



July 28, 2014 Week-in-Review

0 new public education-related bills were filed this week. 0 were initiated in the House; 0 was filed in the Senate.
 0 House joint resolutions filed.

Of note:

[Senate Bill 744, Appropriations Act of 2014](#) (the 2014-15 budget) was ratified on 8/2/14. It now goes to the Governor.

Originally filed on 7/16/14, [Senate Bill 884, 2014 Appointments Bill](#). The resignation of two members of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board prompted the addition of two appointees to the President Pro Tempore’s recommendations. **The bill passed a third reading in the House on 8/2/14.**

- Sherry T. Reeves of Pamlico County is appointed to the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board for a term expiring on June 30, 2015, to fill the unexpired term of Baker A. Mitchell.
- Phyllis P. Gibbs of Guilford County is appointed to the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board for a term expiring on June 30, 2017, to fill the unexpired term of Paul Norcross.

Summary and Status of Previously Filed Bills

Any change in status from the previous week will be bolded

BILL	NAME	SUMMARY	STATUS
House Bill 230	Clarify Read to Achieve/School Performance Grades	Clarifies provisions of the Read to Achieve Law and school performance grades and expands the testing window for one year.	Signed into law by Governor on 6/10/14 Session Law 2014-5
House Bill 1039	NCVPS Courses/Nonpublic School Students	Codifies the North Carolina Virtual Public School Program and provides a tuition waiver for nonpublic students for two NCVPS courses a year	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee and potentially Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1041	Charter School Preliminary Approval	“Reestablish” a process by which charter schools could receive preliminary approval	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee

	Process		
		from local boards of education and boards of trustees convened by the UNC system; State Board of Education retains final approval on all charters	
House Bill 1042	Clarify Charter School Application Process	Clarifies process of charter school applications and requires the Charter Schools Advisory Board to provide, “in writing,” factual reasons for denying an application; the Advisory Board must hear an applicant’s appeal if requested within 10 days of receiving the first denial	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee
House Bill 1049	Restore School Calendar Educ. Purpose Waiver	Restores the “school calendar educational purpose waiver,” which allows local school boards of education to adopt a slightly different calendar for a “special program,” a “special population of students,” or “a defined program within a school”	Passed first reading; referred to Commerce and Job Development Committee and potentially Education Committee
House Bill 1061	Replace Common Core to Meet NC’s Needs	Replaces Common Core with academic standards that are “robust and appropriate” and “meet and reflect North Carolina’s priorities”; establishes a commission to determine new curriculum (17-person commission with 6 appointed by President Pro Tempore of the Senate and 6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives)	Passed in the House and sent to the Senate where it passed first reading and was referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 1062	Schematic Diagrams and Keys of Schools	Requires local school administration to provide local law enforcement schematic diagrams and keys to all school facilities	Passed in the House and sent to the Senate where it passed first reading and was referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
House Bill 1063	Restore Teacher Cadet Funds	Restores funding for North Carolina Teacher Cadet Program (\$340,000) for FY2014-2015;	Passed first reading; referred to Appropriations Committee



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		recruitment program to encourage high school students to enter education profession	
House Bill 1075	Repeal Opportunity Scholarships	Repeals the Opportunity Scholarship Grants and transfer the appropriate funds to local administrative units that had decreased allotments in the last budget	Passed first reading; referred to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Committee
House Bill 1084	Charter Schools/Students with IEPS	Charter schools that serve a specific percentage (>30%) of students with disabilities (that require individualized education programs) can use an “alternative accountability model”; necessary appropriations will follow.	Passed first reading; referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1085	Increase Charter School Accountability	Requires increased accountability from charter schools, including criminal history record check for board of directors and a comprehensive evaluation by the State Board of Education at least once in the first three years of a school’s operation	Passed first reading; referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1107	Restore Lottery for School Construction	General Assembly will appropriate 27% of Education Lottery Fund to the Public School Building Capital Fund for FY2015-2016 and 40% for FY2016-2017.	Passed first reading; referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1111	Western School of Science & Math/Funds	Appropriates advance planning funds (\$2,400,000) for a NCSSM campus in the western part of the state that would serve 300 students	Passed first reading; referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1119	Credit for School Supplies	Teachers who purchase school supplies and materials can receive an income tax credit up to \$250; teachers in both public and nonpublic schools are eligible	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee; if favorable, Finance

House Bill 1160	CISNC Funds	Appropriates funds for programs and services provided by Communities in Schools of North Carolina to support public school system, specifically with regard to grade level retention and dropout	Passed first reading; referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1164	School Board of Education Rulemaking Clarification	Clarifies that the State Board of Education is subject to “rule making” under the Administrative Procedure Act and must provide a “remedy” when an agency fails to act as directed by a statute; recommended by Joint Legislative Administrative process	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee; if favorable, Regulatory Reform
House Bill 1174	Defer Cutoff to Qualify for Master’s Supplement	Appropriates fund (\$18,700,000) to extend the cutoff date for school employees to qualify for education-based salary supplements, such as the Master’s supplement	Passed first reading; referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1177	Property Tax for Teacher Compensation	Increases property taxes at a rate of one cent on the one hundred dollars in order to provide more teacher compensation	Passed first reading; referred to Finance Committee; if favorable, Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1186	State Board of Education Study of Educator Compensation	Directs State Board of Education to study statewide merit pay or pay for performance for educators as recommended by “North Carolina Educator Effectiveness and Compensation Task Force”; “overall goal of a statewide compensation system developed by the State Board of Education for North Carolina teachers shall be to improve student learning by providing every student with a highly effective teacher”	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee
House Bill 1192	Return to Five-Year Vesting	Returns to a five-year vesting period for members of the teachers’ and state employees’ retirement system who became members on or	Passed first reading; referred to State Personnel Committee; if favorable, Appropriations

		after August 1, 2011	Committee
House Bill 1199	Restore Career Status	Restores “career status” for NC public teachers; provides that rating system by which teachers can both achieve and lose career status	Passed first reading; referred to Education Committee
House Bill 1208	Governor’s Budget	The proposed budget would affect various aspects of public education, including teacher salaries, school resources, and local education agencies (LEAs). Appropriates \$9.8 million of lottery receipts for an “innovative Career Pathways pilot that will support LEAs in their transition to a rigorous, aligned performance-based compensation system.”	Passed first reading; referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1219	Funds for Wilson Academy of Innovation	There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in nonrecurring funds to be allocated to the Wilson County Schools for the planning and support of the Wilson Academy of Applied Innovation, a high school focusing on innovation and technology to prepare students for careers in manufacturing.	Passed first reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
House Bill 1243	STEM Teacher Forgivable Loan Program	Establishes a forgivable loan program for prospective STEM and special education teachers.	Passed first reading, referred to Appropriations Committee
Senate Bill 370	Respect for Student Prayer/Religious Activity	Clarifies student rights to engage in prayer and religious activity in school; creates an administrative process for remedying complaints regarding exercise of those student rights; and clarifies religious activity for	Signed into law by the Governor on 6/19/14. Session Law 2014-13

		school personnel	
Senate Bill 748	NCVPS Courses/Nonpublic School Students	Codifies the North Carolina Virtual Public School Program and provides a tuition waiver for nonpublic students for two NCVPS courses a year	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee and potentially re-refer to Appropriations/Base Budget Committee
Senate Bill 752	Clarify Charter School Application Process	Clarifies the process for review of charter applications by the NC Charter Schools Advisory Board; requires adoption of rules for the charter application process; and clarifies the appeals process for denial of charter applications, as recommended by the joint legislative program evaluation oversight committee	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 754	Charter School Preliminary Approval Process	Reestablish” a process by which charter schools could receive preliminary approval from local boards of education and boards of trustees convened by the UNC system; State Board of Education retains final approval on all charters	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 758	Western School of Science & Math/Funds	Appropriates advance planning funds (\$2,400,000) for a NCSSM campus in the western part of the state that would serve 300 students	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee and potentially re-refer to Appropriations/Base Budget Committee
Senate Bill 787	Teacher Funds Must be 51% of School Budget	Requires at least 51% of general funds for public schools each fiscal year be allocated to “Classroom Teacher Allotment”	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee and potentially re-refer to Appropriations/Base Budget Committee
Senate Bill 793	Charter School	Clarifies charter school application process,	Ratified on 7/28/14. Presented

	Modifications	increases nonrefundable application fee to \$1000, and makes charter schools subject to Public Records Act and the Open Meetings Law; requires salary disclosure from charter schools	to the Governor on 7/29/14.
Senate Bill 812	Maintain State Authority Over Academic Standards	Replaces Common Core with academic standards that are “robust and appropriate” and “meet and reflect North Carolina’s priorities”; establishes a commission to determine new curriculum (17-person commission with 6 appointed by President Pro Tempore of the Senate and 6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives)	Signed into law by Governor on 7/22/2014. Session Law 2014-78
Senate Bill 815	Ensuring Privacy of Student Records	Ensures the privacy of student educational records; directs the State Board of Education to do a number of things including: “prohibit the transfer of personally identifiable student data in the student data system unless otherwise provided by law and authorized by rules”	Signed into law by Governor on 7/1/2014. Session Law 2014-50
Senate Bill 818	Establish Education Endowment Fund	Establishes and dedicates fund for the North Carolina Education Endowment Fund to provide additional funding for K-12 public schools. “The General Assembly shall only appropriate moneys in the North Carolina Education Endowment Fund for teacher compensation that is related directly to improving student academic outcomes in the public schools of the State.” Money for this fund would come from the sale of an “I Support Teachers” license plate, as an itemized charitable deduction from individual tax	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee; if favorable, re-refer to Appropriations/ Base Budget Committee; Committee Substitute Adopted; re-referred to Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget; sequential referral to Finance added on 6/18/2014

		returns, or as a corporate gift.	
Senate Bill 833	SBE Study of Educator Compensation	Directs State Board of Education to study statewide merit pay or pay for performance for educators as recommended by “North Carolina Educator Effectiveness and Compensation Task Force”; “overall goal of a statewide compensation system developed by the State Board of Education for North Carolina teachers shall be to improve student learning by providing every student with a highly effective teacher”	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 849	Clarify Regional School CIHS Applications	Clarifies the cooperative innovative high school programs application process for regional schools, to grant one-year status as a cooperative innovative high school to the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience, and to provide funding for higher education tuition costs for students enrolled at the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience.	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 850	Permanent License Plates/Charter Schools	Makes charter schools eligible to receive permanent registration plates.	Passed first reading; referred to Transportation Committee
Senate Bill 852	NBPTS Bonus for Teachers in Title I Schools	Appropriates funds to provide NBPTS bonuses to teachers with NBPTS certification who are employed for at least 70% of their work time as instructional coaches in Title I schools.	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee
Senate Bill 860	Public School Changes	Extends the testing window for public school semester courses; increases the weight of school growth in school performance grades;	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee

		delays implementation of contracts for certain teachers; and provides flexibility for the terms of principal contracts.	
Senate Bill 744	Appropriations Act of 2014	The Senate’s proposed budget affects various aspects of public education including, but not limited to, teacher salary, school resources, transportation, and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Notable items include: increase teacher pay in exchange for giving up career status and longevity payment, no increase in funding for textbooks, continued funding for Teach for America, and a 30% decrease in funding for DPI.	Passed and engrossed in the Senate; passed first reading in the House and referred to Finance Committee; re-referred to Appropriations Committee; Senate failed to concur 6/17/14. Conference committee appointed by House and Senate. House changes conferees—message sent to Senate 6/24/2014. House changed conferees on 7/9/2014.
Senate Bill 880	Education Simplification Amendment	Proposes to amend the constitution of North Carolina to “simplify” the management of primary and secondary education by replacing superintendent of public instruction and State Board of Education with “secretary of education.” If passed, the terms of all members of the State Board of Education would expire by 2017 along with the superintendent’s position.	Passed first reading; referred to Education/Higher Education Committee.
Senate Bill 719	Student Organizations/Rights & Recognition (originally introduced in 2013)	Allows student organizations at constituent institutions and community colleges to determine their organizations’ core functions and resolve any disputes of the organization. Prohibits constituent institutions and community colleges from denying recognition to organizations for exercising these rights.	Signed into law by Governor on 6/25/2014. Session Law 2014-28



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Senate Bill 3	Budget Modifications/Pay Raises/Other Changes (Originally filed in 2013)	The new “mini-budget” would give teachers a 5% raise without having to relinquish career status (tenure) or longevity pay. The bill also takes lottery funds off the table for teacher pay, although it is still unclear if lottery funds will still be used for other education budget items.	Passed 2 nd and 3 rd reading in the House; special message sent to the Senate. Senate ordered return to House/message sent to House. House ordered return to Senate message. Senate refused.
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