for PSUs to apply for funds to contract with Plasma Games for the use of educational software to be used for STEM and CTE.

Report May 15, 2024

<b>#70 Healthcare Promotion Grant</b>	<b>\$1,000,000 (NR)</b>
<b>#76 Feminine Hygiene Product Grant -PRC088</b> Provides recurring funding.	<b>\$250,000 (R)</b>
<b>#79 Charter School Transportation Grant Program</b>	<b>\$146,153 (R)</b>

**ESSER GRANT FUNDS**

**7.15 Remaining ESSER funds for Various Programs**

Repeals funding for Gooru Contract

(1) Transfer funds to NC Hospitality Education Foundation	<b>\$400,000 (NR)</b>
(2) Contract with JFL Enterprises Inc. for Failure Free Reading General Fund (#85)	<b>\$1,700,000 (NR)</b>
ESSER funds	<b>\$300,000 (NR)</b>
(3) Contract with Liminex Inc d/b/a GoGuardian	<b>\$2,000,000 (NR)</b>
(4) Contract with Gaggle.Net, Inc – PRC193 General Fund (#84)	<b>\$100,000 (R)</b>
ESSER	<b>\$2,200,000 (NR)</b>
(5) Educational and Competitive After School Robotics Grant Program -PRC201	<b>\$1,000,000(NR)</b>
(6) Contract with Betabox General Fund (#86)	<b>\$1,000,000 (NR)</b>
ESSER	<b>\$1,000,000 (NR)</b>
(7) Community in Schools	<b>\$1,000,000 (NR)</b>
(8) NBPTS certification participation fee grant program – PRC198 State Appropriation for 2024-25	<b>\$1,000,000 (NR)</b>

## **OTHER ITEMS of NOTE**

### **7.20 DPI Funding in Arrears**

DPI shall develop a funding model based on prior year ADM for implementation in 2024-25. A contingency reserve shall be used to fund growth and no reductions would be made for actual current year ADM declining from the prior year. Model shall address funding for new charter schools, technical adjustments and the laws that would need to be adjusted in a report to FRD Feb 15, 2024.

### **7.26 Remote Charter Academies**

Amends G.S to allow for remote charter academies.

Section 7.26(d) extends the 2 virtual charter pilots through 2025-26. Permits 20% growth for the 2023-24 school year.

Virtual charters are funded with low wealth and small county. LEAs are required to fund the full local appropriation (previously capped at \$790)

### **7.31 School Health Personnel Profession Entry Report**

Required report on school health personnel. Due January 15, 2024.

### **7.47 Transportation Allotment - PRC056**

Modifies G.S. 115C-204(e) re: transportation allotment. Restricts the amount of funds that may be held in reserve and requires unused funds to be distributed April 1.

### **7.60 No Administrative Penalty for Unpaid Meal Debt**

No PSU shall impose administrative penalties on a student for unpaid meal debt. Administrative penalties include withholding student records and not allowing students to participate in graduation or receive a diploma.

## DPI OTHER

**7.17#64 Online Digital Instruction** **\$2,188,957(R)**

Repeals Section 7.23K of SL2017-57.  
Funding related to Learning.com.

**7.32 Medicaid Reimbursement Contract for Residential Schools**

Per SL2021-180, DPI shall contract with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party for administrative services under Medicaid for the residential schools.

If DPI has not executed this contract by Jan 1, 2024, then the residential schools shall be reimbursed for the amount they would have been due.

**7.48 #85 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Program – Scholarpath** **\$2,500,000 (NR)**

Funds to contract with Scholarpath to create a program to help students and parents to prepare for 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**7.56 DPI Fund Code Flexibility**

Provides flexibility to modify the fund codes to accommodate the implementation of NCFS.

**7.65 Holocaust funds do not revert.**

Funds carryforward until June 30, 2024.

**7.52 Leadership Dashboard and Learning Recovery/SAS**

#96 DPI to contract with SAS to continue NC Leadership Dashboard. **\$465,000 (R)**

#93 DPI to contract with SAS for learning Recovery analysis, student projections.  
to pre-pandemic expected performance and web reporting. **\$550,000 (NR)**

**#68 UERS** **\$1,211,623 (R)**

Funding for Uniform Education Reporting Systems

**#74 Economics and Personal Finance Professional Development** **\$450,000 (R)**

To support PD for teachers

**#80 Eliminate Administration funds for ISD** **(\$470,236) (R)**

Program no longer in operation

**#81 Subscription Rate decrease** **(\$157,832) (R)**

**#82 School Connectivity Initiative Advanced Email Threat Detection** **5,000,000 (R)**

For services for advanced malware threats.

**#83 School Connectivity Initiative -KnowBe4** **\$600,000 (R)**  
Cybersecurity Training for PSU staff and teachers to enhance safety around email, data, and systems.

**#90 Center for Safer Schools** **\$900,000 (NR)**  
To conduct school safety awareness campaign and continue contracts to conduct threat assessment team development.

**#91 Anonymous Tip Line** **\$850,000 (R)**

**#103 Pre-K Literacy Funds** **\$969,000 (R)**  
To select and purchase a supplemental assessment that measures early literacy skills identified in Science of Reading.

## DPI Positions

### 7.4 Reclassify FTE for the following.

- One position for a director of American Indian Education Services
- One position for teacher compensation and advanced teaching roles consultant
- One position for a Read to Achieve Charter School Coordinator

### 7.12 Abolish Unfilled Positions

Abolishes 4 DPI positions that have been vacant for more than 2 years.

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DPI may reestablish within funds pursuant to G.S.115C-546.2(e)

**#98 Charter School Assistant Director (1FTE) \$101,938 (R)**

**#99 CTE Coordinator \$95,000 (R)**

**#92 Regional Literacy and Early Learning Specialists \$750,000 (R)**

Additional salary funds to fill the 115 positions vacant as of July 1, 2023

## PASS THROUGH

### **7.28 Communities in Schools**

Requires a report on the use of funds by August 15, 2023

#106 Appropriated \$1m in 2024-25

### **7.37 #94 Life Changing Experiences School Program**

**\$500,000 (NR)**

DPI to contract with Children and Parent Resources Group.

Report March 15, 2024

### **7.70 NC Education Corp Reporting**

NC Ed Corp shall report to JLEOC on the results of the program created in prior legislation. Due Feb 15, 2024

\$3m funding in 2024-25 (#105)

### **#100 NCCAT**

**\$400,000 (R)**

### **#107 Beginnings for Parents of Children who are Deaf**

**\$500,000 (R)**

### **#109 Clarence Henderson Education Foundation**

**\$350,000 (NR)**

### **#110 Masonboro Island Explorer Program**

**\$100,000 (NR)**

### **#108 Muddy Sneakers**

**\$500,000 (NR)**

### **#111 Best Buddies International Inc**

**\$100,000 (NR)**

## BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The following are Statewide budget adjustments and do not impact funding to PSUs:

<b>#49 Average salary Adjustment</b>	<b>\$12,673,772 (R)</b>
<b>#53 Low Wealth and At Risk</b>	<b>\$16,772,835 (R)</b>
<b># 50 Non ADM Adj</b>	<b>(4,871,031) (R)</b>
<b>#52 ADM Adjustment</b>	<b>\$20,120,864 (R)</b>
<b>#51 K-12 ADM Contingency reserve</b>	<b>\$20,146,464 (R)</b>

### Receipts

<b>Indian Gaming</b>	<b>\$1,000,000 (R)</b>
	<b>\$10,000,000 (NR)</b>
<b>Sales and Use Tax</b>	<b>\$20,000,000 (R)</b>
<b>Civil Fines and Forfeitures</b>	<b>\$20,300,000(R)</b>
	<b>\$60,000,000(NR)</b>
<b>State Fiscal Recovery</b>	<b>\$10,000,000 (NR)</b>
<b>Retiree Supplement Reserve</b>	<b>\$84,061,994 (NR)</b>
<b>ARPA Receipts</b>	<b>\$14,000,000 (NR)</b>

## **OTHER POLICY ITEMS**

### **7.64 Prohibition against “Three-Cueing”**

### **7.5 Required Training to Count toward Continuing Education Units**

### **7.13 Career Exploration & Development Plans**

See also S193.

### **7.49 Study for Students with Extraordinary Costs/Report**

Due January 15, 2024

### **7.41 Requires Conflict of Interest Training for Certain School Employees and Finance Officers**

New G.S.115C-335.15 Requires all administrators of contracts to take a minimum of 2 hours of conflict of interest training within 6 months.

### **7.68 Daily Deposit Amount Adjustment**

Rewrites G.S. 115C-445. Increases the threshold of requiring a deposit from \$250 to \$1,500.

### **7.43 Combining EWIC Grant Programs**

Modifies G.S. 115C-64.15 Includes CTE Grant Expansion under the NC EWIC

### **7.71 Allow Nonprofits to Provide Abuse/Sex Trafficking Training to Educators**

Rewrites G.S.115C-375.20 allowing nonprofit organizations with over 10 years of experience in providing research-based child sexual abuse prevention curriculum.

### **7.72 High School Diploma Endorsements**

### **7.73 Limited Teacher License Changes**

Rewrites G.S.115C-270.20

### **7.74 Out of State Teacher License Reciprocity**

Rewrites G.S. 11C-270.25

### **7.75 Allow Home School Students to Sit for AP/SA Exams**

Rewrites G.S.115C-174.18

### **7.76 Searches of Student’s Person**

Adds a new section to G.S.115C-391.2

### **7.77 State of the School Administration Profession Report**

Rewrites G.S.115C-289.2 adds principals to the report.

**7.78 Study Status and Cost of Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Radon Testing in Schools**

SBE shall survey all identified PSUS to determine the number of existing school building that are not currently equipped with carbon monoxide and detection systems.

**7.79 Procedural Correction for S.L. 2023-107**

**7.80 Clarify that Nonpublic Schools may Provide Remote Instruction and that a Nonpublic School Shall Provide In-Person Instruction to be Eligible to Receive Students with Scholarship Grants**

**7.81 Adjustments to SL 2023-106**

**7.82 Opportunity Scholarship Financial Impact Report/Reinvestment in Public Schools**

DPI shall report on the cumulative difference in the current school year between the scholarship grant award amount for each prior public school attendee enrolled in a non-public school and the average State per pupil allocation.

Due April 1, 2025.

**7.84 Limit Discretion to Withhold or Reduce Charter School Funding to Review Board and Superintendent of Public Instruction**

## **SELECT ITEMS FROM THE UNC BUDGET**

### **8.6 Reduce the Number of Lab Schools from 9 to 8**

### **8.9 CTE Grants for Agriculture**

North Carolina State University, the Agriculture Extension shall use up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the North Carolina Future Farmers of America (FFA) to provide and administer grants for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years to fund items necessary for the agriculture education program operated as a part of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at a given middle or high school within a public school unit.

### **8.10 BOG New Teacher Support Study**

No later than December 15, 2023, the Board of Governors shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the advisability and feasibility of incorporating additional constituent institutions, including Elizabeth City State University, as administrators of the New Teacher Support Program.

### **8A.4 Revise the Teaching Fellows Program**

Modifies G.S. 116-209.6

### **8A.6 Opportunity Scholarship**

**\$176,540,000**

Modifies the eligibility for an opportunity scholarship G.S.115C-562.

Increases appropriation through 2031-32

8A-6(i) The State Superintendent shall study report on a nationally standardized test.

### **8A-15 Common Digital Transcript**