

Summary of Senate and House Budgets

(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

SENATE

- 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%

HOUSE

- Effective 7/1/2021 - Step increase for all + \$500 added to steps 16 years and above \$171.2m
- Range of increase including step - \$500 to \$5,500 / 1% to 11%
- Reinstates 10% Masters schedule, \$126 Adv and \$253 Doc for teacher schedule \$8m
- Psychologists, SLPs, audiologists and counselors receive \$100 per month supplement \$3.5m

Bonuses not subject to TSERS

Senate and House

- \$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

7.67 Revise Personal Leave Costs for Teachers

House only

Teachers shall not have a \$50 deduction if they provide a reason for the leave request.

7A.5 Small County Signing Bonus for Teachers

Senate & House with differences

\$1,000,000 (R)

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

House - Signing bonus for teachers in Small counties and low wealth counties Requires a local match of 1:1 up to \$1,000 state funds. Not subject to TSERS.

7A.2 Support Highly Qualified NC Teaching Graduates

Senate & House

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

7.36 Bonus for teachers and IS personnel in the residential Schools

House only

Instructs DPI to use \$55,000 out of ESSER II funds for a \$350 bonus

Additional funds for residential school teacher salary

\$305,000 (R)

7A.8 Assistant Principals

- **Senate** - Step increase plus schedule increase consistent with the teacher schedule
- **House** - Change the schedule from A Schedule + 19% to A Schedule + 22% (\$10.9m)
- See Premium Pay Bonus below

7A.7 Principals

Senate - increase, 1.5% **House** - increase, 1.0%

Senate and House

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

7A.10 Noncertified

Senate – increase - 1.5%

House - increase - 2.5%

- Increases annual salary by greater of percentage increase or amount to get the hourly compensation to \$13 per hour. (House \$15 per house in 2022-23)
- See Premium Pay Bonus below

7A.9(a) Central Office

Senate - increase, 1.5%

House - increase – 1.0%

Includes superintendents, assistant superintendents, associate superintendents, directors/coordinators, supervisors, and finance officers

- See Premium Pay Bonus below

All personnel

Section 39.2 Premium Pay Bonus

Senate & House with differences

Funded from the COVID State Fiscal Recovery Fund

Senate

\$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

House

\$578,000,000 (NR)

\$500 bonus to all permanent full time State employees and LEA, charter, ISD, regional school employees, regardless of funding source, continuously employed from March 10, 2020 through October 1, 2021.

Plus

\$1,000 to those who earn a salary of \$75,000 OR less or was a public school principal

Plus

\$500 to those who earn a salary of \$40,000 or less AND was a public school principal

7A.11 Paid Parental Leave

\$9,000,000

House only

8 weeks of paid leave to an employee giving birth to a child and 4 weeks for an employee who becomes a parent to a child.

Health Reimbursement Arrangement

House only

Provide NC Retirement HRA to state funded employees hired on or after January 1, 2021 of \$500.

Benefits	Retirement	Health
Senate	22.27%	\$7,046
House	22.88%	\$7,010

ALLOTMENTS

7.1 Funds for Children with Disabilities	Differences
Senate & House \$4,549.88 per headcount.	
Senate Cap remains 12.75% House cap increases to 13.00% in 2022-23	
7.2 Funds for Academically Gifted	Senate & House
\$1,364.78 for 4% of Allotted ADM	
7.3 Low Wealth Supplemental Funds	Senate & House
No change in funding formula from prior years.	
7.4 Small School Supplemental funds	Differences
Senate No change in funding formula from prior years.	NA
House Combine lowest two tiers to 0-1,300 ADM	\$110,000(R)
7.5 Disadvantaged Supplemental Funding	Senate & House
No change in funding formula from prior years	
7.6 School Psychologist Allotment	Senate Only
	\$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	Senate & House with \$ difference
	Senate \$3,000,000 (NR)
	House \$2,750,000 (R)
	\$250,000 (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	Senate & House
	\$4,600,000 (R)

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

7.22 Feminine Hygiene Product Grant **Senate Only**
\$250,000 (NR)

Grants of up to \$5,000 to PSUs to provide products for students. Grants shall be first come first serve.

7.68 Program Enhancement Teacher Allotment/K12 **House only**
Adjusts the allotment to include K-12 PET at a ratio of 1:140

7.70 Student Transportation Support **House only**
\$18,148,000 (NR)

Establish the Smart School Bus Safety Pilot Program for identified PSUs. Funding from State Fiscal Recovery Fund

ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENTS

7.23 ADM Hold Harmless **Senate only**
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 **Senate & House with difference**
\$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.

Senate - Funding is capped at 12.75% of ADM including any reserve amounts.

House – combines the ADM and the EC reserve

7.26 SPSF may be used for ARPA Maintenance of Equity **Senate only**
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 **Senate only**

Modifications to General Statute 115C-109.6 related to impartial due process hearings

Renewal School System – Evaluation **Senate & House**

Funding for an evaluation of the renewal school system. **\$300,000 (NR)**

7.27 Cooperative Innovative High School **Senate and House**
\$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 **Senate Only**

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 **Senate Only**
Additional funding - total appropriation \$3.5m **\$ 2,040,000 (R)**

7.38 Advanced Teaching Roles Changes **House Only**

Changes G.S. 115C-311 LEAs may only be eligible for a max of 2 terms of up to 3 years each. Class size flexibility is only active while the school is designated as a ATR school

7.19 School Safety Grants **Senate & House**
Senate \$10,000,000 (NR)
House \$9,695,000 (R)

- Sente \$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

(House amendment A16)

7.32 School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams **House Only**
Rewrites General Statute

School Safety Facility **House only**
\$1,700,000 (R)
\$300,000 (NR)

Teacher Assistant to Teacher Tuition **Senate only**
(\$575,000) (R)
Changes funding to non recurring funding. No impact on the total appropriation **\$575,000 (NR)**

7.31 Revise Operating Balance Restrictions for School Nutrition **House only**
GS115C-450 Study the school nutrition program and indirect cost.

Military Family Counselors **House only**
2 positions for Cumberland and 1 for Onslow **\$350,000 (R)**

CHARTER SCHOOLS

7.33 Revise Fast Track Replication of High-Quality Charter Schools **House only**
G.S. 115C-218

7.63 Authorization of Virtual Charter Schools/End Pilot **House only**
Ends the pilot status of virtual charter schools. Amends General Statute 115C-218.16 to include requirements of a virtual charter.
Current virtual charters shall receive a additional five years on their charter and be permitted to increase 20%.

7.64 Water & Sewer Services to Charter Schools **House only**
Requires a municipality to provide water and/or sewer services if requirements are met.

7.69 Permanent Charter School Transportation Grant Program **House only**
Amends G.S.115C to include a grant program for charter school transportation
\$2,225,000 (R)
\$250,000 (NR)

7.76 Require SBE to Grant Qualifying Charter Applications the Opportunity to Correct Defects **House only**
Rewrites G.S.115C-218.5

CAPITAL

4.4 Changes to Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Senate & House with Differences

Senate \$157,552,612
House \$110,252,612

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. Special provisions differ.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

K-12 Business System Modernization Senate & House

\$48,748,522 (NR)

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

7.28 Transfer funds for System Modernization House only

Transfer \$1.4m to GDAC

7.79 Internet-Based SBSM Funds Grant Program House only

Requires all school business systems to be housed off the PSU property and composed of internet based software. DPI shall establish a grant program from the SBSM funds

Charter School Data Management Senate & House

\$250,000 (R)

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

CTE Data Collection and Assessment Senate only

\$850,000 (R)

7.2 TeachNC Recruitment Initiative Senate & House

\$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

Senate Only - 1 FTE Administrator/Recruiter funded – See positions at DPI

Gaggle. Net House only

See additional funding in ESSER III for \$2,500,000 **\$2,500,000 (NR)**

IT Subscription Support	Senate & House
Subscription Rate Increase	\$593,597 (R)
Remove from Base Budget	\$876,883 (R)
Bus Routing	(\$934,011) (R)
Funding for TIMS. Revised appropriation \$488,000	\$50,000 (R)

DPI OTHER

Governors School	Senate & House
Additional funding. Total appropriation \$1.6m	\$800,000 (R)

7.15 Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021 Implementation Guide/Report	Senate only
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	Senate & House
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. See funding from ESSER III for \$970,000	

7.9 Computer Science Funding and Report	Senate & House with Differences
Senate	\$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.	
House	
Provides funding for the Computer Science Initiative at DPI. Including 5 FTE	
Total appropriation \$1.6m	\$1,250,000(R)
Adds requirement of computer science report in general statute 115C-12(47)	

7.29 After-School Robotics Grant	House only
Competitive Grant	\$1,600,000 (NR)

7.73 Apseed Pilot Project/Funds	House only \$2,575,831 (NR)
A program designed to prepare preschool age children through interactive learning devices	
7.13 Eliminate Innovation Zone Grants	Senate & House (\$450,552) (R)
Repeals related general statute language.	
7.14 Transition from the Innovative School District Model	Senate only
Report by Feb 15, 2022	
End additional selections	
Repeals language effective June 30, 2023	
7.16 Medicaid Reimbursement Contract for Residential Schools	Senate & House
DPI shall contract with a 3 rd 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	Senate & House
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	Senate only
DPI report	
7.17 Full Time Equivalency of Public School Students	Senate only
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	Senate & House with differences
DPI shall partner with the NROC project –	
Senate - no funding provided	
House - funded + 1 FTE	
	\$546,500 (R)
7.44 Recommendation for Students With Disabilities Funding	House only \$27,500 (NR)

DPI to contact with APA. Shall make recommendations on how to categorize funding for students with disabilities and how to set allocations. Due Feb 15, 2022

7.8 DPI Reorganization Authority **Senate & House with differences**

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.

Senate - requires DPI to reclass 7 FTE for Science of Reading and RtA

House – requires DPI to reclass 1 FTE to serve as a school psychologist recruiter

7.53 Flexibility for DPI Positions to Support the EPSA **House only**

DPI may use the RtA funds to support the EPSA program

7.55 SBE Program Outcome Reporting **House only**

Amends G.S. 115C-12 (25c) Report on all programs that were provided expansion funds or a new appropriation including grants to non-State entities. The report shall include program activities, objectives and accomplishments and a prior year State fiscal year itemized expenditures and fund sources.

NCCAT **House only**
\$825,988 (R)
\$54,000 (NR)

DPI Positions **Senate & House with differences**

DPI Internal Audit 2 positions (Senate \$300,000 & House \$190,190)	different (R)
DPI Financial & Business Service 3 positions (Senate only)	\$330,000 (R)
Innovative School District 1 Position (Senate only)	\$50,000 (R)
TeachNC Administrator (Senate only)	\$100,000 (R)

PASS THROUGH

7.18 Economic & Financial Literacy **Senate & House**
\$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.

Masonboro Island Explorer (Senate only) **\$70,000 (NR)**

Program that provides science based learning opportunities on Masonboro Island

Muddy Sneakers (Senate & House) **\$500,000 (NR)**
 Supports experiential learning programs for 5th graders. (increases 2018-19 funding by \$100K)

NCMAKids Program (Senate only) **\$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.

House proposes \$500,000 from ESSER III

NC Stem Network (House only) **\$500,000 (NR)**

Vanguard Educational Institute (House only) **\$50,000 (NR)**

7.71 Life Changing Experiences School Program **House only**
\$500,000 (R)

Contract with Children and Parent Resources Group. Specific LEAs named in the provision.

7.72 Innovative Signature Career Academy Pilot **House only**
\$3,000,000 (NR)

Pilot implemented in Guilford County Schools to reform current CTE program

BUDGET MANAGEMENT ITEMS

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

Senate & House

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

SCHOOLS, CALENDAR and CLASS SIZE

7.49 PSU Calendar for 2021-22

House only

PSUs who are located in a county with a weather related calendar waiver may use 15 remote instruction days or 90 instruction hours. All other PSUs may use 5 remote instruction days or 30 instruction hours in the event of school closure.

A remote instruction plan must be submitted to the SBE.

The SBE shall report to JLEOC Sept 15

7.50 Remote Instruction for COVID-19 Emergencies

House only

PSUs may make day to day decisions on remote learning due to COVID resulting in teacher shortage or student quarantines. The PSU shall report to DPI within 72 hours.

7.51 Planned Virtual Instruction

House only

Provides language re: virtual learning. Limits the total number of students participating in virtual instruction to no more than 15% of total student enrollment . PSU must have a virtual instruction plan and submit to DPI. DPI shall provide a copy to JLEOC on virtual academies by August 15, 2021.

No PSU shall use virtual instruction to satisfy the minimum required number of instructional days or hours after June 30, 2022, without express authorization from the General Assembly, except for local school administrative units that were assigned a school code to operate a school with virtual instruction as the primary means of instruction as of May 1, 2021.

7.52 Virtual Academies Study

House only

The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall form a working Group on Virtual Academies.

7.58 Delay the implementation of Class size Requirements for Kindergarten Classes

House only

If the kindergarten ADM for month 1 2021-22 is 5% more than 1st month 20219-20 the average class size for kindergarten for the LEA shall not exceed 1:20 and the individual kindergarten class shall not exceed 1:23.

7.59 Clarify the Definition of Year-Round School

House only

Modifies the definition

OTHER POLICY ITEMS

- 7.30 Powers and Duties of the Center for Safer Schools** **House only**
G.S. 115C-105.57
- 7.34 Standards of Student Conduct** **House only**
G.S. 115C-390.1
- 7.35 Flexibility for School employees to receive Annual Salary in 12 Monthly Installments** **House only**
G.S. 115C-302.1 also in H159
- 7.37 Opportunity Gap Task Force** **House only**
Establish the Opportunity Gap Task Force
- 7.39 Principal recruitment Supplement** **House only**
The schools determined as eligible shall remain the same in 2021-22
- 7.40 Notification Requirement for Teacher Performance Data** **House only**
- 7.41 Teacher Effectiveness Reporting Requirements** **House only**
- 7.42 Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements that relate to driving Eligibility Certificates** **House only**
- 7.43 Restore Certain Permits and Provisional Licenses Revoked due to Certificate Ineligibility** **House only**
- 7.45 Temporarily Extend CPR Graduation Requirement Changes** **House only**
- 7.46 Academic Transparency** **House only**
Amends G.S.115C-102.1
- 7.47 Modernize Selection of Instructional Materials** **House only**
Amends G.S. 115C-102.20
- 7.48 Low Performing Schools** **House only**
No additional low performing schools shall be identified. LP schools in 2019 remain identified as LP.
- 7.54 Combining EWIC Grant Programs** **House only**
Includes CTE Grant Expansion under the NC EWIC

7.56 Adoption of the Standard Course of Study/Advisory Commission/SBE Rulemaking Rewrites G.S. 11C-12	House only
7.57 Changes to Educator Licensure Requirements Rewrites G.S.115C-270.20	House only
7.66 Mandatory Training Contributing to Continuing Education Credits	House only
7.78 Clarify Reporting on Teacher vacancies Rewrites G.S. 115-299.5	House only.
7.60 School Performance Grades/Annual Report Card	House only
7.61 Student Digital Learning Access Amends G.S.115C-102.9 to establish a dashboard on digital learning	House only
7.62 Schools for the Deaf /Administration Rewrites Article 9C G.S.115C	House only
7.77 Allow Schools in All Zoning Districts Rewrites G.S. 160D-701	House only
7.65 Clarify Private School Testing Requirements	House only
7.75 Compliance with Cursive Writing/Multiplication Tables Requirements Willful non compliance will result in no State funds shall be allocated to pay the superintendents salary for the period of time of noncompliance	House only
7.80 Increase Transportation Efficiency Buffer for Currituck County Requires a 15 point addition to the actual transportation efficiency for Currituck	House only