

# Summary of Senate Budget Proposal

(See “Comparison” file for comparison of Money items and salary schedules)

See “ESSER III file for details on Section 7.27

## **SALARY AND PERSONNEL – Comparison file for details**

### **Teachers and Instructional Support**

- Effective 7/1/2021 - Step increase for all + .25% increase to salary schedule
- Average increase including the step, 1.5% (intent is a 1.5% in 2023)
- Range of increase including step - \$130 to \$2,130 / 0.3% to 4.3%

### **Bonuses not subject to TSERS**

- \$300 Bonus for all State paid teachers and instructional support employed Oct 1, 2021
- No performance bonuses for grades 3-8 math or reading
- Performance bonuses for AP, IB, AICE and CTE are funded up to \$3,500
- See Premium Pay Bonus below

### **Assistant Principals**

- Step increase plus schedule increase consistent with the teacher schedule
- Range of increase including step - \$150 to \$1,534/ 0.3% to 4.3%
- See Premium Pay Bonus below

### **Principals**

- Average increase, 1.5%
- \$1,800 bonus to State funded principals
- No Performance bonus
- See Premium Pay Bonus below

### **Noncertified and Central Office**

- Increases annual salary by greater of 1.5% or amount to get the hourly compensation to \$13 per hour.
- See Premium Pay Bonus below

### **Section 39.2 Premium Pay Bonus**

**\$302,838,663 (NR)**

\$1,000 bonus for full-time LEA, charter, ISD and regional school employees regardless of funding source

Provides an additional \$500 bonus to employees with an annual salary of less than \$75,000,

Not subject to TSERS

### **Benefits**

<b>Retirement</b>	22.27%	<b>Health</b>	\$7,046
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**Other**

**7A.5 Small County Signing Bonus for Teachers** **\$1,000,000 (R)**

Signing bonus for teachers in small counties. Requires a local match of 1:1 up to \$2,000 state funds. Not subject to TSERS.

**7A.2 Support Highly Qualified NC Teaching Graduates**

Amends general statute to include the language for this existing supplement.

**ALLOTMENTS**

**7.1 Funds for Children with Disabilities**

\$4,549.88 per headcount. Cap remains 12.75%

**7.2 Funds for Academically Gifted**

\$1,364.78 for 4% of Allotted ADM

**7.3 Low Wealth Supplemental Funds**

No change in funding formula from prior years.

**7.4 Small School Supplemental funds**

No change in funding formula from prior years.

**7.5 Disadvantaged Supplemental Funding**

No change in funding formula from prior years

**7.6 School Psychologist Allotment**

**\$40,862,520 (R)**

**(\$31,010,969 (R))**

New position allocation restricted for school psychologists. Reduces the instructional support position allotment for the current 362 FTE of school psychologists coded to the PRC007. Creates a new position allotment on a per ADM basis with a minimum of one position per LEA. No transfer out with the exception of conversion at the beginning step of a school psychologist for contracting. LEAs required to employ at least 1 full time permanent school psychologist.

**7.12 Exceptional Children Transportation Reserve Fund**

**\$3,000,000 (NR)**

- (a) DPI may use the special State Reserve Fund to cover extraordinary transportation costs for high needs children with disabilities attending LEAs and charter schools.
  - (b) Establish the Transportation Reserve Fund for Homeless & Foster Children to provide a grant program to cover these students as defined by McKinney Vento
- No funding included in 2023  
Report required March 15, 2022

**Connectivity**

**\$4,600,000 (R)**

**School Technology Fund** **\$18,000,000**  
Funded from Civil, Penalty and Forfeiture

**7.22 Feminine Hygiene Product Grant** **\$250,000 (NR)**  
Grants of up to \$5,000 to PSUs to provide products for students. Grants shall be first come first serve.

## **ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENTS**

**7.23 ADM Hold Harmless**  
SBE shall not reduce allocations to applicable PSUs due to a discrepancy between actual and anticipated ADM

Required report due January 15, 2022. DPI is to provide a report with the amount by each funding allotment that the allocations would have been reduced if there was no hold harmless.

**7.24 Children with Disabilities Reserve** **\$40,000,000 (NR)**  
Reserve for allocations to PSUs which enroll EC students during the first two months of the school than DPI anticipated with the April headcount. Funding is capped at 12.75% of ADM including any reserve amounts.

**7.26 SPSF may be used for ARPA Maintenance of Equity**  
DPI may use the State Public School Fund to ensure that the State is in compliance with the Maintenance of Equity

**7.25 Special Education Due Process Hearings/Permit Immediate Judicial Review of ALJ Decision**  
Modifications to General Statute 115C-109.6 related to impartial due process hearings

**Renewal School System – Evaluation** **\$300,000 (NR)**  
Funding for an evaluation of the renewal school system.

**7.27 Cooperative Innovative High School** **\$1,880,000 (R)**  
Provide funding to the following approved CIHS

- (1) The Center for Industry, Technology, and Innovation.
- (2) The Innovation Early College High School.
- (3) The Marine Sciences and Technologies Early College High School.
- (4) The Roanoke Rapids Early College High School.
- (5) The Southeast Area Technical High School.
- (6) Halifax Early College High School.
- (7) Stanly STEM Early College High School.
- (8) Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences High School

## 7.10 Instructional Support Personnel Report

Report due October 15, 2021 on the instructional support positions from all funding in the LEAs.

Items relate to the [Highlights document](#) Page 16.

For each of the 16 position categories listed

FTE by PRC for State and Federal funded

FTE locally funded

Average salary

Contracted FTE

**Advanced Teaching Roles** **\$ 2,040,000 (R)**

Additional funding - total appropriation \$3.5m

**7.19 School Safety Grants** **\$10,000,000 (NR)**

- \$10m NR in the second year of the biennium
- Grants for Students in Crisis
- School Safety Training Grant
- School Safety Equipment Grant

Administration of up to \$100,000

Report Required April 1 of each year

**Teacher Assistant to Teacher Tuition** **(\$575,000) (R)**

Changes funding to non recurring funding. No impact on the total appropriation **\$575,000 (NR)**

## STATE LEVEL SUPPORT

**7.18 Economic & Financial Literacy** **\$1,063,800 (NR)**

Funds for a grant to the NC Council on Economic Education for professional development to teachers. Supports the Economics and Personal Finance for high school graduation.

## CAPITAL

**4.4 Changes to Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund** **\$157,552,612**

Lottery funding for grant program for LEAs for new construction. Modifies the priority to expand to almost all counties, not just restricted to Tier I counties.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### **K-12 Business System Modernization** **\$48,748,522 (NR)**

Budget receipts from IT Reserve. Includes funding for ERP, licensure and financial transparency. \$37.9m in the second year.

### **Charter School Data Management** **\$250,000 (R)**

Provides funds for cloud based data platform for charter schools used by DPI to monitor charters

### **CTE Data Collection and Assessment** **\$850,000 (R)**

### **IT Subscription Support** **\$593,597 (R)**

### **Subscription Rate Increase** **\$876,883 (R)**

### **Remove from Base Budget** **(\$934,011) (R)**

### **Bus Routing** **\$50,000 (R)**

Funding for TIMS. Revised appropriation \$488,000

### **7.2 TeachNC Recruitment Initiative** **\$880,000 (NR)**

DPI shall adopt TeachNC recruitment initiative as a comprehensive web platform for future teachers to find information and comment with resources on the teaching profession in NC including licensure and opportunities.

Funding in IT reserves section TeachNC for program development and support

1 FTE Administrator/Recruiter funded – See positions at DPI

## **DPI OTHER**

### **7.15 Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021 Implementation Guide/Report**

The Superintendent shall establish a working group to develop an implementation guide for EPSA, established in SL2021-8

Report required by November 15,2021

### **Early Grade Literacy** **\$6,000,000 (NR)**

DPI funds to carry out SL2021-8 Read to Achieve

### **7.11 Schools that Lead**

DPI shall contract with Schools That Lead to provide professional development to teachers and principals in up to 75 schools. Current recurring appropriation \$350,000.

Report required.

- 7.9 Computer Science Funding and Report** **\$5,000,000 (NR)**  
 Provides funding for the Computer Science Initiative at DPI. Including 5 FTE. **750,000 (R)**  
 Total appropriation \$6.1m  
 Computer Science Report due Feb 15, 2022 on use of the funds and the # of teachers prepared to teach computer science.
- Governors School** **\$800,000 (R)**  
 Additional funding. Total appropriation \$1.6m
- Masonboro Island Explorer** **\$70,000 (NR)**  
 Program that provides science based learning opportunities on Masonboro Island
- Muddy Sneakers** **\$500,000 (NR)**  
 Supports experiential learning programs for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. (increases 2018-19 funding by \$100K)
- NCMAKids Program** **\$250,000 (NR)**  
 Transfers funds to NC Museum of Art to create a program designed to provide digital learning experiences related to works of art.
- 7.13 Eliminate Innovation Zone Grants** **(\$450,552) (R)**  
 Repeals related general statute language.
- 7.14 Transition from the Innovative School District Model**  
 Report by Feb 15, 2022  
 End additional selections  
 Repeals language effective June 30, 2023
- 7.16 Medicaid Reimbursement Contract for Residential Schools**  
 DPI shall contract with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party for administrative services under Medicaid for the residential schools  
 Report required by September 15, 2021 on the terms of the contract
- 7.21 Extend Student Meal Debt Report**  
 Report to the JLEOC on unpaid meals in LEAs. No later than October 15, 2023  
 Funds to provide school lunches at no cost to students qualifying for reduced price meals in all NSLP schools
- 7.7 School Health Support Personnel Professional Entry Report**  
 DPI report
- 7.17 Full Time Equivalency of Public School Students**  
 Amends GS 115C-419. Requires the SBE to establish a formula for determining full time equivalency of a student in PSU for purposes of providing State funds on a per pupil basis.

Formula shall include the amount of instructional time required for the school day for a full time student.

Report required Oct 15 annually on the FTE by grade of the prior year. Requires that it separates out the enrollment in courses in NCVPS, IHEs and non public schools.

### 7.18 Career & College Ready Graduate Program Support

DPI shall partner with the NROC project – no funding provided

### 7.8 DPI Reorganization Authority

Continues the authority provided in 2018-19. Lists 9 entities that may not be affected. Includes language related to the \$1.4m impact of the change in the indirect cost rate.

### DPI Positions

DPI Internal Audit 2 positions	\$300,000 (R)
DPI Financial & Business Service 3 positions	\$330,000 (R)
Innovative School District 1 Position	\$50,000 (R)
TeachNC Administrator	\$100,000 (R)

### BUDGET MANAGEMENT ITEMS

The following items do not impact the allocations to public schools and are provided for DPI budget management:

Average Salary Adjustment	62,076,000 (R)	
Average Daily Membership Adjustment	\$3,568,493 (R)	
Indirect Cost	\$1,404,000 (NR)	
SPSF	Sales Tax	(30,000,000) (R)
SPSF	Fines and Forfeitures	\$147,041,640
Driver Education	Fines and Forfeitures	\$27,120,553
LEA Transportation	Lottery	\$21,386,090
Noninstructional Support	Lottery	\$385,914,455
Textbooks & Digital	Indian Gaming	\$10,000,000