

S.L. 2018-5 AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Education Budget Highlights

The Conference Report provides net appropriations of \$13.8 billion for the State's three Education systems including Public Schools, Community Colleges and the University of North Carolina System, a 5.3% increase or \$697 million above the amount enacted for FY 2017-18. Highlights of the Conference Committee and other legislative actions in Education follow below:

Adjustments to Appropriations: Public Schools

- **(Page B 6, Item 11; Page B 7, Item 20)** Funds K-12 enrollment growth needs by providing \$29.7 million in FY 2018-19 and giving DPI authority to utilize excess funds in other fund codes.
- **(Page B 7, Item 21)** Provides \$28 million in additional funding for school safety initiatives, including four new grant programs (students in crisis, school safety training, safety equipment, and youth mental health personnel).
- **(Page B 8, Item 22)** Expands the Advanced Placement partnership to provide additional support to schools offering advanced classes.
- **(Page B 8, Item 24)** Expands the Sixth and Seventh Grade Career and Technical Education Grant Program to provide more CTE courses in earlier grades.
- **(Page B 10, Item 31)** Doubles the number of LEAs that can participate in the Teacher Assistant Tuition Reimbursement Program to help TAs receive training to become teachers.
- **(Page B 10, Item 35)** Creates the Schools That Lead pilot program to offer professional development to schools regarding the use of improvement science in improving student outcomes.
- **(Page B 7, Item 15)** Maintains the per-pupil allocation for textbooks identical to the amount provided in FY 2017-18.
- **(Page B 8, Item 26)** Provides \$140K to improve licensure processes within DPI.

Special Provisions: Public Schools

- **(Sec. 7.26, Page 33)** Requires that all governing bodies of a public secondary schools operate an anonymous safety tip line.
- **(Sec. 7.18, Page 26)** Allows children within military families to enroll in traditional public and charter schools prior to establishing residency in North Carolina.
- **(Sec. 7.9, Page 22)** Extends the Advanced Teaching Roles pilot for five additional years.
- **(Sec. 7.13, Page 24)** Extends the Virtual Charter Schools pilot for four additional years.
- **(Sec. 7.15, Page 25)** Approves five new Cooperative Innovative High Schools to begin operation in FY 2018-19 without additional State funds.

Adjustments to Appropriations: Community Colleges

- **(Page B 20, Item 69)** Fully funds Community College enrollment growth by providing \$2.7 million in FY 2018-19, which includes an adjustment to offset the effect of Hurricane Matthew.
- **(Page B 22, Item 78)** Increases funding for continuing education and workforce development leading to industry credentials by \$14.7 million (\$6.4 million recurring and \$8.3 million nonrecurring).

Special Provisions: Community Colleges

- **(Sec. 9.4, Page 50)** Extends the statewide implementation date for the Career and College Ready Graduate Program by two years to FY 2020-21.
- **(Sec. 9.10, Page 53)** Instructs the State Board of Community Colleges to conduct a study of the cost of earning regular budget full-time equivalents (FTE) for community college courses offered in local jails.

Adjustments to Appropriations: UNC

- **(Page B 31, Item 99)** Provides \$11 million additional funds for full implementation of NC Promise
- **(Page B 31, Item 100)** Provides \$1.1 million in supplemental funding for three Lab Schools scheduled to open in FY 2018-19 (operated by UNC-W, UNC-G, and ASU).
- **(Page B 34, Item 104)** Increases by \$3 million the Special Education Scholarship Grant program.
- **(Page B 35, Item 107)** Restores \$500K funding cut to UNC Law School.
- **(Page B 37, Item 111)** Provides \$4.8 million in additional funds to the Western School of Medicine –Asheville.
- **(Page B 39, Item 115)** Provides \$2 million for the NCSU Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals effort to serve as matching funds for a federal grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Special Provisions: UNC

- **(Sec. 10A.5, Page 70)** Provides funding for a one-year tuition grant program for students graduating from the North Carolina School of Science and Math at the end of 2018-2019 school year.
- **(Sec. 10A.6, Page 71)** Provides access to private institution Need-Based Scholarships to veterans.