



## New Bills Affecting Public Schools Filed April 5-7, 2021

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<b>Bill:</b>	<a href="#">HB497</a>
<b>Title:</b>	SUPPORT VETERAN TEACHERS
<b>Summary:</b>	An Act to Increase Compensation for Teachers in the Public Schools with at Least Fifteen Years of Experience.
<b>Status:</b>	04/05/2021 – Filed in the House

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<b>Bill:</b>	<a href="#">SB502</a>
<b>Title:</b>	INTERDISCIPLINARY HEALTH ED TEACHING PILOT
<b>Summary:</b>	An Act to Direct the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers Program to Establish Interdisciplinary Health Education Teaching Hubs and to Study Impediments to the Availability of Community-Based Preceptors for Students in Rural and Underserved Areas.
<b>Status:</b>	04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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<b>Bill:</b>	<a href="#">SB503</a>
<b>Title:</b>	END YOUTH NICOTINE DEPENDENCE ACT OR END ACT
<b>Summary:</b>	An Act Enacting the "End Youth Nicotine Dependence Act" or "End Act."
<b>Status:</b>	04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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<b>Bill:</b>	<a href="#">SB505</a>
<b>Title:</b>	MEDICAL BILLING TRANSPARENCY
<b>Summary:</b>	An Act to Prevent North Carolinians from Becoming Victims of Surprise Billing by Out-Of-Network Health Care Providers that Have Rendered Health Care Services at Health Services Facilities that are In-Network with an Individual's Health Benefit Plan.
<b>Status:</b>	04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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<b>Bill:</b>	<a href="#">SB514</a>
<b>Title:</b>	YOUTH HEALTH PROTECTION ACT
<b>Summary:</b>	An Act to Protect Minors from Administration of Puberty Blockers and Cross-Sex Hormones and Other Related Actions, Procedures, and Treatments.
<b>Status:</b>	04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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<b>Bill:</b>	<a href="#">SB517</a>
<b>Title:</b>	INNOVATIVE STATEWIDE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE
<b>Summary:</b>	An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Information Technology for the Preparation of Statewide Broadband Maps and to Establish the Department as the Sole Source of Broadband Mapping for State Agencies; Relieve Regulatory Burdens to Expedite Broadband Expansion; Allow for Use of Existing Easements for Broadband Expansion; Expand Distribution of State Surplus Computers and Computer Hardware for Nonprofits; Allow Local Government Leasing of Existing Broadband Infrastructure; Expand Funding for G.R.E.A.T. Program Broadband Grants; and Provide Stopgap Internet Access for Classroom Access, Health Care Access, and Job Creation.
<b>Status:</b>	04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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<b>Bill:</b>	<a href="#">SB518</a>
<b>Title:</b>	PROTECTING AND SUPPORTING NC'S CHILDREN
<b>Summary:</b>	An Act to Amend Various Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Laws to Ensure the Safety of Children in Out-Of-Home Placements and Expedite Permanency Planning Hearings for Children Who Have Been Removed from the Home; to Clarify the Non-Caretaker Definition for the Responsible Individuals List; to Increase the Number of Emergency Judges to Address the Child Welfare Case Backlog; to Hire Regional Abuse and Medical Specialists to Improve the Child Welfare System; and to Require the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, to Develop a Plan to Implement a Centralized Hotline for Child Welfare Intake.
<b>Status:</b>	04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB521](#)  
**Title:** RAISE THE ROOF  
**Summary:** An Act to Authorize Eligible Counties to Use Funds from the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund for New Construction and Building Renovations and to Allow for Funds from the Public School Building Capital Fund to be Used for Certain Lease Agreements.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB522](#)  
**Title:** DRIVING INTO THE FUTURE  
**Summary:** An Act to Allow Remote Instruction for Classroom Portions of Driver Education Programs.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB523](#)  
**Title:** BROADBAND AFFORDABILITY PROG./DIGITAL EQUITY  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish the North Carolina Broadband Assistance Program to Provide Funds to Eligible Low-Income Families to Help Make Broadband Access More Affordable.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB525](#)  
**Title:** NC STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUNDS  
**Summary:** An Act to Appropriate Funds to NC Stop Human Trafficking.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB530](#)  
**Title:** MEDICAID FOR TWELVE MONTHS POSTPARTUM  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide Coverage Under the North Carolina Medicaid Program for Pregnant Women for Twelve Months Postpartum, as Allowed Under the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and to Plan to Provide Those Individuals with a Waiver of Tuition and Registration Fees at a North Carolina Community College.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB532](#)  
**Title:** LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FLEXIBILITY  
**Summary:** An Act to Give Counties Additional Flexibility with Regard to the Local Option Sales and Use Tax Without Increasing the Existing Maximum Tax Rate.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB535](#)  
**Title:** SAFE SURRENDER INFANTS  
**Summary:** An Act to Revise the Laws Pertaining to the Safe Surrender of Infants Under the Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Laws and to Make Conforming Statutory Changes.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB540](#)  
**Title:** VARIOUS CHANGES TO NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Various Changes to the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporations Act.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB542](#)  
**Title:** SHP COMBAT FRAUD AND ABUSE INCENTIVES  
**Summary:** An Act to Allow the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees to Adopt a Program to Incentivize Plan Members to Report Activities Such as Fraud, Waste, and Abuse by Health Care Providers Providing Services to Plan Members.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB545](#)  
**Title:** UNIVERSAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION ACT  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide a Universal Recognition Process for Licensure, Certification, or Registration for Individuals Who Establish Residence in this State.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB547](#)

**Title:** FIBER NC ACT

**Summary:** An Act to Foster Infrastructure for Broadband Expansion and Resources in North Carolina by Authorizing Counties and Cities to Build and Lease Facilities and Equipment of Broadband Services to Increase Adequate Broadband Services in Rural Areas of the State Where the Need for Broadband is Great Due to Many Factors, Including the Covid-19 Pandemic.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB548](#)

**Title:** INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

**Summary:** An Act to Provide for Oversight of Public High School Interscholastic Athletics.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB551](#)

**Title:** SUPPORT VETERAN TEACHERS

**Summary:** An Act to Increase Compensation for Teachers in the Public Schools with at Least Fifteen Years of Experience.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB559](#)

**Title:** FUNDS/ORANGEST SCHOOL/UMOJA GROUP

**Summary:** An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Restoration of the Historic Orange Street School Building in Fayetteville and for Digitalization and Preservation of the African American Pictorial Wall.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB564](#)

**Title:** NC PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT

**Summary:** An Act to Enact the North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB565](#)

**Title:** SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

**Summary:** An Act to Strengthen Policies and Standards Surrounding Law Enforcement Officers.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB566](#)

**Title:** INVESTING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

**Summary:** An Act to Strengthen Policies and Standards Surrounding Law Enforcement Officers and to Appropriate Funds.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB567](#)

**Title:** ACC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HOLIDAY

**Summary:** An Act Designating the Fridays in March When Both the Women's and Men's Acc Basketball Tournaments are Held as Public Holidays in North Carolina.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB571](#)

**Title:** CODIFY/EXPAND RENEWAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

**Summary:** An Act to Codify and Expand the Renewal School System Optional Program for Local School Administrative Units.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB573](#)

**Title:** EQUAL PAY ACT

**Summary:** An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Payment of Wages on the Basis of the Gender of the Employee.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB574](#)  
**Title:** LIFE INSURANCE BENEFICIARY CHANGES  
**Summary:** An Act to Allow a Change of Beneficiary Under a Life Insurance Policy If that Beneficiary Was Selected Under Fraudulent Circumstances or False Pretenses.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB578](#)  
**Title:** STUDY ON FIXED IN-STATE TUITION PLAN FOR UNC  
**Summary:** An Act to Study the Impact of Establishing a Reduced Fixed Four-Year Tuition Plan for Constituent Institutions of the University of North Carolina and to Appropriate Funds to Conduct the Study.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB582](#)  
**Title:** HIGH SCHOOL ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS/CC PREP  
**Summary:** An Act to Expand the Availability of Adjunct Instructors in High School After Receiving One Semester of Community College Courses in Teacher Preparation.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB585](#)  
**Title:** FUNDS/ELIMINATE NC PRE-K WAITLIST STATEWIDE  
**Summary:** An Act Appropriating Funds to Eliminate the Waitlist for the NC Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program Statewide.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB593](#)  
**Title:** SPECIAL EDUCATION DUE PROCESS HEARINGS  
**Summary:** An Act to Allow Parties to Seek Immediate Judicial Review of Administrative Law Judge Decisions in Special Education Due Process Hearings.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB594](#)  
**Title:** MEDICAID ADMIN. CHANGES & TECH. CORRECTIONS.-AB  
**Summary:** An Act Modifying Certain Medicaid-Related Provisions of the 2020 Covid-19 Recovery Act, Updating the Medicaid Program Beneficiary Appeals Processes, Increasing the Amount of Allowable Therapeutic Leave Under the Medicaid Program, Revising the Transfer of Area Authority Fund Balances, and Making Various Technical Corrections to the Statutes Governing the North Carolina Medicaid Program, as Requested by the Department of Health and Human Services.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB595](#)  
**Title:** TASK FORCE ON ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES  
**Summary:** An Act to Create a Task Force to Study Adverse Childhood Experiences.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB596](#)  
**Title:** REMOVE DRIVERS LIC. REVOCATION/FEES/PENALTIES  
**Summary:** An Act to Revise the Laws Governing the Revocation of Drivers Licenses for Failure to Pay a Fine, Penalty, or Court Costs and to Require a Study of Various Related Matters.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB598](#)  
**Title:** REQUIRE 20-MINUTE PAID WORK BREAKS  
**Summary:** An Act Amending the Wage and Hour Act to Require Employers to Provide a Twenty-Minute Paid Break to Any Employee Working a Shift of Six Hours or More.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB603](#)  
**Title:** INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES RECOVERY ACT  
**Summary:** An Act to Promote Economic Recovery for Individuals and Families in North Carolina.

**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB604](#)  
**Title:** ADDRESSING NONACADEMIC BARRIERS TO SUCCESS  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish the Community College Students Nonacademic Barriers to Success Grant Program to Provide Community Colleges Grants to Support Student Academic Success and to Appropriate Funds.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB606](#)  
**Title:** PUBLIC SCHOOLS PPA ELIGIBILITY  
**Summary:** An Act to Authorize Certain Purchased Power Rates and Terms for Local Boards of Education that Install Solar Energy Systems at School Facilities in Order to Enhance the Economic Feasibility of Such Projects and to Facilitate Compliance with G.S. 15c-521(C), Which Requires that a Local Board of Education Adopt Local Energy-Use Goals for Building Design and Operation to Reduce the Impact of Operation Costs on Local and State Budgets.  
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**Bill:** [SB608](#)  
**Title:** STATE IT/PROCUREMENT PROTEST PROCEDURES  
**Summary:** An Act Enacting Protest Procedures for the Award of State Information Technology Contracts.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB609](#)  
**Title:** INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT/COVID-19  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Changes to the Innovative School District in Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB616](#)  
**Title:** PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT  
**Summary:** An Act to Require Persons Eighteen Years of Age or Older to Provide Aid to a Law Enforcement Officer Upon Request of the Officer and to Clarify that the Offense of Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer Includes Interfering with the Law Enforcement Officer.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB617](#)  
**Title:** SCHOLARSHIPS TO CHILDREN OF WAR VETERANS  
**Summary:** An Act to Increase the Number of Children of Wartime Veterans Who are Eligible to be Awarded Scholarships Under Classes Ii and Iii.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB619](#)  
**Title:** PROTECT OUR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ACT  
**Summary:** An Act to Give Preference to Applications for State Grants If the Grant will Directly Benefit Tier One or Tier Two Counties that Also Have Military Installations Located in that County.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB622](#)  
**Title:** 2021 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Base Budget Appropriations for Current Operations of State Departments, Institutions, and Agencies, and for Other Purposes.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB624](#)  
**Title:** AMEND NC CONST./RIGHT TO WORK  
**Summary:** An Act to Amend the North Carolina Constitution to Guarantee a Person's Right to Work.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB626](#)  
**Title:** CONCUSSION PROTOCOL/COUNTY RECREATION  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide that a County or Municipal Recreation Program Take Precautions to Ensure the Safety and Well-Being of Activity Participants, Including Providing Concussion Awareness Information and a Response Protocol for Certain Athletic Activities.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB627](#)  
**Title:** STATE SURPLUS PROP. COMPUTERS FOR NONPROFITS  
**Summary:** An Act to Enable Nonprofit Entities that Donate Refurbished Computers to Low-Income Students in this State to Obtain Surplus Computer Equipment at Low or No Cost from the State Surplus Property Agency and the University of North Carolina.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB633](#)  
**Title:** NC HEALTHY PREGNANCY ACT  
**Summary:** An Act Addressing Pregnancy-Related Discrimination and Reasonable Accommodations in the Workplace.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB637](#)  
**Title:** GUILFORD COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY/FUNDS  
**Summary:** An Act Appropriating Funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, for a Grant-In-Aid to Guilford County for the Construction of a Facility-Based Mental Health Crisis Center for Adults.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB642](#)  
**Title:** TECHNOLOGY AND DATA INSTITUTE FUNDS/PILOT  
**Summary:** An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Technology and Data Institute to Operate a Pilot Program to Expand High-Speed Internet Access to Students of Low-Income Families in Central North Carolina.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB643](#)  
**Title:** INVEST NC BOND ACT OF 2021  
**Summary:** An Act to Enact the Invest NC Bond Act of 2021.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB648](#)  
**Title:** STATE EMPLOYEES/PAID PARENTAL LEAVE  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide Eight Weeks of Paid Parental Leave to All State Employees.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB653](#)  
**Title:** UNC/CC FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM CONSOLIDATION  
**Summary:** An Act Consolidating the University of North Carolina Need-Based Financial Aid Program, the Education Lottery Scholarship Program, and the North Carolina Community College Grant Program into the North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB654](#)  
**Title:** K-12 COVID-19 PROVISIONS  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide Relief to Public Schools in Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB655](#)  
**Title:** STATE IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING INITIATIVE  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish an Annual Implicit Bias Training Requirement for State Officials and Employees.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB656](#)  
**Title:** EQUITY IN JUSTICE ACT OF 2021  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Criminal Justice, Policing, and Juvenile Justice Reform, and to Appropriate Funds.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB659](#)  
**Title:** FUNDS/ELIMINATE NC PRE-K WAITLIST STATEWIDE  
**Summary:** An Act Appropriating Funds to Eliminate the Waitlist for the NC Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program Statewide.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB661](#)  
**Title:** NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide Additional Funds for the Need-Based Scholarships for Students Attending Private Institutions of Higher Education.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB662](#)  
**Title:** COVID-19/PARENT-INITIATED PEP  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide for Personal Education Plans for Students at the Request of a Parent or Guardian.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB663](#)  
**Title:** NC PROMISE FUND RESERVE  
**Summary:** An Act to Create an Emergency Reserve for the NC Promise Tuition Plan Buy Down.  
**Status:** 04/06/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB668](#)  
**Title:** ANTI-PENSION SPIKING AMDS & LITIG. MORATORIUM  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Various Changes to the Contribution-Based Benefit Cap Laws; to Institute a Five-Year Moratorium on Lawsuits and Contested Cases by Local School Boards Against the State Regarding the Implementation of the Anti-Pension Spiking Contribution-Based Benefit Cap; to Require an Annual Report from the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees During the Moratorium on Pension Spiking Litigation Initiated by School Systems that Includes an Accounting of Legal Fees Paid by Both Sides; and to Require an Assessment of the Feasibility of Resolving Disputes Regarding Pension-Spiking Using Binding Arbitration.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB671](#)  
**Title:** CHANGES TO THE K-12 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS  
**Summary:** An Act to Make Changes to the Kindergarten Through Twelfth Grade Scholarship Programs.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB672](#)  
**Title:** DACA RECIPIENTS/IN-STATE TUITION  
**Summary:** An Act to Authorize Certain Beneficiaries of the Federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Initiative to Receive In-State Tuition at the University of North Carolina Constituent Institutions and Community Colleges in this State.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB673](#)  
**Title:** UP MINIMUM WAGES/NO SUBMINIMUM OR EXEMPTIONS  
**Summary:** An Act Increasing the Regular Minimum Wage to Fifteen Dollars Per Hour by 2023, Increasing and Phasing Out the Tipped Employee Minimum Wage Through 2025, Providing for Inflationary Adjustments to the Minimum Wage Based Upon Increases in the Consumer Price Index, Repealing the Subminimum Wage for Specified Workers, and Repealing Exemptions from the Minimum Wage for Agricultural and Domestic Workers.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB676](#)  
**Title:** HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS INITIATIVE/COVID-19  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish the Hunger-Free Campus Initiative for University of North Carolina Constituent Institutions and

Community College Campuses to Respond to the Impacts on Students During the Covid-19 Pandemic and to Appropriate Funds from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Program.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB677](#)

**Title:** NC HOPE TUITION PROGRAM

**Summary:** An Act to Establish the NC Hope Tuition Waiver Program for Certain Students Graduating from Cooperative Innovative High Schools Who Attend an NC Promise Constituent Institution.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB678](#)

**Title:** CONFIDENTIALITY/GA INFORMATION REQUESTS

**Summary:** An Act to Clarify Legislators' and Legislative Committees' Access to Certain Confidential Information.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB684](#)

**Title:** MODIFY TEACHING FELLOWS/CC REQUIREMENT

**Summary:** An Act to Modify the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program to Allow Students to Pursue Any Area of Teaching Licensure to be Eligible for the Program, to Prioritize Applicants Who Have Associate Degrees with a Concentration in Teacher Education, and to Create a Priority for Forgiveness for Students Who Attend a Community College in Partnership with a Participating Institution of Higher Education When Pursuing Teacher Licensure or Who Work in a School Located in a Tier One Development Area.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB688](#)

**Title:** SPORTS WAGERING

**Summary:** An Act to Authorize and Regulate Sports Wagering in North Carolina.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB689](#)

**Title:** COUNTY BROADBAND AUTHORITY

**Summary:** An Act to Facilitate the Expansion of Broadband Service in Unserved Areas of the State by Ensuring Timely and Nondiscriminatory Access to Municipal and Electric Membership Cooperative Utility Poles, Ducts, and Conduits at Just and Reasonable Rates; to Authorize Counties to Provide Grants to High-Speed Internet Access Service Providers and to Build Facilities and Equipment of a Broadband Service and to Levy Taxes for Those Purposes; to Further Define the Term "City Utility Pole"; to Prohibit Certain Fees for the Collocation of Small Wireless Facilities; and to Make Related Changes.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB691](#)

**Title:** ADJUST DRUG EDUCATION SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FEE

**Summary:** An Act Adjusting the Enrollment Fee for Accredited Drug Education Schools to Account for Inflation; Clarifying the Responsibilities of the Department of Health and Human Services with Respect to Drug Education Schools; and Making Technical and Other Modifications to the Statute.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB693](#)

**Title:** EXPEDITE CHILD SAFETY AND PERMANENCY

**Summary:** An Act to Amend Various Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Laws to Ensure the Safety of Children in Out-Of-Home Placements; to Expedite Permanency Planning Hearings for Children Who Have Been Removed from the Home; to Create a Presumption that Foster Parents with Whom a Child Has Lived Continuously for Nine Months are Deemed Nonrelative Kin; and to Create an Aggravating Circumstance for the Exposure to Unlawful Controlled Substances in Utero or Controlled Substances Used in Violation of the Law in Utero.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB695](#)

**Title:** STATEWIDE MEDICAL ACTION PLAN FOR SCHOOLS

**Summary:** An Act to Require the State Board of Education to Adopt a Statewide Medical Action Plan for Public School Units.

**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate



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**Bill:** [SB698](#)  
**Title:** END MENSTRUAL POVERTY ACT  
**Summary:** An Act to Provide Feminine Hygiene Products to Students in Local School Administrative Units and to Increase Access to Feminine Hygiene Products in North Carolina Diaper Banks.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB700](#)  
**Title:** BALANCED POLITICAL DISCUSSION IN CLASSROOMS  
**Summary:** An Act to Require Balanced Political Viewpoints in the Implementation of Public School Instruction and to Require the Online Display of Information About Instructional Materials.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB701](#)  
**Title:** RESTORE PUBLIC SECTOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
**Summary:** An Act Repealing the Prohibition on Public Employee Collective Bargaining.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB703](#)  
**Title:** STRENGTHEN CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION SYSTEM  
**Summary:** An Act Establishing a State Office of Child Fatality Prevention Within the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, to Serve as the Lead Agency Responsible for Overseeing Coordination of State-Level Support Functions for the Entire North Carolina Child Fatality Prevention System and Appropriating Funds for that Purpose; Establishing a Transition Plan for Shifting State Support of the Child Fatality Prevention System to the State Office of Child Fatality Prevention; Creating and Supporting a Centralized Data and Reporting System; Restructuring Existing Child Death Review Teams; Making Modifications and Additions to Child Fatality Prevention System Statutes to Restructure Child Death Review Teams, Implement Participation in the National Child Death Review Case Reporting System, and Clarify the Functions of the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force; and Establishing Citizen Review Panels.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB706](#)  
**Title:** CAROLINA'S GUARANTEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish the Community College Promise Scholarship Program and to appropriate Funds for that Purpose.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB712](#)  
**Title:** STATE IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING INITIATIVE  
**Summary:** An Act to Establish an Annual Implicit Bias Training Requirement for State Officials and Employees.  
**Status:** 04/07/2021 – Filed in the Senate

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**Bill:** [SB713](#)  
**Title:** GO BIG FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
**Summary:** An Act to appropriate Funds to Provide an Ongoing, Increased Source of Funds Above the Base Budget for the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program and the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for NC Pre-K Slots by Three Percent for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, and to Provide a Tax Credit to Certain Early Education Teachers and Directors.  
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