

# **House Proposed Budget:**

## **Education Provision Summaries**

### **Section 4.3. Needs-Based School Capital Program Changes** *pgs. 15-20*

- Doubles the allocation for Public School Repair & Renovation to \$100,000,000 which is divided equally between the 100 counties.
- Provides two additional priorities to the current list of seven: (1) Whether the county has declined or forfeited a previous grant awarded under this Article; and (2) Whether the county has submitted a certification of intent to provide funding necessary for project completion.

### **Section 7.2. New Cooperative Innovative High Schools** *pgs. 37-38*

- 7.2.(a) Provides funding for 2 new cooperative innovate high schools (CIHS):
  - Dare Early College High School
  - Rockingham County CTE Innovation High School
- 7.2.(c) Allocates supplemental funds to all CIHS on a sliding scale based on the development tier area.

### **Section 7.4. Advanced Coursework and AIG Change** *pgs. 39-41*

- Requires local boards of education to provide advanced courses not only in mathematics but also in English Language Arts (ELA) for academically or intellectually gifted students.

### **Section 7.5. Provide Access To ASVAB In All Schools** *pg. 41*

- Requires every public school unit to provide students in grades 10 through 12 the opportunity to:
  - Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB).
  - Consult with a military recruiter.

### **Section 7.8. Regulate Third-Party Contracts to Provide Photography or Other Services for Parental Purchase Through Schools** *pg. 42*

- Prohibits a school, local board of education member, or school personnel to receive either direct or indirect incentives from a school-directed contract.
- Any individual who gives, offers, or promises a direct or indirect incentive to influence a school-directed contract is committing a Class 2 misdemeanor offense.

### **Section 7.11. Increase to Small County Supplement** *pg.43*

- Increases allotment each eligible county school administration unit will receive (based on ADM) an additional \$241,069 (unless an LEA moves up or down a tier).

### **Section 7.14. Math That Counts Pilot Program** *pgs. 44-48*

- The Math That Counts Pilot Program aims to ensure all students achieve expected mathematics proficiency by the end of fifth grade and continue progressing towards secondary education and career success.
- The Golden LEAF Foundation provides grants totaling \$7.9 million to participating local boards of education for implementing Zearn Math and supporting intensive interventions.
- Begins in the 2024-2025 school year and runs through 2027-2028.
- Requires local boards of education to implement high-quality, evidence-based mathematics instruction aligned with state standards.

### **Section 7.15. Allow School Boards to Use Eminent Domain for Easements** *pg. 48*

- Grants local boards of education the authority to acquire utility easements for school facilities through eminent domain.

### **Section 7.16. Expand CTE Support in Middle Schools** *pg. 48*

- Allocates funds equivalent to one full-time Career and Technical Education (CTE) coordinator position to each local school administrative unit with the purpose of enhancing career readiness efforts for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Allows local boards of education to use these funds to hire full-time, permanent CTE coordinators, but a board may choose to allocate the funds differently.

### **Section 7.17. Program to Allow Financial; and Hiring Flexibility Plans for Certain School Districts** *pgs. 48-51*

### **Section 7.19. Cooperative Purchase Agreements for Technology** *pgs. 52-53*

- Outlines provisions for cooperative purchasing agreements (an agreement that facilitates collaborative or collective purchases of information technology goods and services among public school units) aimed at procuring information technology goods and services to support public school units.
- Requires DPI to solicit bids for new cooperative purchase agreements for technology tools and may solicit bids for services deemed necessary every four years.

### **Section 7.20. Sunset Textbook Commission** *pgs. 53-58*

- Consolidates phrasing related to textbooks, digital resources, activity-oriented programs, and other educational supplements to “instructional materials.”
- Requires local boards of education to establish a community media advisory committee (including principals, teachers, parents, and school library media coordinators) to investigate and evaluate challenges to supplementary and instructional materials.
- Requires the advisory committee to hold a hearing within two weeks of the filing of an eligible challenge and make a recommendation to the local board of education regarding the challenge.
- The board has sole authority to determine whether challenged materials should be retained or removed, and its decision is not appealable.

### **Section 7.25. Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience** *pgs. 67-77*

- Establishes the Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience as a specialized educational institution and a public school unit.
- Emphasizes the school’s purpose of developing knowledge and skills in career clusters critical to the region.
- Exempts the school from certain statutes and rules that apply to local boards of education or LEAs.

### **Section 7.26 Administrative Changes to Driver Education Program, Including Creation of Fleet Fund** *pgs. 77-80*

- Establishes the Driver Education Fleet fund as a nonreverting allotment to purchase and maintain vehicles intended for use in driver education programs.

### **Section 7.28. Reporting Requirement, Exception Extension, and Supplement Clarification for Advanced Teaching Roles** *pgs. 81-83*

- Allows Advanced Teaching Roles schools may designate up to 15% of their teachers as adult leadership teachers and up to 5% as classroom excellence teachers, making them eligible for annual salary supplements.

### **Section 7.30. Diabetes Education for Parents** *pgs. 83-84*

- Lists required information about diabetes that governing bodies of Public School Units must ensure are provided to parents and legal guardians at the beginning of every school year.

### **Section 7.33. Add Charter Schools to Teacher Assistant Tuition Reimbursement Program** *pgs. 84-87*

**Section 7A.1. Teacher Salary Schedule** *pgs. 87-88*

- Increases beginning teacher pay from \$41,000 to \$44,000.
- Increases salaries for all school employees paid off the Teacher Salary Schedule at an average of 4.4%.

2024-2025 Teacher Monthly Salary Schedule			
Years of Experience	Approved Budget	Proposed House Budget	Senate Proposed Budget
0	\$4,100	\$4,400	\$4,100
1	\$4,175	\$4,410	\$4,175
2	\$4,250	\$4,420	\$4,250
3	\$4,325	\$4,430	\$4,325
4	\$4,400	\$4,444	\$4,400
5	\$4,475	\$4,520	\$4,475
6	\$4,572	\$4,618	\$4,572
7	\$4,663	\$4,710	\$4,663
8	\$4,753	\$4,801	\$4,753
9	\$4,844	\$4,892	\$4,844
10	\$4,935	\$4,984	\$4,935
11	\$5,025	\$5,075	\$5,025
12	\$5,116	\$5,167	\$5,116
13	\$5,206	\$5,258	\$5,206
14	\$5,297	\$5,350	\$5,297
15-24	\$5,388	\$5,442	\$5,388
25+	\$5,595	\$5,651	\$5,595

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**Section 7A.4. Principal Salary Schedule** *pgs. 89-91*

- The House proposed budget increases the principal salary schedule by providing an additional 1% on top of the 3% approved last year.
- Note that the two components of principal pay are Average Daily Membership (ADM) and school growth.
- The below chart compares the House and Senate pending plans with the budget for 2024-25 that passed last year (“Approved Budget”):

2024-2025 Principal Annual Salary Schedule									
Average Daily Membership (ADM)	Approved Budget	Proposed House Budget	Proposed Senate Budget	Approved Budget	Proposed House Budget	Proposed Senate Budget	Approved Budget	Proposed House Budget	Proposed Senate Budget
	Base			Met Growth			Exceeded Growth		
0-200	\$77,792	\$78,547	\$77,792	\$85,570	\$86,401	\$85,570	\$93,350	\$94,256	\$93,350
201-400	\$81,681	\$82,474	\$81,681	\$89,849	\$90,721	\$89,849	\$98,017	\$98,968	\$98,017
401-700	\$85,570	\$86,401	\$85,570	\$94,128	\$95,041	\$94,128	\$102,685	\$103,682	\$102,685
701-1,000	\$89,461	\$90,329	\$89,461	\$98,406	\$99,362	\$98,406	\$107,353	\$108,395	\$107,353
1,001-1,600	\$93,350	\$94,256	\$93,350	\$102,685	\$103,682	\$102,685	\$112,020	\$113,107	\$112,020
1,601+	\$97,239	\$98,183	\$97,239	\$106,963	\$108,002	\$106,963	\$116,687	\$117,820	\$116,687

**Section 7A.7. Central Office Salaries** *pgs. 92 -93*

- The House proposed budget provides an additional 1% on top of the 3% approved last year.

2024-2025 Fiscal Year Maximum			
	Approved Budget	Proposed House Budget	Proposed Senate Budget
School Administrator I	\$7,573	\$7,646	\$7,573
School Administrator II	\$8,024	\$8,102	\$8,024
School Administrator III	\$8,502	\$8,584	\$8,502
School Administrator IV	\$8,834	\$8,920	\$8,834
School Administrator V	\$9,187	\$9,276	\$9,187
School Administrator VI	\$9,731	\$9,826	\$9,731
School Administrator VII	\$10,120	\$10,218	\$10,120

2024-2025 Fiscal Year Maximum			
	Approved Budget	Proposed House Budget	Proposed Senate Budget
Superintendent I	\$10,727	\$10,832	\$10,727
Superintendent II	\$11,366	\$11,476	\$11,366
Superintendent III	\$12,049	\$12,166	\$12,049
Superintendent IV	\$12,773	\$12,897	\$12,773
Superintendent V	\$13,541	\$13,673	\$13,541

**Section 8A.11.(a) Reinstate and Revise Certain Testing Requirements for Nonpublic Schools Receiving Opportunity Scholarship Funds and Exempt Certain PSA Students from Testing Requirements** *pgs. 110-111*

- Reinstates and revises testing requirements for nonpublic schools receiving Opportunity Scholarship funds and exempts certain PESA (Personal Education Student Accounts) students from these requirements.
- Nonpublic schools that accept eligible students receiving Opportunity Scholarship grants are required to administer tests at least once each school year as follows:
  - Grades 3 and 8: A nationally standardized test designated by the State Education Assistance Authority.
  - Grades 4 through 7 (and grades 9, 10, and 12): A nationally standardized test or equivalent selected by the school's chief administrative officer.
  - Grade 11: The ACT.
- Requires nonpublic schools to annually certify compliance with these testing requirements and retain records of test administration.

**Section 8A.12. Additional Funds for the Opportunity Scholarship Program** *pgs. 111-112*

- Increases funding for the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve			
Fiscal Year	Approved Appropriations	Proposed House Appropriations	Proposed Senate Appropriations
2024-2025	\$191,540,000	\$191,540,000	\$191,540,000
2025-2026	\$415,540,000	\$585,000,000	\$625,000,000
2026-2027	\$430,540,000	\$600,000,000	\$675,000,000
2027-2028	\$445,540,000	\$615,000,000	\$700,000,000
2028-2029	\$460,540,000	\$630,000,000	\$725,000,000
2029-2030	\$475,540,000	\$645,000,000	\$750,000,000
2030-2031	\$490,540,000	\$660,000,000	\$775,000,000
2031-2032	\$505,540,000	\$675,000,000	\$800,000,000
2032-2033 and each subsequent fiscal year thereafter	\$520,540,000	\$690,000,000	\$825,000,000

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**Section 8A.13. Additional Funds for North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program** *pg. 112*

- Increases funds for the North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program.

Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Fund			
Fiscal Year	Approved Appropriations	Proposed House Appropriations	Proposed Senate Appropriations
2024-2025	\$49,943,166	\$49,943,166	\$49,943,166
2025-2026	\$50,943,166	\$75,543,166	\$75,643,166
2026-2027	\$51,943,166	\$76,543,166	\$76,643,166
2027-2028	\$52,943,166	\$77,543,166	\$77,643,166
2028-2029	\$53,943,166	\$78,543,166	\$78,643,166
2029-2030	\$54,943,166	\$79,543,166	\$79,643,166
2030-2031	\$55,943,166	\$80,543,166	\$80,643,166
2031-2032	\$56,943,166	\$81,543,166	\$81,643,166
2032-2033 and each subsequent fiscal year thereafter	\$57,943,166	\$82,543,166	\$82,643,166

**Section 9H.6. Modified Use of State Fiscal Recovery Funds for Lead and Asbestos Remediation Programs to Benefit Public School Units and Child Care Facilities** *pgs. 138-140*

- Funds lead and asbestos remediation programs benefiting public school units and childcare facilities.

**Section 39.19.(a) One-Time Supplement for Retirees of the Teachers’ and State Employees’ Retirement System, the Judicial Retirement System, and the Legislative Retirement System** *pg. 246*

- Provides a one-time cost-of-living supplement at two percent (2%) of the beneficiary’s annual retirement allowance for retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS).