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**NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families**

**DATE: April 24, 2020**

**Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:**

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: <a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio">https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio</a>
April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 p.m.	House Session Convenes	Audio available
April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 p.m.	Senate Session Convenes	Audio available

**North Carolina House Select Committee on COVID-19 Update: Health Care**

The [Health Care Work Group](#) has been [working on a bill](#) that uses federal funding to support programs such as Medicaid and foster care. The bill highlights plans for stockpiling personal protective equipment and testing supplies, supporting health care providers with a Medicaid 5% increase, Medicaid coverage for preventing, testing, and treating COVID-19, and expanding telehealth use. The bill also provides funding for rapid re-housing assistance, homeless and domestic violence shelters, child care, and a nutrition service for \$40 of fresh produce monthly prescribed by the recipient's health care provider. Funding for this bill comes from a combination of money from the Coronavirus Relief Fund and Medicaid Receipts. The combined total between the funding sources is \$688,550,000. Below is a breakdown of some of the key pieces of the bill and the amounts allotted to them.

Enhanced Behavioral Health capacity	\$25M
Food, safety, shelter, child care and specified as a part of that is below:	\$25M
Food Banks (Carved out of Food, safety, child care funds)	\$6 M
Produce Prescription Program (Carved out of Food, safety, etc.)	\$2.5 M
Supplemental payments for foster care (\$100/month for each child receiving foster care assistance payments for April-June)	\$2.25M
NC MedAssist (offset prescription costs for indigent/uninsured)	\$1.5M

**North Carolina House Select Committee on COVID-19 Update: Education**

The [Education Work Group](#) developed multiple recommendations related to K-12 schools that will be turned into two bills—one related to policy and one related to funding. The total funding recommendation for K-12 education is approximately \$377 million that will be appropriated to the NC Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI), fulfilling much of [the Department's request](#). Many of the policy recommendations are to waive current requirements in areas such as testing, class size, school growth expectations, etc. An additional \$141.5 million of appropriations is recommended for universities and colleges.

Most notably, \$55 million is included in the funding request for anticipated costs related to “Specialized Personnel”, including school social works, psychologists, nurses and counselors and contracts with LME/MCOs for mental health services when schools re-open.

Other K-12 funding requests include:

School Nutrition to provide meals to children and cover the operating costs	\$56 M
Summer Bridge-Jump Start program for disadvantaged students	\$70 M
Digital Learning	\$150.3 M
Exceptional Children extended-year services	\$17.9 M
Residential Schools cleaning and remote learning	\$621,000
Supplemental Pay to transportation and nutrition employees	\$21.6 M
Cybersecurity	\$5.5 M

### **N.C. Bills we are tracking:**

- [H5](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see S3)
- [H76](#): School Safety Omnibus
- [H102](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see S245)
- [H121](#): Expunction Related to Raise the Age/No Conviction
- [H234](#): Funds for Child Advocacy Centers
- [H241](#): Education Bond Act of 2019
- [H250](#): Dept. of Health and Human Services Revisions
- [H291](#): Continue Social Services Regional Supervision and Collaboration Work Group (SSWG) and Extend Children’s Council
- [H297](#): Psychologist Interjurisdictional Compact
- [H434](#): Suicide Risk Ref./Mental Health/Teen Violence
- [H471](#): Reduce Administrative Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers
- [H555](#): Medicaid Transformation Implementation, the Senate has withdrawn this bill from the calendar and re-referred it to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.
- [H580](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see S636)
- [H601](#): Funds for NAMI North Carolina, Inc.
- [H613](#): Essential Services for Homeless Youth
- [H655](#): NC Health Care for Working Families, the bill was re-referred to the House Committee on Health, received a favorable committee substitute, and was re-referred to the House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations.

[H702](#): Modify Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (see S555)  
[H822](#): Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan, the bill has been sent to the Senate, passed the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate reading, and has been sent to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.  
[H825](#): Strengthen Child Fatality Prevention System: passed first reading and referred to the House Committee on Health.  
[H826](#): Standardized Assessment/Foster Care Pilot  
[H956](#): Funds/Youth Villages and Other Purposes  
[H966](#): 2019 Appropriations Act, this bill was placed on the calendar for January 14, 2020, withdrawn from the calendar and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[S3](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see H5)  
[S175](#): Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist  
[S212](#): NC Fast/Early Child/Transformation/ACH Assess., the conference committees have been appointed.  
[S245](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see H102)  
[S251](#): Modernization of Drug Court Programs  
[S361](#): Healthy NC., the Senate failed to concur on the health committee substitution, so the Senate and House have appointed committee conferees for the bill.  
[S382](#): School Psychologist Compensation and Recruitment (see H482)  
[S427](#): Smart Start Funds (see H124)  
[S476](#): Compt-Based Assess. & Mental Health/Teen Viol., after over three months of inactivity, the bill has conference committees appointed in the House and the Senate.  
[S549](#): Child Welfare/Behavioral Health Pilot/Funds  
[S624](#): Guilford County Mental Health Facility /Funds (see H360)  
[S636](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see H580)

### **N.C. Bills that have been signed into law:**

[H75](#): School Mental Health Screening Study, presented to the governor and signed into law as Ch. SL 2019-222.  
[S199](#): Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws, the bill was presented to the governor and signed into law on 11/7/19 as Ch. SL 2019 – 245.  
[H301](#): CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code, signed by the governor on 6/21/19 as Ch. SL 2019-33.  
[S413](#): Raise the Age Modifications, signed into law on 8/1/19 as Ch. SL 2019-186.  
[H609](#): Once known as Raise the Age Modifications but now labeled Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees, the bill was presented to and signed by the governor as Ch. SL 2019-208.  
[H656](#): Medicaid Changes for Transformation, signed into law by the Governor on 7/4/19 as Ch. SL 2019-81.

[H1001](#): Raise the Age Funding, ratified, presented to the governor and signed into law on 10/14/19 as Ch. SL 2019-229.

**Federal Bills We are Tracking:**

[S.1172](#): Keep Our Promise to America's Children and Teachers Act: read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[S. 1465](#): Childhood Outcomes Need New Efficient Community Teams: read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

[S. 1642](#): Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[S. 1668](#): Defending Access to Mental Health Care Act: Read twice and referred to the committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[S. 1670](#): Care Across Generations Act: read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[H.R. 1109](#): Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R. 1301](#): Mental Health Telemedicine Expansion Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

[H.R. 1395](#): Youth Mental Health Services Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 1838](#): Social Security Child Protection Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 2702](#): Family First Transition and Support Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 2958](#): Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 3074](#): Continuing Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care Act: referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R. 3116](#): State Flexibility for Family First Transitions Act: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 3438](#): Child Welfare Data Modernization Act: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 4025](#): Mental Health in Schools Excellence Program Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

[H.R. 4420](#): Timely Mental Health for Foster Youth Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support

[H.R. 4428](#): Greater Mental Health Access Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

[H.R. 4602](#): Continuation of Useful Resources to States Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support

[H.R. 4835](#): Supporting Trauma-Informed Education Practices Act: referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 5569](#): Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act of 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor