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SUMMARY OF FY 2023-2025 APPROPRIATIONS

[HB 259 \(S.L. 2023-134\)](#)

MONEY REPORT

K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
Base Budget	\$11,153,715,156		\$11,153,715,156	
Reserve for Salaries & Benefits				
<i>Teachers & Instructional Support</i> Provides funding to implement a new teacher salary schedule for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. The average raise with steps included is 7% over the biennium with increases ranging from 3.6% to 14.7%	\$176,355,943	R	\$304,066,604	R
<i>Assistant Principals</i> Provides funding to pay annual salary increases for Assistant Principals based on the teacher salary schedule plus 19%.	\$4,156,018	R	\$7,245,921	R
<i>Central Office Administration</i> Provides funding for an across-the-board salary increase for Central Office personnel equal to 4% in FY 2023-24 for most employees, or a 5.5% salary increase if the employee is paid on an experience-based salary schedule. There is an additional across-the-board salary increase of 3% in FY 2024-25.	\$5,528,941	R	\$9,675,647	R
<i>Principals</i> Provides funding for an across-the-board salary increase for Principals equal to 4% in FY 2023-24 for most employees, or a 5.5% salary increase if the employee is paid on an experience-based salary schedule, and an additional across-the-board salary increase of 3% in FY 2024-25.	\$11,379,301	R	\$19,913,777	R
<i>Noncertified Personnel</i> Provides funding for an across-the-board salary increase for noncertified personnel equal to 4% in FY 2023-24 for most employees, or a 5.5% salary increase if the employee is paid on an experience-based salary schedule, and an additional across-the-board salary increase of 3% in FY 2024-25.	\$64,183,128	R	\$112,320,473	R

<i>Bus Drivers</i> Provides funding for an average 2% salary increase for bus drivers in FY 2023-24 on top of the across-the-board raises.	\$4,716,932	R	\$4,716,932	R
<i>Teacher Supplement Assistance Allotment</i> Provides additional funding for the Teacher Supplement Assistance Allotment. The revised net appropriation for the program is \$200 million.	\$30,000,000	R	\$30,000,000	R
<i>State Superintendent Salary Adjustment</i> Provides funding to increase the State Superintendent of Public Instruction's salary from \$146,421 in FY 2022-23 to \$157,403 in FY 2023-24 (7.5% increase) and increase the salary to \$168,384 in FY 2024-25 (7% increase).	\$14,512	R	\$29,024	R
<i>State Retirement Contribution – District Personnel</i> Increases the State’s contribution for school district personnel enrolled in the Teachers’ and State Employees’ Retirement System (TSERS) supported by the General Fund to fund the actuarially determined contribution and retiree medical premiums, and to provide one-time cost-of-living supplements to retirees of 4% in FY 2023-24 using receipts from the Retiree Supplement Reserve.	\$61,299,244 \$83,490,040 (83,490,040) \$61,299,244	R NR Receipts	\$76,624,055 \$76,624,055	R
<i>State Health Plan – School District Personnel</i> Provides additional funding to continue health benefit coverage for enrolled active school district personnel supported by the General Fund for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.	\$ 24,435,457	R	\$ 106,606,961	R
Technical Adjustments				
<i>Average Salary Adjustment</i> Adjusts funding to reflect changes in the average salary of various public school positions based on actual salary data from December 2022. This adjustment does not reduce any salary paid to personnel, nor does it reduce the number of guaranteed State-funded positions.	(\$12,673,772)	R	(\$12,673,772)	R
<i>Non-Avg Daily Membership Adjustments</i> Adjusts the budgeted amounts for certain funds based on changes in costs not directly tied to ADM, such as changes in annual leave payout, worker's compensation, and student transportation.	(\$4,871,031)	R	(\$4,871,031)	R

<i>Special Population Headcount Adjustment</i> Adjusts funding budgeted for the Exceptional Children (EC) preschool and school-age allotments, as well as the Limited English Proficient (LEP) allotment, to reflect actual student headcount.	\$20,146,164	R	\$20,146,164	R
<i>Avg Daily Membership Adjustment</i> Provides funding for an allotted Average Daily Membership (ADM) of 1,549,792 students in FY 2023-24. This revision includes adjustments to multiple position, dollar, and categorical allotments. (The allotted ADM in FY 2022-23 was 1,548,485.)	\$ 20,120,864	R	\$ 20,120,864	R
<i>Low-Wealth & At-Risk Technical Adjustments</i> Adjusts funding for the Low-Wealth Counties Supplemental Funding and At-Risk Student Services allotments resulting from changes in local factors like per-capita income and number of students living in poverty. The formulas for these allotments are unchanged from the prior year.	\$16,772,835	R	\$16,772,835	R
State Public School Fund (SPSF)				
<i>State Public School Fund (SPSF)</i> Modifies the budget to reflect additional <u>receipts</u> from the <u>Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund</u> to the SPSF and reduces the net General Fund appropriation by the same amount. Total requirements for the SPSF are not affected by this adjustment.	(\$19,000,000) (\$60,000,000) <hr/> (\$79,000,000)	R NR	(\$19,000,000) <hr/> (\$19,000,000)	R
<i>State Public School Fund</i> Modifies the budget to reflect additional <u>receipts</u> from the transfer of <u>Sales and Use Tax proceeds</u> from the Department of Revenue to the State Public School Fund (SPSF) as the transfer was established in S.L. 2005-276 and reduces the net General Fund appropriation by the same amount. Total requirements for the SPSF are not affected by this adjustment.	(\$20,000,000)	R	(\$20,000,000)	R

<p><i>Instructional Support School Health Personnel</i> Reduces the funding for the Instructional Support Allotment to reflect the transfer of 3,241 school nurse, school counselor, and school social worker positions to the School Psychologist Allotment, which will be redesignated as the School Health Personnel Allotment. The revised total requirements for this allotment, including technical adjustments, are \$265.9 million in each year of the biennium.</p>	<p>(\$295,830,060)</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>(\$295,830,060)</p>	<p>R</p>
<p><i>School Health Personnel Allotment</i> Reflects the transfer of 3,241 school nurse, school counselor, and school social worker positions from the Instructional Support Allotment to the School Psychologist Allotment, which will be redesignated as the School Health Personnel Allotment. This item also provides funding to hire an additional 120 positions including a budgeted transfer of receipts from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund in FY 2023-24. The revised total requirements for this allotment, including technical adjustments, are \$347.4 million in each year of the biennium.</p>	<p>\$295,830,060 \$10,000,000 (\$10,000,000) <hr/>\$295,830,060</p>	<p>R NR Receipts</p>	<p>\$305,830,060 <hr/>\$305,830,060</p>	<p>R</p>
<p><i>School Safety Grants</i> Provides continued funding for the school safety grants program to support students in crisis, school safety training, and the purchase of safety equipment. <u>An additional \$10 million is provided in FY 2023-24 from a transfer of projected interest earned from the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve.</u></p>	<p>\$35,000,000 (\$10,000,000) <hr/>\$25,000,000</p>	<p>NR Receipts</p>	<p>\$35,000,000 <hr/>\$35,000,000</p>	<p>NR</p>
<p><i>Salary Supplements for Advanced Teaching Roles</i> Provides funds for salary supplements for teachers serving in advanced roles in districts participating in the Advanced Teaching Roles program under G.S. 115C-311.</p>	<p>\$ 10,900,000</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>\$ 10,900,000</p>	<p>R</p>
<p><i>Classroom Supplies</i> Budgets receipts transferred from the Indian Gaming Education Fund to increase the Classroom Materials/Instructional Supplies/Equipment Allotment. The revised total requirements for this allotment, including ADM adjustments, are \$58.5 million in FY 2023-24 and \$48.5 million in FY 2024-25.</p>	<p>\$1,000,000 \$10,000,000 (from the Indian Gaming Education Fund)</p>	<p>R NR</p>	<p>\$1,000,000 (from the Indian Gaming Education Fund)</p>	<p>R</p>

<p><i>Small County</i> Provides additional funds to increase all tiers of the Small County supplemental funding allotment. The total requirements of this allotment, including technical adjustments, are \$59.4 million in each year of the biennium.</p>	\$ 4,749,449	R	\$ 4,749,449	R
<p><i>Reduced-Price Meal Copays</i> Provides funds to offset the copays for students eligible for reduced-price lunches and breakfasts in schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.</p>	<p>\$3,000,000 \$3,000,000 <hr/>\$6,000,000</p>	<p>R NR</p>	<p>\$3,000,000 <hr/>\$3,000,000</p>	R
<p><i>Economically Disadvantaged School Support Funds</i> Provides funds for DPI to allot additional flexible funds to schools with a student population made up of more than 80% economically disadvantaged students that exceed growth on school-wide Education Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS) measures.</p>	\$4,000,000	R	\$4,000,000	R
<p><i>Digital Learning Plan</i> Increases funding for the digital learning plan as described in S.L. 2017-57, Sec. 7.23K. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$6.2 million in each year of the biennium.</p>	\$2,188,957	R	\$2,188,957	R
<p><i>Advanced Teaching Roles</i> Provides additional funding to expand the Advanced Teaching Roles Program as established in G.S. 115C-311. The revised net appropriation for this program is \$5.5 million in each year of the biennium.</p>	\$2,000,000	R	\$2,000,000	R
<p><i>CTE Modernization & Expansion</i> Provides funds for a grant program to allow schools to purchase a digital Career and Technical Education (CTE) learning platform.</p>	\$2,000,000	NR	\$2,000,000	NR
<p><i>Driver Training</i> Budgets additional <u>receipts from the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund</u> for driver training. The total receipts budgeted for this purpose are \$31.5 million in FY 2023-24.</p>	<p>\$1,300,000 (\$1,300,000) <hr/>0</p>	<p>R Receipts</p>	<p>\$1,300,000 (\$1,300,000) <hr/>0</p>	

<p><i>Uniform Education Reporting System</i> Increases funding for the Uniform Education Reporting System (UERS), which supports multiple software platforms provided to public school units, including a student information system. The revised net annual appropriation for UERS is \$11.5 million.</p>	\$ 1,211,623	R	\$1,211,623	R
<p><i>Teacher Apprentice Grant Program</i> Provides funds to create a Teacher Apprentice Grant Program for eligible teacher apprentices to receive funds to cover tuition for educator preparation programs and salary supplements if they become teachers.</p>	\$1,000,000	R	\$1,000,000	R
<p><i>Health Career Promotion</i> Budgets receipts transferred from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to DPI to create a competitive grant program for public school units to promote health careers to high school students and their families.</p>	\$1,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR	\$1,000,000 (from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund)	NR
<p><i>STEM Grants</i> Provides funds to DPI to create a competitive grant program for public school units to engage in experiential science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs.</p>	\$1,000,000	NR		
<p><i>Natl Board for Professional Teaching Standards</i> Provides funds to cover fees for teachers pursuing National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification. These funds are in addition to \$1.0 million existing in federal Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) receipts in FY 2023-24.</p>			\$1,000,000	R
<p><i>TAs to Teachers</i> Provides additional funds for the TAs to Teachers program to reflect broadening the districts and number of TAs eligible for the program, which provides tuition expenses for TAs enrolled in coursework to earn a teaching license. The revised net appropriation for this program is \$875,815 in each year of the biennium.</p>	\$575,000	R	\$575,000	R

<i>Economics & Personal Finance PD</i> Provides funds to DPI to support economics and personal finance professional development for teachers.	\$450,000	R	\$450,000	R
<i>Extended Stop Arm Grant</i> Provides funds to DPI to operate a competitive grant program to assist public school units in purchasing extended stop arms for school buses.	\$370,758	NR		
<i>Feminine Hygiene Products</i> Provides additional funds for the grant program to schools for feminine hygiene products for students pursuant to G.S. 115C-377. The revised net appropriation for this program is \$500,000 over the biennium.	\$250,000	R	\$250,000	R
<i>Homebuilding CTE</i> Provides funds for a grant program for the support of CTE programs for the purchase of ancillary items related to homebuilding courses.	\$200,000	R	\$200,000	R
<i>Transportation Res for Homeless & Foster Children</i> Provides additional funds for the Transportation Reserve Fund for Homeless and Foster Children, established in G.S. 115C-250.5. The revised net appropriation for this program is \$3.0 million for each year of the biennium.	\$175,384	R	\$175,384	R
<i>Transportation Grant Program</i> Provides additional funds for the Charter School Transportation Grant Program, established in G.S. 115C-218.42. Charter schools with at least 50% of students qualifying for the free and reduced-priced lunch program can apply for reimbursement of up to 65% of their student transportation costs. The revised net appropriation for this program is \$2.5 million in each year of the biennium.	\$146,153	R	\$146,153	R
Department of Public Instruction				
<i>Innovative School District Administration</i> Eliminates administrative funding associated with the Innovative School District program, which was sunset effective June 30, 2023, pursuant to S.L. 2021-180, Section 7.14.	(\$470,236)	R	(\$470,236)	R

<p><i>Information Technology Rates</i> Adjusts funding based on FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 Department of Information Technology rates. This amount reflects the net impact of the change in subscription rates and the change in service delivery rates.</p>	(\$157,832)	R	(\$157,832)	R
<p><i>School Connectivity Initiative – Advanced Email Threat Detection</i> Provides funds to acquire prevention, detection, and remediation services for advanced malware threats most commonly delivered to employees and students via email.</p>	\$5,000,000	R	\$5,000,000	R
<p><i>School Connectivity Initiative – KnowBe4</i> Provides funds for additional cybersecurity awareness training for all public school unit staff and teachers to enhance safety around email, data, and systems. (KnowBe4 program)</p>	\$600,000	R	\$600,000	R
<p><i>Classroom Safety & Student Internet Use</i> Provides funds for DPI to contract with Gaggle.Net, Inc., and Liminex, Inc., d/b/a/ GoGuardian to provide technology and services to mitigate cyberbullying, monitor student internet activity, and assist with suicide prevention services. These funds are in addition to \$4.3 million in federal ESSERF receipts provided for this purpose in FY 2023-24. Total funds shall be divided equally between the contracts in each year.</p>	\$100,000	R	\$4,400,000	R
<p><i>Scholarpath</i> Provides funds to DPI to contract with MyScholar, LLC to create a 12th-Grade Transition Pilot for all high school students.</p>	\$2,500,000	NR	\$2,500,000	NR
<p><i>Betabox</i> Provides funds for DPI to contract with Betabox, Inc. to provide public school units with curriculum, instructional coaching, hands-on experiences, and other resources in STEM subjects. These funds are in addition to \$1.0 million provided in federal receipts from ESSERF in FY 2023-24.</p>	\$1,000,000	NR	\$2,000,000	NR

<p><i>Plasma Games</i> Provides funds, including a budgeted transfer of receipts from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund in FY 2023-24, for DPI to contract with Plasma Games, Inc., to make available to public school units STEM-focused educational software in STEM and CTE classes.</p>	<p>\$3,000,000 (\$3,000,000)</p> <hr/> <p>0</p>	<p>NR Receipts</p>	<p>\$1,800,000</p> <hr/> <p>\$1,800,000</p>	<p>R</p>
<p><i>Failure Free Reading</i> Provides funds for DPI to contract with JFL Enterprises, Inc. to provide a program for reading remediation for middle school students. Additionally, DPI will use up to \$300,000 in unspent federal funds from ESSERF for this purpose in FY 2023-24.</p>	<p>\$1,700,000</p>	<p>NR</p>		
<p><i>Amplio Learning Technologies</i> Provides funds for DPI to contract with Amplio Learning Technologies, Inc. to pilot a special education digital intervention software platform in Alamance, Catawba, and Nash County Schools.</p>	<p>\$975,000</p>	<p>NR</p>	<p>\$975,000</p>	<p>NR</p>
<p><i>Center for Safer Schools</i> Provides funds to the Center for Safer Schools to conduct a school safety awareness campaign and continue contracts to conduct threat assessment team development.</p>	<p>\$900,000</p>	<p>NR</p>		
<p><i>Anonymous Tip Line</i> Provides ongoing funding for the Center for Safer Schools' anonymous tip line, which facilitates anonymous reporting of school safety threats.</p>	<p>\$850,000</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>\$850,000</p>	<p>R</p>
<p><i>Regional Literacy & Early Learning Specialists</i> Provides additional funding for the 115 Early Learning Specialist positions created in S.L. 2022-74. These additional funds shall only be used to assist DPI in filling positions vacant as of July 1, 2023. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$14.8 million in each year of the biennium.</p>	<p>\$750,000</p>	<p>R</p>	<p>\$750,000</p>	<p>R</p>
<p><i>Learning Recovery Studies</i> Provides funds for DPI to contract with SAS to analyze learning recovery data, student projections to pre-pandemic expected performance, and reporting on year-over-year modeling in the third year of learning recovery.</p>	<p>\$550,000</p>	<p>NR</p>	<p>\$550,000</p>	<p>NR</p>

<i>Life Changing Experiences</i> Provides funds for DPI to contract with the Children and Parent Resource Group, Inc. for the Life Changing Experiences Program, a 3-dimensional and interactive multimedia education program that focuses on activities that negatively impact teenagers, including alcohol and drugs, dangerous driving, violence, and bullying.	\$500,000	NR	\$500,000	NR
<i>Computer Science PD</i> Provides funds for K-12 teachers across the State to receive training in computer science.			\$500,000	NR
<i>Student Analytics</i> Provides additional funds for DPI to contract with SAS for work on analytics, including student group reporting, topics related to student growth and teacher effectiveness, and the new North Carolina Leadership Dashboard.	\$465,000	R	\$465,000	R
<i>ST Math</i> Provides funds for DPI to contract with International MIND Education Institute, Inc., for their ST Math program to improve math proficiency for students.			\$300,000	NR
<i>Charter School Asst Director</i> Provides funds for a new Assistant Director position in the Office of Charter Schools at DPI, including operating costs.	\$101,938	R	\$130,382	R
<i>CTE Coordinator</i> Provides funds for a Program Coordinator III position, and associated operating costs, in the CTE division to coordinate CTE-related digital resources, including the CTE Modernization and Expansion Grant Program as well as the Scholarpath contract.	\$95,000	R	\$95,000	R
NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT)				
Provides funds for NCCAT to hire additional personnel and adjust current salaries to expand services to more teachers each year.	\$400,000	R	\$400,000	R
Residential Schools for the Deaf and Blind				
<i>Governor Moorehead School Maintenance</i> Provides funds to DPI to maintain the Governor Morehead School, which has 26 buildings totaling 260,000 square feet on 34 acres. The Department of Health and Human Services will also transfer 16 maintenance positions, and associated salaries and benefits, or their equivalent to DPI.			\$1,395,547	R

Reserves and Transfers				
<i>Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program</i> Provides funds for DPI to create a pilot program to increase the number of schools participating in the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Incentive program, which allows for free meals for all students in a participating school food authority. Funds in FY 2023-24 allow DPI to upgrade software and systems to be able to provide the pilot, which will begin in the second year of the biennium.	\$500,000	R	\$6,300,000	R
<i>Pre-K Early Literacy</i> Provides funds to DPI to select and purchase a supplemental assessment that adequately measures early literacy skills identified by the Science of Reading, accompanying assessment materials as applicable, and training for all pre-K teachers	\$969,000	R	\$969,000	R
Pass-Through Grants				
Provides funds to support the SparkNC Pilot Program, which is a partnership between SparkNC and public school units, to develop a pathway for students to complete modular learning experiences that provide a competency-based equivalency to a traditional elective course credit.	\$3,000,000	NR	\$3,000,000	NR
Provides a directed grant to NC Education Corps for the purpose of partnering with public school units to recruit, train, and deploy corps members to work as tutors and mentors with public school students.			\$3,000,000	NR
Provides additional funds for Communities in Schools of NC to continue programs, started with federal pandemic-relief funds, that provide students with assistance and enrichment activities, including over the summer. The revised net appropriation for Communities in Schools is \$2.5 million in FY 2023-24 and \$3.5 million in FY 2024-25. These funds are in addition to the \$1.0 million in federal ESSERF receipts provided for this purpose in FY 2023-24.			\$1,000,000	R
Provides additional funding as a pass-through grant to Beginnings for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc., a nonprofit that helps parents and families understand hearing loss and the diverse needs of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium	\$500,000	R	\$500,000	R

Provides a directed grant in each year to Muddy Sneakers to support experiential learning programs that aim to improve the scientific aptitude of 5th graders through supplemental, hands-on field instruction of the State science standards.	\$500,000	NR	\$500,000	NR
Provides a directed grant to the Clarence Henderson Education Foundation to develop and implement a program to teach public school students about NC's Civil Rights history.	\$350,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant in each year of the biennium to Masonboro.org to expand its Masonboro Island Explorer Program. This program provides students with science-based learning opportunities on Masonboro Island.	\$100,000	NR	\$100,000	NR
Provides a directed grant in each year of the biennium to Best Buddies International, Inc. to assist individuals with developmental disabilities in overcoming social isolation and developing life skills.	\$100,000	NR	\$100,000	NR
Public Instruction – Internal Service				
<i>State Textbook Fund</i> Budgets the reduced transfer from the State Public School Fund (13510-1800), as reflected in the ADM adjustment, to support the State Textbook Fund.	(\$1,744,710) (\$1,744,710) <u>0</u>	R Receipts	(\$1,744,710) (\$1,744,710) <u>0</u>	R
<i>School Bus Replacement Fund</i> Budgets an increased transfer from the State Public School Fund (13510-1830), as reflected in the technical adjustments, to support school bus replacement.	\$11,173,069 (\$11,173,069) <u>0</u>	R Receipts	\$11,173,069 (\$11,173,069) <u>0</u>	R

Other K-12 Related Spending	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
Public School Building Fund				
<i>Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund</i> Provides additional funding for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund. Including the statutory appropriation of prior year lottery surplus funds, the total amount available for new grants is \$254.3 million in FY 2023-24 and \$258.3M in FY 2024-25.	\$46,000,000	R	\$50,000,000	R

UNC Board of Governors				
<i>UNC Lab Schools</i> Adjusts funds provided to support the UNC laboratory school program in proportion to the decrease in the number of laboratory schools in operation, which will decline from 9 to 8 in FY 2023-24. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$4.0 million in each year of the biennium.	(\$500,000)	R	(\$500,000)	R
<i>NC New Teacher Support Program</i> Provides funds to increase support for the North Carolina New Teacher Support Program, which assists beginning teachers through coaching and mentorship activities. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$3.2 million in each year of the biennium.	\$1,000,000	R	\$1,000,000	R
<i>Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve</i> Provides additional funds to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve (Reserve), which supports awards for Opportunity Scholarship Program recipients. Funding provided for this purpose is intended to help prevent a waitlist for the program. The revised net appropriation to the Reserve is \$263.5 million in FY 2023-24 and \$354.5 million in FY 2024-25.	\$87,000,000	R	\$163,000,000	R
<i>NCSSM & UNCOSA Tuition Grant Scale-up</i> Provides additional funds to support tuition grants for high school graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCOSA) who attend a UNC constituent institution. Funding provided for this purpose is intended to support new high school graduating classes that are eligible to receive the 4-year award. The revised net appropriation for this purpose is \$5.1 million in FY 2023-24 and \$7.1 million in FY 2024-25.	\$1,550,000	R	\$3,600,000	R
NC State University – Cooperative Extension				
<i>Future Farmers of America (FFA) CTE Grants</i> Provides funds for a grant to the North Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America, Inc. (FFA). FFA shall administer grants to support agriculture education at middle and high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.	\$2,000,000	NR	\$2,000,000	NR

UNC at Greensboro				
<i>UNCG Scholastic Esports League</i> Provides funds and budgets a transfer of projected interest earned from the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve to UNCG to form the UNCG Scholastic Esports Alliance, which will be a statewide esports league for North Carolina middle and high schools. UNCG may direct the nonrecurring funds provided for this purpose to the non-profit support corporation SERVE, Inc	\$1,450,000 \$7,000,000 (\$7,000,000) \$1,450,000	R NR Receipts	\$1,450,000 \$7,000,000 (\$7,000,000) \$1,450,000	R NR NR
NC Community College System				
<i>Career Academies for At-Risk Students</i> Provides funds for a partnership program between Cape Fear Community College (CFCC), New Hanover County Schools, and Pender County Schools to meet the needs of certain underserved students in 7th through 9th grades through career and technical education programs at CFCC. Funding provided for this purpose is intended for programming costs and for CFCC to hire career liaison positions.	\$500,000	NR	\$500,000	NR
Dept. of Health and Human Services				
<i>Natl Society to Prevent Blindness – NC Affiliate</i> Provides a directed grant to the National Society to Prevent Blindness – North Carolina Affiliate, Inc., a nonprofit, to fund services and screening for blindness for medically indigent children within the State's public and charter school systems.	\$461,997	NR	\$461,997	NR
Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services				
<i>Go Global</i> Provides funds to support the Global Teacher Fellowship. These funds will be matched with private donations for grants to teachers from all 100 counties.	\$1,000,000	NR		
Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources				
<i>A+ Schools</i> Provides funding to match a grant from the Windgate Foundation for the A+ Schools program.	\$750,000	NR	\$750,000	NR

Dept. of Public Safety				
<i>School Safety Program Sustainment</i> Funds NC Emergency Management (NCEM) continuing operations of the statewide school mobile panic alarm program, the State Emergency Response Application, and the State Risk Management Portal. These programs help schools build emergency plans and make those plans available to first responders. The funding includes 3 FTE to support the programs: a program manager/system administrator, a web developer, and a training/outreach coordinator.	\$2,000,000	R	\$2,000,000	R
<i>Haywood County Schools</i> Budgets receipts from the federal State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund (SERDRF) for a directed grant to Haywood County Schools for economic relief mitigating the impact of the Canton Mill closure.	\$3,000,000 (\$3,000,000) 0	NR Receipts		
Budget and Management – Special Approp.				
The following grants are made from the Regional Economic Development Reserve (REDR):				
Provides a directed grant to Alexander County Schools for turf field and stadium renovations.	\$2,500,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Alexander County Schools for capital improvements, including renovation of a fieldhouse.	\$100,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Ashe County Schools for the Ashe County High School ball field.	\$2,500,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to the City of Wilson for Wilson County Schools for the Gentlemen’s Agreement Mentoring Program.	\$100,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Communities in Schools of Cape Fear, Inc.	\$500,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Communities of Robeson County, Inc. for STEAM programs.	\$20,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Davidson County Schools for athletic facility upgrades at Oak Grove High School.	\$250,000	NR		

Provides a directed grant to the Durham Public Schools Foundation for the Teacher’s Industry Fellowship program.	\$25,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to the Eastern Carolina Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. to fund a community pool project with Onslow County, the City of Jacksonville, and Onslow County Schools.	\$5,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to the Foundation for Education, Inc. (Lincoln charter school)	\$2,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Gaston County Schools for repairs and renovations to the field turf at Stuart W. Cramer High School.	\$150,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Gates County Schools to participate in the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps training program for high school students.	\$200,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Gates County Schools for science equipment and supplies.	\$200,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Innovative Community Schools and Services, LLC for The School of Hope for autism.	\$30,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Iredell-Statesville Schools for athletic field improvements at South Iredell High School, North Iredell High School, and West Iredell High School.	\$2,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County Schools for athletic facility upgrades.	\$2,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County Schools for lighting improvements at athletic facilities at East Lincoln High School, Lincolnton High School, North Lincoln High School, and West Lincoln High School.	\$4,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Lincoln County Schools to support cultural and historic projects.	\$130,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Madison County Schools for the Madison High School stadium project.	\$2,600,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Mitchell County for capital improvements to the Mitchell High School athletics facilities.	\$14,500,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to the Mooresville Graded School District for capital improvements or equipment for athletic facilities.	\$1,500,000	NR		

Provides a directed grant to Nash County for the Nash County Public Schools transition.	\$2,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Nash County for soccer field lights at Southern Nash High School.	\$100,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to New Hanover County Schools for high impact tutoring at low-performing schools.	\$210,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Newton-Conover City Schools for capital and facilities improvements.	\$500,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Randolph County Schools for athletic facilities at Providence Grove High School.	\$100,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Rutherford County Schools for upgrades and equipment for athletic training facilities.	\$1,200,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to the Surry County Schools for turf fields and tracks at county high schools.	\$3,750,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Surry County Schools for capital costs and equipment associated with traffic loop construction at North Surry High School.	\$835,972	NR		
Provides a directed grant to the Town of Waxhaw for crosswalk construction and related equipment needs for Cuthbertson High and Middle schools.	\$150,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Union County Schools for an athletic facility and related equipment.	\$8,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Union County Schools for artificial turf fields and related facilities at Parkwood High School.	\$1,500,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Union County Schools for the installation of lighting equipment at the Porter Ridge High baseball field.	\$300,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Wilkes County Schools for capital costs and related performing arts equipment.	\$848,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Wilkes County Schools for capital improvements and related equipment for county high school athletic facilities. These funds are to be used for: -Turf fields at all four county high schools, -Renovations for the West Wilkes High School field house, -Restroom at East Wilkes High School softball field, and -Tennis court at North Wilkes High School.	\$6,000,000	NR		

Provides a directed grant to Wilkes County Schools for improvements to athletic facilities at North Wilkes High School.	\$3,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system for repairs and renovations of athletic facilities at Parkland High School.	\$1,000,000	NR		
Provides a directed grant to Yadkin County Schools for turf fields, tracks, and stadium seating at county high schools.	\$5,000,000	NR		
State Capital and Infrastructure Fund				
Provides funding to the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) for the renovation of a third hall of residence and the literacy building at its Professional Development Center.	\$7,000,000	NR		
Provides a grant to Sandhills Community College for capital improvements or equipment for a new vocation career path early college high school.	\$25,000,000	NR		
Provides a grant to Beaufort County for capital improvements or equipment for Washington High School athletic facilities.	\$600,000	NR		
Provides a grant to Wilkes County Schools for restroom facilities and related capital improvements or equipment at North Wilkes and East Wilkes high school athletic facilities.	\$150,000	NR		
Statewide Reserves				
<i>Education Enrollment Reserve</i> Reserves funding for education enrollment needs in FY 2024-25.			\$60,000,000	R
<i>Pending Legislation</i> Appropriates funds contingent on H.B. 640, Career Path Options Transparency Act, becoming law. If H.B. 640 does not become law, these funds shall not be spent and shall revert to the General Fund.	\$450,000	NR	\$450,000	NR

SUMMARIES OF K12-RELATED BILLS ENACTED DURING THE 2024 SHORT SESSION

PUBLIC/STATEWIDE LEGISLATION

House Bills

HB 237: Various Criminal and Election Law Changes (S.L. 2024-16)

Section 1. Modifies the health and safety exemption from certain laws prohibiting the wearing of masks in public. Requires a person wearing a medical or surgical grade mask to prevent the spread of a contagious disease to (i) remove the mask when asked by a law enforcement officer or (ii) temporarily remove the mask when the owner or occupant of public or private property requests to identify the person wearing the mask.

Section 2. Creates a new sentencing enhancement if convicted of a crime while concealing or attempting to conceal one's identity.

Amends: G.S. 14-12.11.

Effective June 27, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

Section 5. Excludes certain federal political committees and organizations from the definition of "political committee." Restructures the reporting and registration requirements for federal political committees and other political organizations which make contributions to candidate campaign committees and political committees in North Carolina. Requires federal committees and organizations that accept contributions from certain prohibited sources to maintain those prohibited contributions in segregated account(s) in order to make contributions to any State, district, or county executive committee of any political party or an affiliated party committee in NC. Requires these contributions to be exclusively from segregated account(s) containing funds from sources not prohibited. Eliminates the requirement for federal political committees making contributions in NC to appoint an assistant treasurer who resides in NC.

Amends: G.S. 163-278.7A.

Effective June 27, 2024, and applies to contributions made or received on or after that date.

HB 250: Public Safety/Other Changes (S.L. 2024-43)

Section 5. Authorizes local boards of education to acquire easements through eminent domain.

Amends: G.S. 115C-517.

Effective July 1, 2024.

HB 834: Juvenile Justice Modifications (S.L. 2024-17)

Section 4. Modifies the alleged criminal actions by a juvenile that requires a juvenile court counselor to deliver verbal and written notification to the principal of the school the juvenile attends. Prohibits that principal from having automatic suspension policies and requires decisions to be made on a case-by-case basis during a student's pending delinquency status.

Amends: G.S. 7B-3101(a); G.S. 115C-404(b).

Effective December 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

HB 900: Certain CIHS Partners/Regulate Tobacco Prod (S.L. 2024-31)

Section 1. Allows Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy to maintain their cooperative innovative high school statuses. Requires the State Board of Education to approve the substitute of a new partner higher education institution for the Wake Young Men's and Women's Leadership Academies, no later than the 2025-2026 school year.

Effective July 3, 2024.

HB 942: SHALOM Act (S.L. 2024-27)

Assumes the Working Definition of Antisemitism, adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance on May 26, 2016, as the North Carolina definition of antisemitism. Intends the definition to be used as a tool and guide for training, education, recognizing, and combating antisemitic hate crimes or discrimination and for tracking and reporting antisemitic incidents.

Creates: G.S. 12-3.2.

Effective July 1, 2024.

HB 971: Human Trafficking Changes (S.L. 2024-26)

Section 7. Prohibits the viewing of pornography on government networks of public agencies, including public school units, and specifically prohibits elected officials, employees, and students from viewing and storing pornography on devices owned, leased, maintained, or controlled by these agencies. Mandates public school units to adopt a policy governing the use of its network and devices. Specifies that each policy is required to delineate the disciplinary actions that will be taken in response to a violation of that policy. Lists certain activities that exempt an official or employee if performed while conducting official duties. Requires public school units to annually report incidents of unauthorized viewing or attempted viewing of pornography on their networks to the State Chief Information Officer (CIO) no later than August 1 in a format required by the CIO. Requires any employee, elected official, appointee, or student of a public agency with pornography saved to a device owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise controlled by that public agency to remove, delete, or uninstall the pornography no later than January 1, 2025.

Creates: G.S. 143-805.

Amends: G.S. 14-456; G.S. 14-456.1.

Effective October 1, 2024.

HB 988: 2024 Retirement Technical Corrections (S.L. 2024-9)

Makes clarifying and conforming changes across the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), the Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), Legislative Retirement System, and State Health Plan to ensure consistent reading of the statutes administered by the Department of State Treasurer. No policy changes.

Amends: G.S. 135-5(e); G.S. 128-27(e); G.S. 135-6(r); G.S. 128-28(s); G.S. 135-10.1; G.S. 128-32.1; G.S. 128-27(l1); G.S. 58-86-2(3); G.S. 58-86-6(1); G.S. 135-107(b)(2); G.S. 135-8(f)(2)f; G.S. 128-30(g)(2)b; G.S. 135-5(m4); G.S. 128-27(m3); G.S. 135-74(c1); G.S. 120-4.31(c1); G.S. 135-1(25); G.S. 128-23(h); G.S. 128-26(y)(2); G.S. 128-29(e); and G.S. 135-48.10(b).

Effective June 20, 2024.

HB 989: Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part III (S.L. 2024-10)

Recodifies, standardizes, clarifies, and makes technical modifications to service purchase types across the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) to clarify the following requirements: a member must be in-service when making a service purchase, a service purchase must be limited to a five-year maximum, and the cost calculation must be full actuarial cost. This does not include military service purchases.

Creates & Amends: G.S. 135-4.5; G.S. 128-26.5; G.S. 135-56.5; G.S. 120-4.12B.

Amends: G.S. 135-4; G.S. 128-26; G.S. 135-56; G.S. 135-1(8); G.S. 135-8(b); G.S. 128-21(8); G.S. 128-30(b); G.S. 135-53(6); G.S. 135-58(a6); G.S. 120-4.8; G.S. 120-4.12(c1); G.S. 120-4.15; G.S. 120-4.16; G.S. 135-5(a3)(1); G.S. 128-27(a3)(1); G.S. 135-53(1).

Repeals: Subsections (j1), (p), (cc) and the catch line for subsection (k1) of G.S. 135-4; Subsections (h1), (i), (j2), (q), and the catch line for subsection (i1) of G.S. 128-26; Subsections (b), (b1), (d), and (e) of G.S. 135-56; G.S. 120-4.12(e).

Effective June 20, 2024.

HB 1020: Retirement Admin. Changes Act of 2024 (S.L. 2024-8)

Section 2. Clarifies that members of TSERS are prohibited from receiving retirement benefits while also receiving severance.

Section 7. Expands eligibility for participation in the North Carolina 401(k) Supplemental Retirement Plan for certain part-time and full-time employees. Allows an employer to make contributions to the Plan on behalf of its members who are eligible for the Plan under subdivisions (1) through (9) of G.S. 135-92(a) without making the same, or any, contributions on behalf of members who are eligible under subdivisions (10) and (11) of G.S. 135-92(a).

Amends: G.S. 135-3(a)(8); G.S. 135-5; G.S. 128-27; G.S. 135-58; G.S. 135-92(a); G.S. 135-93(b).

Effective January 1, 2025.

Senate Bills

SB 332: 2023 Appropriations Act Changes (S.L. 2024-39)

Authorizes pay increases from S.L. 2023-134 (HB 259: 2023 Appropriations Act) that included intent language. See page 3 of this summary for details on those pay increases. In summary:

- Provides beginning teacher pay at \$41,000.
- Provides an average 3% increase for employees on the Teacher Salary Schedule.
- Provides a 3% increase for all other school employees.
- Provides principal bonuses.

Defines the supplanting factor for each local school administrative unit as the lesser of the following:

- The total non-State funds expended for salary supplements for teachers in the 2020-2021 fiscal year divided by the total State and non-State funds expended for salaries for teachers in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- The total non-State funds expended for salary supplements for teachers in the 2021-2022 fiscal year divided by the total State and non-State funds expended for salaries for teachers in the 2021-2022 fiscal

If the State Board of Education finds a unit has supplanted non-State funds, the unit will only continue to receive State funds if it has remedied the deficiency in funding.

Amends: Section 7A.4 of S.L. 2023-134.
Effective July 1, 2024.

SB 357: Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Act (S.L. 2024-40)

Section 4. Allows SEAA (Authority) to allocate unused funds set aside for administrative costs associated with the Opportunity Scholarship Program and the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve to be used to cover additional administrative costs of the Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program.

Amends: G.S. 115C-562.8(c); G.S. 115C-597(d).
Effective July 8, 2024.

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SB 508: 2023 Budget Tech/Other Corrections (S.L. 2024-1)

Section 1.8. *Stokes County / Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund:* Authorizes Stokes County Schools (SCPS) to apply for a needs-based capital grant without approval from the county board of commissioners. Authorizes SCPS to provide matching funds and to enter into any agreements with a grant award.

Effective July 1, 2023. This section expires June 30, 2026.

Section 2.4. Requires DPI to report annually to the General Assembly on the use of funds appropriated to the Transportation Reserve Fund for Homeless and Foster Children. Among other information, the report must list how the funds were spent by each local school administrative unit, including the number of students transported and the locations between which the students were transported.

Amends: G.S. 115C-250.5, as amended by Section 7.30 of S.L. 2023-134.
Effective July 1, 2023.

Section 2.8A.(c,g,h). Establishes a definition for a school resource officer (SRO) as being an officer assigned to one or more schools at least 20 hours/week for more than 12 weeks per calendar year to assist with school safety, security, emergency preparedness and response, and any additional responsibilities assigned by the officer's employer. Requires SROs to comply with training requirements before a police chief or sheriff's office can sign an agreement.

Creates: G.S. 115C-105.58.
Effective May 15, 2024.

Section 2.8C.(a). Revises the original Career Development Plan requirements in middle school to require that students not be promoted from eighth grade (was seventh grade) until a career development plan is created. Requires any high school student who does not already have a career development plan to complete one within 90 days of school enrollment.

Amends: G.S. 115C-158.10(a), as enacted by Section 7.13(b) of S.L. 2023-134.
Effective July 1, 2024, and applies beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Section 2.8D.(a). *Retroactive Bonuses for 2021 LEA Contractors:* Clarifies that contractors hired by LEAs for work during the pandemic are considered "local education employees" and are eligible for certain 2021 bonuses regardless of the funding source.

Amends: Section 39.2(e) of S.L. 2021-180.
Effective July 1, 2021. This section does not authorize the provision of any new or additional bonuses under Section 39.2(e) of S.L. 2021-180 and applies only to bonuses paid before the enactment of this section.

Section 2.8E.(a). *Grants Boards of Schools for the Deaf and Blind Early Contract and Policy Authority:* Sections 1-3 of [S.L. 2023-10](#) go into effect May 1, 2024 (previously July 1, 2024) and apply beginning July 1, 2024.

Amends: Section 9 of S.L. 2023-10.

Section 2.8F. *Changes Application Time Line for Plasma Games Grant Program:* Requires DPI to annually make applications available on June 1 instead of August 1. Requires applications to be submitted by December 1 instead of October 1. Requires DPI to determine grant recipients within 30 days of the close of the application period.

Amends: Section 7.69(a) of S.L. 2023-134.
Effective July 1, 2023.

Section 2.9. *Clarify Certain Dates for Principal Salary Schedule:* Establishes the following criteria to determine the average daily membership of a principal's school:

- Between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024 (previously 2023), the average daily membership for the school for the 2023-2024 school year.

Establishes the following time periods to determine school growth scores for each school a principal supervised in one or more prior school years:

- Between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024 (previously 2023), the school growth scores from the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

Amends: Section 7A.6 of S.L. 2023-134.
Effective July 1, 2023.

Section 2.14.(a). Clarifies that forgiveness criteria for the Teaching Fellows Program includes serving as a teacher in a qualifying licensure area.

Amends: G.S. 116-209.60(5b), as enacted by Section 8A.4(a) of S.L. 2023-134.
Effective July 1, 2023, and applies to applications beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Section 6.4.(c). *State Insurance for Public Education:* Replaces the Insurance Commissioner with the State Fire Marshal as the authority directed and empowered to establish a division to manage and operate a system of insurance for public education property.

Amends: G.S. 58-31A-1; G.S. 58-31A-2.
Effective July 1, 2023.

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LOCAL LEGISLATION

House Bills

HB 31: Rowan-Salisbury Board of Educ. Elections (S.L. 2024-2)

Section 2. Changes candidacy filing dates for those seeking election to the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education to no earlier than noon on the first Friday in July and no later than noon on the third Friday in July before the general election.

Establishes a voter referendum for Rowan County in the 2024 general election to decide “For” or “Against” changing the method of election for the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education from nonpartisan to partisan. If the vote leads to a partisan board, it repeals the above *Section 2* and elections in 2026 and thereafter must be conducted accordingly.

Amends: G.S. 115C-37.1(d); Section C of Article V of A PLAN FOR MERGER OF THE ROWAN [...], as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 890 of the 1987 Session Laws.

Repeals: Sections C and D of Article V of A PLAN FOR MERGER OF THE ROWAN [...], as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 890 of the 1987 Session Laws.

Effective May 16, 2024.

HB 1064: Various Local Provisions III (S.L. 2024-14)

Section 5. Jackson County Board of Education Elections: Aligns the elections for the Jackson County Board of Education with general elections. The Jackson County Board of Education is eligible to revise the residency districts in 2030 if deemed advisable.

Repeals: Chapter 314 of the 1961 Session Laws; Chapter 553 of the 1973 Session; and Chapter 170 of the 1991 Session Laws.

Effective for 2026 election and thereafter.

Section 7. Polk County Board of Education Elections: Requires that six members of the Polk County Board of Education all be elected from single-member residency districts and one member be elected from the county at-large. All candidates will still be voted on by all eligible voters in the county and the residency districts will remain the same.

Amends: Section 4 of S.L. 2023-32.

Effective June 27, 2024, and applies to elections held in 2026 and thereafter.

Section 10. Winston-Salem/Forsyth Board of Education Vacancies: States that vacancies on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education will be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1, which requires the Board in most cases to consult with the county executive committee of the vacating member’s political party, and appoint that committee’s nominee, if the recommendation is made within 30 days after the seat becomes vacant.

Amends: Section 2(a)(5)(iv) of Chapter 112 of the Session Laws of 1961, as amended by S.L. 2013-249; G.S. 115C-37.1(d).

Effective June 27, 2024, and applies to vacancies occurring on or after that date.

Senate Bills

SB 912: Elections Changes for Watauga Ed & County Bds (S.L. 2024-13)

Establishes staggered four-year terms for all members of the Watauga County Board of Education, beginning with the 2024 election. Creates electoral districts for the Watauga County Board of Education that are the same as those set out in S.L. 2023-147. Requires the Watauga County Board of Education to fill vacancies on the board with an appointee that resides in the same district as the member being replaced.

***Amends:** Section 1 of Chapter 1254 of the 1967 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 1260 of the 1969 Session Laws; Section 5 of Chapter 1254 of the 1967 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 55 of the 1985 Session Laws*

***Repeals:** Section 2 and Section 3 of Chapter 1254 of the 1967 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 1260 of the 1969 Session Laws.*

Effective during elections in 2026 and thereafter.