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This Week in Review – October 20, 2023

Highlights from this week

- *No highlights this week*

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The chart below contains all education-related bills we’re tracking and their latest status. Items in bold reflect action taken this week. **Bills that made crossover are highlighted.**

Bill	Name	Summary	Latest action
House Bills			
House Bill 2	2022 Budget Technical Corrections	An act to make technical changes to the current operations Appropriations Act of 2022	Signed by governor
House Bill 4	Increasing Engagement in STEM Grant Program	An act to establish the increasing engagement in STEM program, as recommended by the House Select Committee on Advancing Women in Stem. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will establish the program for 2023-25	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 8	Computer Sci. Grad. Requirement	An act to require instruction in computer science and completion of a computer science course for graduation	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 11	Schools for the Deaf and Blind	An act to provide that the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, The North Carolina School for the Deaf, and the Governor Morehead School for the Blind are	Presented to governor



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		governed by boards of trustees and to provide for the duties of the boards and admission process for schools for the deaf and blind	
House Bill 17	Elect the SBE/SPI as SBE Chair	Would amend the constitution of NC to elect members of the State Board of Education, to make the Superintendent of Public Instruction the Chair of the State Board of Education as an ex officio member, and require that vacancy appointments by the governor be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly	Re-referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 23	Education Studies and Other Changes	An act to study various education issues and make changes to education laws; instructs DPI to study and report on programs providing special education for students with intensive needs in private schools; makes changes to the NC Principal Fellows Commission	Re-referred to Education/Higher Education
House Bill 26	Education Omnibus	An act to make various changes to education laws. Would allow admission to the NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching to all teachers regardless of teaching experience. Transfers powers and duties of the NCCAT to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.	Re-referred to Education/Higher Education
House Bill 27	Elect Thomasville City Bd. of Ed.	Would change the Thomasville City Board of Education from appointed members to elected members	Ch. SL 2023-1
House Bill 30	Reduce Length of Granville Bd. of Ed. Terms	An act to provide for four-year terms rather than six-year terms for the members of the Granville County Board of Education	Ch. SL 2023-2
House Bill 31	Rowan-Salisbury Board of Educ. Partisan	An act to provide for partisan elections for members of the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education	Conf Com Appointed



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House Bill 38	Entry Fees for HS Interscholastic Events	An act to require acceptance of cash and senior tar heel cards for admission to high school interscholastic athletic activities	Re-referred to Education/Higher Education
House Bill 45	Address Pandemic Learning Loss/Alamance Co.	An act to address pandemic learning loss by temporarily allowing additional adjustments to the school calendar for Alamance-Burlington Schools	Re-referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 46	Eliminate Tax on Gov't Retirees	An act to exempt retirement income of government employees	Referred to Com on Finance
House Bill 47	School Protection Act	An act to allow security guards to carry firearms on nonpublic educational property	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 50 (=S40)	Pistol Purchase Permit Repeal	Would repeal pistol purchase permits	Re-referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 51	School Calendar Flex/Multiple Counties	An act to provide additional flexibility to multiple local boards of education in adopted the school calendar	Re-referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 58 (=S74)	Parents' and Students' Bill of Rights	An act to enumerate the rights held by parents related to the upbringing, education, healthcare, and mental health of their minor child and to enumerate the rights held by students related to their own education	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 60	SUDEP Awareness Week	Would make the second week in November SUDEP Awareness Week and recommend awareness training for school personnel responsible for students with epilepsy or predisposed to seizures	Ref to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 62	An Act to Do School Calendars Better	An act to provide local boards of education flexibility in adopting the school calendar	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 66 (=S72)	Boards of Education Elections	An act to provide for partisan elections for the members of the Catawba County Board of Education, Hickory City Board of Education,	Ch. SL 2023-32



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		Newton-Conover City Board of Education, and Pamlico County Board of Education	
House Bill 67	Encourage Healthy NC Food in Schools	An act to promote muscadine grape juice usage in the state’s learning institutions and to include muscadine grape juice producers and other fruit and fruit product producers participating in the “Got to be NC” marketing program as participants in the Farm to School purchasing program	Re-referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 70	School Calendar Flexibility/Halifax	Would grant flexibility to Halifax County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Re-referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 72 (=S67)	Firearm Safe Storage Awareness Initiative	An act to launch a statewide firearm safe storage awareness initiative to educate the public about the importance of the safe storage of firearms and to facilitate the distribution of gun locks	Re-referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 81	Increase Halifax Co. Bd. of Ed. Compensation	Would increase the compensation of the chair and members of the Halifax County Board of Education	Sent to Senate
House Bill 86	School Calendar Flex/Statewide	An act to provide flexibility in adopting the school calendar	Sent to Senate
House Bill 88	Guilford Board of Education Vacancies	Would clarify the filling of vacancies on the Guilford County Board of Education	Re-referred to Redistricting and Elections
House Bill 101	The Firearms Liberty Act	Would allow a lifetime concealed handgun permit; a concealed carry permittee who allows the permit to lapse does not have to take another firearms safety and training course upon applying for renewal under certain conditions, and to protect the property rights of persons subject to a domestic violence protective order by allowing them to	Re-referred to Com on Finance



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		store or sell their firearms with a qualified licensed firearms dealer	
House Bill 106	School Calendar Flexibility/Various LEAs	Would grant flexibility to Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Davidson, Guilford, Jackson, Lexington City, Stokes, Swain, Thomasville City, Transylvania, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Re-referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 111	School Calendar Flexibility/Durham and Person	Would grant flexibility to Durham County and Person County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Re-referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 115	School Calendar Flexibility	Would grant flexibility to Anson, Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davie, Hickory, Newton-Conover City, Rutherford, Wake, and Yadkin County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Re-referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 120	Govt. Retirement/No Vacation Leave Spiking	An act limiting the amount of vacation leave carried forward for the purpose of calculating average final compensation	Referred to Com on Pensions and Retirement
House Bill 129	School Calendar Flexibility/Pitt County	Would grant flexibility to Pitt County County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Re-referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 136	Arts High School Diploma Endorsement	An act to require the State Board of Education to create an arts proficiency high school diploma endorsement and to make various conforming changes	Sent to Senate
House Bill 141	Paid Parental Leave for State Employees	Would provide paid parental leave to state employees and other state-supported personnel; includes up to 8 weeks of paid parental leave for full-time employees in addition to other available leave available to the employee	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House



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House Bill 142	Protect Our Students Act.-AB	An act to modify penalties and definitions for certain sex offenses against students, to increase the penalties for failure of school admins to report certain misconduct to the State Board of Education, and to require public schools to show students in grades 6-12 a video containing age-appropriate information about sexual abuse, as recommended by the Dept. of Public Instruction	Ch. SL 2023-128
House Bill 149	Remote & Virtual Charter/CC Pres Confirmation	An act to provide for remote charter academies and to provide a one-year extension of the Virtual Charter School Pilot Program	Conf Com Appointed
House Bill 150	School Contracted Health Services	An act to allow children with disabilities who received services prior to enrolling in a local educational agency the opportunity to continue receiving those services from the same provider while at school	Sent to Senate
House Bill 154	Funds/Forsyth United Way/Summer Learning	An act to appropriate funds for the United Way of Forsyth County to fund summer learning programs	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 160	School Cal. Flexibility/Buncombe & Asheville	An act to provide flexibility to Buncombe and Asheville City Schools in adopting the school calendar	Re-referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 163	School Calendar Flexibility	An act to provide flexibility to certain school systems in adopting the school calendar	Referred Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 166 (=S139)	American Indians Graduating with Honors Act	An act to allow American Indian students to wear cultural objects at public school graduation ceremonies	Ch. SL 2023-43
House Bill 174	W-S/Forsyth Bd. of Ed./Rural Hall Even-Year	Would stagger the terms of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of	Ch. SL 2023-31



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		Education and provide for even-year elections in the town of Rural Hall	
House Bill 176	School Calendar Flexibility/Lee	An act to provide flexibility to Lee County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Referred Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 179	Pamlico Bd. of Ed. Elect. Partisan	An act to provide for the partisan election of members of the Pamlico County Board of Education	Re-referred to Redistricting and Elections
House Bill 185	Clarifying Sex Ed Time Frame	An act to clarify reproductive health and safety education requirements in public schools	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 187	Equality in Education	An act to demonstrate the General Assembly's intent that students, teachers, administrators, and other school employees recognize the equality and rights of all persons and to prohibit public schools from promoting certain concepts that are contrary to that intent	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 188	Standards of Student Conduct	An act to use best practices to avoid discrimination in public school discipline policies, to require discipline policies to address support of students on suspension and procedures for assignment to in-school suspension	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 189	Freedom to Carry NC	Would allow the purchase of a handgun without a pistol purchase permit and authorize elected officials to carry a concealed firearm while performing their official duties if the official has a concealed handgun permit	Re-referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 195	School Calendar Flexibility/Roanoke Rapids	An act to provide flexibility to Roanoke Rapids Graded School District in adopting the school calendar	Referred Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 201	Retirement Admin. Changes Act of 2023-AB	An act to make administrative changes to the laws governing the Teachers' and State	Ch. SL 2023-105



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		Employees' retirement system and other retirement systems	
House Bill 206	Increase Dropout Age/Completion Indicator	An act to raise the compulsory school attendance age to eighteen years old over a 5-year period and to establish a completion rate indicator for school performance grades	Filed
House Bill 207	Mandatory Training Contributing to CEUs	An act to allow educational professionals to obtain continuing education units from completing mandatory trainings	Referred Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 219	Charter School Omnibus	Loosens approval and operational requirements; includes a statement that the board shall not consider any alleged impact on the local schools district(s) in the area when deciding to grant, renew, or terminate a charter	Ch. SL 2023-107
House Bill 221	School Cal Flexibility/Yadkin & Davie Co.	Would allow Yadkin County Schools and Davie County Schools to align their school calendars with Surry County Community College's or Davidson-Davie Community College's calendar	Referred Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 222	No CV19 Vaccine Mandates for NC Students	An act prohibiting the Commission for Public Health, State and Local Public Health agencies and state and local public health officials from requiring NC students to be immunized against COVID-19	Referred to Com on Health
House Bill 236	School Calendar Flexibility/Carteret	Would allow Carteret County Schools to align the school calendar with Carteret Community College	Referred Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 239	School Calendar Flexibility/Johnston Co.	An act to provide additional flexibility to Johnston County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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House Bill 244	Partisan Bd.ofEd. Elections McDowell/Mitchell	Would provide for partisan elections for the McDowell and Mitchell County Boards of Education	Referred to Com on Local Government
House Bill 253	Prevent Students from Harm Act	Would incorporate character education in addressing bullying and harrassing behavior, authorize experienced nonprofits to provide child sexual abuse and sex trafficking training programs for educators, and provide age-appropriate information and resources on prevention of suicide, abuse, and neglect as part of the health education curriculum	Re-referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 254	Storage of Firearms to Protect Minors	Would require a person who owns a firearm and resides in the same premises as a minor to store or keep the firearm in a locked container except when the firearm is being lawfully carried or used	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 256 (=S216)	Muddy Sneakers	An act to appropriate funds to support the Muddy Sneakers program to support its experiential learning programs to improve the science aptitude of 5th grade students	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 257	School Calendar Flexibility/Multiple Counties	An act to provide flexibility to Caswell, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City, and Orange County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Re-referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 259	2023 Appropriations Act	An act to make base budget appropriations for current operations of state agencies, departments, and institutions	Ch. SL 2023-134
House Bill 262	School Assignment Zones	An act to require school assignment zones that allow students the opportunity to attend schools closest to their home in Onslow County Schools	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 269	Replace EOC with National Assessment	An act to use a nationally recognized assessment of high school achievement and	Referred to Com on Education - K-12



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		college readiness to replace the end-of-course tests for grades 9-12	
House Bill 280 (=S187)	Teacher Licensure/Retired Educator Program	Would make changes to the teacher licensure requirements and to revive and expand the program to allow retired educators to return to work in high-need schools	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 282	Trade Schools Study	An act to compile information regarding the trades workforce and future training	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 283	Purchase Permit Req'd/Long Gun	An act to require a permit for the purchase of a long gun	Ref to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 289 (=S210)	Gun Violence Prevention Act	An act to require a permit for the purchase of an assault weapon or long gun and other changes	Ref to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 291	NC New Teacher Support Program Funds	An act to appropriation funds to support teachers participating in the NC New Teacher Support Program	Ref to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 292	Math That Counts	An act to improve grade level proficiency in math	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 306	School Calendar Flexibility/Granville & Vance	An act to provide Granville and Vance County Schools flexibility in adopting the school calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 308	Alexander Co. Bd. of Ed. Referendum	An act to require Alexander County to conduct a referendum on whether to change the election method for the board of education to partisan	Ch. SL 2023-41
House Bill 314	Conflicts of Interest Training/LEAs	An act to require conflicts of interest training for certain public school employees	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 330	School Athletic Eligibility Appeals to SI	An act to allow a State Board of Education appeal panel decision regarding the eligibility of a student to participate in high school	Referred Com on Education - K-12



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		athletics to be appealed to the state superintendent	
House Bill 333	Restore State Emp/Teacher Retiree Med Benefit	An act to prevent elimination of retiree medical benefits for members first earning service under the Teachers' and State Employees' retirement system	Referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 336 (=S263)	Healthy Students - A Nurse in Every School	An act to require at least one school nurse in every school	Referred Com on Appropriations
House Bill 337	2023 Appropriations Act	An act to make base budget appropriations for current operations of state agencies, departments, and institutions	Referred Com on Appropriations
House Bill 338	Lifetime Concealed Handgun Permit	An act to allow lifetime concealed handgun permits	Referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 356	Full Repeal of HB2	An act to repeal House Bill 2 in its entirety	Referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 366 (=H369)	Restore Master's Pay for Teachers & ISP	An act to reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel	Referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 369 (=H366)	Restore Master's Pay for Teachers & ISP	An act to reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel	Referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 382	Registered Nurses in Schools	An act to allow licensed registered nurses to serve as school nurses	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 405	Funds for Ready for School, Ready for Life	An act to appropriate funds to Ready for School, Ready for Life, to continue state financial support of an integrated data system for early childhood development programs	Referred Com on Appropriations
House Bill 406	Guilford County Schools Funding Requests	An act to appropriate funds to continue programs in Guilford County Schools for tutoring, learning hubs, and the Innovative Signature Career Academy	Referred Com on Appropriations



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House Bill 420	Expand & Consolidate K-12 Scholarships	An act to expand eligibility for personal education student accounts and to consolidate personal education student accounts and Opportunity Scholarships after two years	Referred Com on Appropriations
House Bill 430	Governor's Budget	The governor's proposed budget; fully funds the Leandro plan; 18% average teacher pay raise over two years; \$1 billion to support mental health; includes \$1.5 billion more for early childhood education and childcare;	Referred Com on Appropriations
House Bill 432	Principal Licensure Changes	An act to update principal licensure requirements and to develop a portfolio-based assessment, as recommended by DPI	Presented to governor
House Bill 452	Franklin Co. Bd. of Ed. Election Method	Would change the method of election of the Franklin County Board of Education to nonpartisan	Ch. SL 2023-17
House Bill 468	Camera Enforcement of Greensboro School Zones	Would authorize the City of Greensboro to establish a pilot program for the use of electronic speed-measuring systems to detect speed limit violations in school zones	Referred to Com on Transportation
House Bill 478	Support Students with Disabilities Act	An act to establish a program for local schools to apply to DPI for ongoing extraordinary costs of children with disabilities, including for placement of students in settings outside the school system to reduce the use of modified day, homebound, and hospitalized placements, and to require an annual report on the monitoring of students in homebound, modified day, and hospital placements	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 487	POW/MIA Flags/State Bldgs & Schools	An act requiring POW/MIA flags to be flown at state-owned buildings and public schools if the flag can be attached to an existing flagpole	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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House Bill 498	K-5 Art and Music	An act to specify instruction on music and visual arts in elementary schools	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 509	Reduce School Lunch Debt	An act to reduce the balance of school lunch debt	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 510	School Supplies Act of 2023	An act to restore funding for classroom supplies	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 518 (=S398)	Equality for All	Requires schools to adopt a policy to establish that school staff no discriminate	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 526	Turning High Achieving Students into Teachers	An act to provide funds to improve development of the teacher pipeline	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 531	Charter Sch. Tuition - Out-of-State Students	An act to allow charter schools to admit nonresident students if the school is not operating at capacity and to allow the charter school to charge the nonresident student tuition	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 534	Age Verification to Protect Children Act	An act to create liability for publishers and distributors of material harmful to minors, to provide for the investigation and pursuit by the attorney general, and to provide civil penalties for failure to perform age verification	Re-referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 566	Give State Retirees 2% COLA/Funds	Would provide a cost-of-living adjustment to state retirees	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 568 (=S391)	NCSSM Plate	An act to authorize a special license plate for the NC School of Science and Mathematics	Referred to Com on Transportation
House Bill 574	Fairness in Women's Sports Act	Requires athletic team participation to be determined by each participant's biological sex	Ch. SL 2023-109
House Bill 585 (=S448)	School Psychologist Omnibus	Would provide school psychologists with a \$650/month supplement; Nationally Certified school psychologists would receive a salary supplement of 12% of the monthly salary each	Referred to Com on Health



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		month; establish a grant program for public schools to recruit school psychologists	
House Bill 600	Regulatory Reform Act of 2023	Makes various changes to provide regulatory relief to citizens; includes changes to the homeschool cooperative exemption for child care	Conf committee appointed
House Bill 602 (=S432)	K-3 Class Size Waiver	An act to add waivers for local schools from K-3 class size requirements	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 605	School Threat Assessment Teams	An act to establish threat assessment teams in public school units, to establish peer-to-peer counseling in schools, and more changes	Presented to governor
House Bill 609	Phoebe's Law/Speed Measuring in School Zones	An act to establish a pilot program to improve public safety by authorizing the use of electronic speed-measuring systems to detect speed limit violations in school zones	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 618	Charter School Review Board	An act to convert the Charter Schools Advisory Board into the Charter Schools Review Board, to shift the authority to approve charters from the State Board to the Review Board, and to create a right to appeal to the State Board of Education from Review Board decisions	Ch. SL 2023-110
House Bill 619	Learning AAPI Contributions in Schools	An act to add Asian American and Pacific Islander education to the Standard Course of Study	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 646 (=S107)	Fines and Forfeiture/Payment to Schools	Would direct payments for civil penalties and forfeiture to be transferred to the School Technology Fund	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 653	Plant-Based Lunch Options	An act to require public schools to offer a plant-based meal option at each school meal	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House



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House Bill 667	Opportunity Scholarship Testing Requirements	An act to require nonpublic schools accepting opportunity scholarship students to administer one of the five most common nationally standardized tests and to require the State Education Assistance Authority to maintain a list of those tests	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 672	Restore State Emp/Teacher Retiree Med Benefit	An act to prevent the elimination of retiree medical benefits	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 675	Healthy and High Performing Schools	An act to enact the North Carolina Healthy Schools Act of 2023	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 686	Civil Rights Education	An act to provide comprehensive civil rights education to every student in the state	Re-referred Com on Appropriations
House Bill 687	Clarify Vacancy Filling Partisan Bd. of Ed.	An act to clarify the process to fill a vacancy on a local board of education elected using the partisan method of election	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 705 (=S713)	Build Safer Communities and Schools Act	An act to strengthen policies and standards for law enforcement officers; reinstate the pistol purchase permit requirement; require universal background checks; allow schools to contract for school psychologist services; and to codify school safety grants	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 716	Career Course for Middle Schools	An act to add a career pathways course to the Standard Course of Study and require the completion of career plans in schools	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 729	Add Segregation Score to School Report Cards	An act to incorporate measures of proportionality and equality into state accountability models	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House



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House Bill 730	Funds for the Expansion of NC Pre-K	An act to appropriate funds to expand access to children in this state seeking to participate in the NC Pre-K program	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 746	Oversight of Home Schools	An act to require annual notification of home school operation and to prohibit establishment of home schools by individuals convicted of certain crimes	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 758	Youth CERT Preparedness K-12 Training	An act to provide for emergency preparedness education in schools	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 762 (=S524)	School Social Workers/Master's Pay	An act to provide that school social workers are eligible to receive master's pay regardless of whether a master's degree is required for licensure	Re-referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 763	Limit School Counselor Ratios	An act to limit the number of students assigned to one school counselor	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 765	Public School Medical Assistants	An act to establish a pilot program for allowing school medical assistants to provide school nursing services in public schools under supervision of a certified school nurse	Re-referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 766	DPI to Control Pre-K Literacy Curriculum	An act to provide authority to DPI to make decisions over all Pre-K literacy curriculum including studies of dyslexia	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 776	Free Lunch for Some Students/Stop Lunch Shame	An act to appropriate funds to provide free lunch to students eligible for reduced-price lunch and to enact an antistigmatization and antidiscrimination policy in school nutrition	Referred to Com on Appropriations
House Bill 777	Universal No-Cost School Meals	An act to provide breakfast and lunch in public schools at no cost to students through an allocation based on school food authority evaluations	Referred to Com on Appropriations



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House Bill 780	State ID Cards for High School Students	An act to establish a pilot program to issue Real ID compliant special ID cards to students in public high schools in Anson, Gaston, Mecklenburg, and Union counties	Re-referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 786	Youth Health Protection Act	An act to protect minors from administration of puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones and other procedures and treatments and to prohibit obscenity on smart phones for minors	Referred to Com on Health
House Bill 793	Public School Open Enrollment	An act to allow students to attend any school within the local school administrative unit in which the student lives	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 800	Public School Part-Time Enrollment	An act to require local school administrative units and charter schools to allow part-time enrollment of students that attend nonpublic school	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 802	Biannual Back to School Sales Tax Holiday	An act to reenact the Sales and Use Tax Holiday for school supplies and extend the holiday to the first weekend in January	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 803	County Service Districts/Early Childhood Ed.	An act authorizing counties to establish service districts to finance early childhood education programs	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House Bill 808 (=S639)	Gender Transition/Minors	An act to prohibit gender transition procedures for minors	Ch. SL 2023-111
House Bill 823 (=S406)	Choose Your School, Choose Your Future	An act to expand eligibility for Opportunity Scholarships, to require a sequence of courses for early high school graduation, and to establish the Early Graduate Scholarship programs	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
House Bill 824	Teacher Licensure Changes	An act to grant a continuing professional license to any teacher licensed in another state	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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House Bill 825	Teaching Fellows Expansion	An act to study expansion of the NC Teaching Fellows program	Referred to Com on Education - K-12
House Bill 833	Increase Teacher Diversity/Study	An act to study and report on programs focused on increasing the socioeconomic and geographic diversity of teachers in public elementary and secondary schools	Re-referred Com on Appropriations
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Senate Bill 4	Eliminate Tax on Gov't Retirees	An act to exempt retirement income of government employees	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 17	Stanly Bd. of Comm/Bd. Of Educ.	An act to modify the staggering terms for members of the Board of Commissioners of Stanly County and the Board of Education	Ordered Enrolled
Senate Bill 41	Guarantee 2nd Amend Freedom and Protections	An act to authorize concealed carry permit holders to carry firearms on certain school property at certain times and to authorize concealed carry for certain law enforcement facility employees, to repeal pistol purchase permits, and to launch a statewide firearm safe storage initiative to educate the public about the importance of safe storage of firearms and facilitate the distribution of gun locks	Veto overridden
Senate Bill 49	Parents' Bill of Rights	Requires school staff to notify parents of any change in the name or pronoun used by a student; requires schools to establish a process for parents to review materials for and to consent or withhold consent for participation in reproductive health and safety education programs	Ch. SL 2023-106
Senate Bill 62 (H11)	Schools for the Deaf and Blind	An act to provide that the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, The North Carolina School for the Deaf, and the	Re-referred to Education/Higher Education



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Senate Bill 74 (=H58)	Parents' and Students' Bill of Rights	An act to enumerate the rights held by parents related to the upbringing, education, healthcare, and mental health of their minor child and to enumerate the rights held by students related to their own education	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 87	State Emps./No Payroll Dues Deduction	Would repeal public employee payroll deduction for payments to employees' associations	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 90	Searches of Student's Person	An act to standardize the procedures for searching students in public schools; a school administrator may authorize the search of a student's person if the administrator has a reasonable suspicion that the student has violated or is violating a school rule or policy under G.S. 115C-390.2 or a state or federal law	Re-referred to Com on Education - K-12
Senate Bill 96	School Calendar Flexibility/Pitt Co.	Would provide additional flexibility for a three-year period to the Pitt County Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 103	Partisan BoEd. Elections/Henderson	An act to provide for partisan elections of the Henderson County Board of Public Education	Re-referred to Redistricting and Elections
Senate Bill 107	Fines and Forfeitures/Payment to Schools	An act to direct express receipts in the civil penalty and forfeiture fund to be transferred to the school technology fund	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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Senate Bill 116	2023 Youth END Act	Would enact the “Youth End Nicotine Dependence Act” or “Youth END Act”	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 118	School Calendar Flexibility/Moore Co.	An act to allow Moore County Schools to align its calendar with Sandhill Community College’s calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 119	School Calendar Flexibility/Cumberland Co.	An act to allow Cumberland County Schools to align its calendar with Fayetteville Technical Community College’s calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 150	Make McDowell Co. Bd. of Ed. Elect. Partisan	An act to provide for partisan elections for members of the McDowell County Board of Education	Re-referred to Redistricting and Elections
Senate Bill 155	Mitchell County Bd. of Ed. Elect Partisan	An act to provide for partisan elections for members of the Mitchell County Board of Education	Re-referred to Redistricting and Elections
Senate Bill 170	School Cal. Flexibility/Multiple Counties	An act to provide local boards of education flexibility in adopting the school calendar in multiple counties	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 173	Dual Track Diploma Pilot	An act to establish a pilot program in Currituck County Schools to provide a vocational graduation pathway for students	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 177	Teacher License Reciprocity	An act to grant a continuing professional license to teachers in other states with substantially similar requirements	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 180	Edgecombe County School Nurses	An act to fund a school nurse for every public school in Edgecombe County	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 181	Pitt County School Nurses	An act to fund a school nurse for every public school in Pitt County	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 184	Restore Master’s Pay for Teachers & ISP	Would reinstate master’s pay for teachers and instructional support personnel	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 185	Restore Educator Longevity	An act to restore longevity payments for educators	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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Senate Bill 187	Teacher Licensure Changes	Would make changes to the teacher licensure requirements	Referred Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate Bill 193	Career Dev. Plans/Study Individ. Grad. Plans	An act to provide for career development plans for all middle and high school students	Re-referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate Bill 198	EvenYr Election/Mooresville/Graded School Dis.	An act to provide that regular municipal elections in Mooresville and Mooresville Graded School District elections Iredell County are held in even-numbered years	Re-ref to Redistricting and Elections
Senate Bill 202	Restore Master's Pay for Certain Educators	Would reinstate education-based salary supplements for certain teachers and instructional support personnel	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 210 (=H289)	Gun Violence Prevention Act	An act to require a permit for the purchase of an assault weapon or long gun and other changes	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 216 (=H256)	Muddy Sneakers	An act to appropriate funds to support the Muddy Sneakers program to support its experiential learning programs to improve the science aptitude of 5th grade students	Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 219	Camera Enforcement for Speeding in School	An act to authorize the City of Greensboro to establish a pilot program for the use of electronic speed-measuring systems to detect speed limit violations in school zones	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 222	Charter Approval Process	An act to establish criteria for approval of charter school applications	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 229	School Calendar Flexibility/Charlotte-Meck	An act to provide flexibility to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education in adopting the school calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 233 (=H308)	Alexander Co. Bd. of Ed. Referendum	An act to require Alexander County to conduct a referendum on whether to change the	Re-referred to Redistricting and Elections



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		election method for the board of education to partisan	
Senate Bill 248	Change No. of Members on Nash Co. Bd. of Ed.	An act to provide for election of seven members to the Nash County Board of Education and to align the districts of Nash County Board of Education members with the county commissioners	Ch. SL 2023-37
Senate Bill 253	2023 Appropriations Act	An act to make base budget appropriations for current operations of state agencies, departments, and institutions	Referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 257	2023 Appropriations Act	An act to make base budget appropriations for current operations of state agencies, departments, and institutions	Referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 263 (=H336)	Healthy Students - A Nurse in Every School	An act to require at least one school nurse in every school	Re-referred Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 266	School Calendar Flexibility/Chatham	An act to provide flexibility to Chatham County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 278	School Calendar Flexibility/Durham	An act to provide flexibility to Durham County Schools in adopting the school calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 279	Allow Durham Co/Provide Employee Housing	An act to authorize Durham Public Schools Board of Education and Durham County to provide affordable rental housing for teachers, police officers, first responders and other employees of Durham Public Schools and Durham County	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 280	Central Park School Admissions Pilot Program	An act to allow the Central Park School for Children in Durham County to conduct a weighted admissions lottery pilot program	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 285	Req. Consent/Early Voting/Char. Meck. Schools	An act to require consent from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools'	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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		superintendent before using certain schools as early one-stop voting sites	
Senate Bill 286	Make Pamlico Bd. of Ed. Elect. Partisan	Would make the Pamlico County Board of Education a partisan election	Ch. SL 2023-22
Senate Bill 302	Green Schools Save Money	Would fund to improve energy efficiency in schools, to power schools with solar energy, and to replace combustion-powered school buses with electric-powered buses	Re-referred Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 323	Funds for Renovations to Ashley Elementary	An act to provide funds for renovation and construction at Ashley Elementary School in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County	Re-referred Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 343	Protect the Children in Private Schools	An act to provide that certain employees and volunteers at private schools may carry weapons on educational property when authorized by the school board of trustees or school administrative director and to provide that a person may carry a concealed handgun on educational property that is the location of both a school and a place of religious worship when attending worship services	Referred Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 347	Revise, Study, and Fund LEP Allotment	An act to revise the students with Limited English Proficiency Allotment, to require the State Board of Education to study the students with Limited English Proficiency Allotment, and to appropriate funds	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 348	Extended-Year Teacher Contracts	An act to provide for extended-year contracts for initially licensed teachers, mentor teachers, teachers in low-performing schools, and certain veteran teachers	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 351	Statewide Year-Round School Study	An act to direct DPI to study the feasibility and potential outcomes of a statewide year-round school calendar	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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Senate Bill 366	Ban Delta-8 & Delta-9 on School Grounds	An act to ban Delta-8 and Delta-9 products from school grounds	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 368	Enabling Opportunity Scholarship Reporting	An act to require the administration of a common examination to a sample of certain nonpublic and public students for the purposes of enabling Opportunity Scholarship Grant Program reporting and to provide funds for the evaluation	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 384	Carbon Monoxide Detectors/School Bldgs	An act to study the installation of adequate carbon monoxide alarm and detection systems and the implementation of radon gas testing in all identified public schools	Passed 3rd reading
Senate Bill 391	NCSSM Plate	Would allow a special license plate for the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 398 (=H518)	Equality For All	Requires schools to adopt a policy to establish that school staff no discriminate	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 406	Choose Your School, Choose Your Future	An act to expand eligibility for Opportunity Scholarships, to require a sequence of courses for early high school graduation and to establish the Early Graduate Scholarship program	Re-referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 411	Various Education Changes	Makes various changes to education laws, including requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a medical condition action plan to be implemented by each public school for each student at risk for a medical emergency	Failed concur in H Com Sub
Senate Bill 421	State Employees/Paid Parental Leave	An act to provide eight weeks of paid parental leave to all state employees	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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Senate Bill 432	K-3 Class Size Waiver	An act to add waivers for local school administrative units from kindergarten through third grade class size requirements	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 448	School Psychologist Omnibus	An act to enact provisions related to improving the number and quality of school psychologists in NC	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 452	DOI & Ins Law Amd/Revise HS Athletics.	Takes much of the N.C. High School Athletic Association's authority and moves it to the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education	Ch. SL 2023-133
Senate Bill 472 (=S448)	School Psychologist Omnibus	An act to enact provisions related to improving the number and quality of school psychologists in NC	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 483	\$17/Hour Min. Pay for Noncert. Sch. Employees	Requires the minimum salary for noncertified public school employees to be at least \$17/hr	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 485	Study Cell Phone Use in School	An act to study various cell phone policies in schools	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 493	Go Big for Early Childhood Education	Would increase funds for NC Pre-K; provide a tax credit to certain early education teachers and directors	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 499	School Calendar Compliance Act	Would create a cause of action for school calendars that are not statutorily compliant and to authorize a high school remote instruction flexibility pilot	Re-referred to Education/Higher Education
Senate Bill 502	Modify School Performance Grades	An act to modify school performance grades to provide that all schools receive a grade for school achievement and a grade for school growth	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 504 (=S448)	School Psychologist Omnibus	An act to enact provisions related to improving the number and quality of school psychologists in NC	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget



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Senate Bill 523	Increase School Psychologists	An act to increase the number of school psychologists in schools	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 524	School Social Workers/Master's Pay	An act to provide school social workers with master's pay regardless of whether a master's degree is required for licensure	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 528	Public School HVAC Replacements	An act to establish the Clean Air Grant Program to provide grants to public schools to replace aging HVAC systems	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 532 (=H333)	Restore State Emp/Teacher Retiree Med Benefit	An act to prevent the elimination of retiree medical benefits for members first earning service under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and other state retirement systems	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 567	School Mental Health Support Act	An act to fund a school mental health grant program and establish a mental health worker loan repayment program	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 579	Prevent Harm to Children	An act to increase the punishment for disseminating obscenity	Ch. SL 2023-127
Senate Bill 592 (=S280)	Central Park School Admissions Pilot Program	An act to allow the Central Park School for Children in Durham County to conduct a weighted admissions lottery pilot program	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 598	Healthy Students - A Nurse in Every School	An act to require a least one school nurse in every school in the 2023-24 school year	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 618	TAs to Teachers	An act to create a teacher assistant tuition reimbursement program to assist teacher assistants in completing an educator preparation program	Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 631 (=H574)	Minor Gender Trans. Proc./Public Providers	An act to prohibit the use of public healthcare facilities and state funds for gender transition procedures on minors	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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Senate Bill 634	Cap Charter Schools	An act to cap the total number of charter schools operating in the state to no more than 225	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 636	School Athletic Transparency	An act to revise oversight of high school athletics	Referred to Com on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate Bill 639	Youth Health Protection Act	An act to prohibit puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones for minors	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 645	Add Homeschools to Opportunity Scholarship	Would allow Opportunity Scholarships to be used to students in home school and increase award amounts for home schoolers over time	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 653	Access to Sports and Extracurriculars for All	An act to allow students in public schools, private schools, or home schools without an athletic program to participate in that activity at a public high school	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 665	Add Homeschools to Opportunity Scholarship	Would allow Opportunity Scholarships to be used to students in home school and increase award amounts for home schoolers over time	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 670	Create New Weighted Student Funding Model	An act to repeal all existing school funding allotments and to change the school funding model to a weighted student funding model	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 692	Changes in Education Laws	Makes various changes to education laws	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 694 (=H405)	Funds for Ready for School, Ready for Life	An act to fund Ready for School, Ready for Life to continue financial support of an integrated data system for early childhood development programs	Referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 698	Expand Academic Trans. Pathways/Sophomore HS	An act to expand academic transition pathways for sophomore high school students	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 708	School Meals for Every Child	An act to provide breakfast and lunch in public schools at no cost to students through an	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate



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		allocation based on school food authority evaluations	
Senate Bill 713	Build Safer Communities and Schools Act	An act to strengthen policies and standards for law enforcement officers; reinstate the pistol purchase permit requirement; require universal background checks; strengthen safe storage of firearms laws; allow schools to contract for school psychologist services	Filed
Senate Bill 720	Reenact Educational Sales Tax Holiday	An act to reinstate the sales and use tax holiday for school supplies	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 727	CFSS Gun Prsnt. For Grade 7 and 9 Students	An act to require the Center for Safer Schools to develop a presentation on the consequence of gun use and require local schools to provide the presentation to all students in grade 7 and 9	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 734	Constitution Quote at School Entrances	An act to require display of section one of article IX of the NC constitution at the entrance to all elementary and secondary schools	Referred to Com on Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate Bill 740	Fully Fund School Psychologists & Counselors	An act to fully fund school psychologist and school counselor positions per the Leandro Comprehensive Remedial Plan	Referred to Appropriations/Base Budget
Senate Bill 742	Revise Rules/NC Pre-K Licensure Credentials	An act requiring DHHS to seek revisions to child care licensure rules to provide additional options for administrators and teachers to meet licensure requirements in the NC Pre-K program	Re-referred to Health Care