

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

**DATE: July 18, 2019**

**Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Location</b> Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: <a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio">https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio</a>
July 19, 10:00 a.m.	North Carolina Courts Commission	1228/1327 LB, audio available

**Latest Budget Action Involves a New Bill**

In case you were wondering why multiple appropriations bills are always introduced before one emerges as the budget that is moved forward, we now have a perfect example of the answer to that “Why?”. As legislators and the Governor have been in a stalemate over the budget and the General Assembly has been unable to gather enough votes to override the Governor’s veto, a new appropriations bill has very quickly made its way through the House, where it was passed within one day. [H111](#) was introduced back in February and no action was taken on it until July 10<sup>th</sup> when a committee substitute was passed by House Appropriations, the bill had a quick pass through of the House Rules Committee, and then was passed by the House all on the same day. It has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee where no action has been taken.

**What’s in this new Budget?**

This trimmed down version of the 2019 Appropriations Act includes (along with other provisions):

- NC FAST funding to move forward on operations, maintenance and improvements to the child welfare system. This includes a transfer of dollars into the Medicaid Transformation Fund.
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline funding
- LME/MCO Intergovernmental Transfer that is related to the current Medicaid waiver for BH/IDD/SUD.
- Raise the Age preparation funding of \$23 million to hire 180 new employees.

This version is by no means the full budget proposal that was sent to the Governor and which was vetoed. The House has taken some clear actions to work toward a 2019 budget through this bill and is pushing forward the Republican version of Medicaid expansion, [H655](#), NC

Healthcare for Working Families. At this point, the Senate has not taken any action that would indicate they are willing to consider a budget compromise.

**Bills that are on the move:**

[H655](#): NC Health Care for Working Families, House Serial Referral to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House stricken and added to the House Calendar on 7/9/19.

[H935](#): Social Services Reform/DHHS Recommendations, received favorable committee substitute from the House and re-referred to the House Committee on Appropriations, Health and Human Services.

[S212](#): NC Fast/Early Child/Transformation/ACH Assess., special message sent to the Senate, failed to concur in House Committee Substitute, and Conferee Committees appointed.

[S413](#): Raise the Age Modifications, referred to the House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations, passed the third House reading, and a regular message has been sent to the Senate.

**Additional bills we are tracking:**

[H5](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see S3)

[H75](#): School Mental Health Screening Study

[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, withdrawn from Senate Committee on Rules and Operations and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Health Care.

[H493](#): Abuse & Neglect Resources, withdrawn from committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate and re-referred to Senate Education/Higher Education Committee.

[H555](#): Modernize Medicaid Telemedicine Policies

[H580](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see S636)

[H601](#): Funds for NAMI North Carolina, Inc.

[H609](#): Raise the Age Modifications

[H613](#): Essential Services for Homeless Youth

[H702](#): Modify Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (see S555)

[H826](#): Standardized Assessment/Foster Care Pilot

[H956](#): Funds/Youth Villages and Other Purposes

[H966](#): 2019 Appropriations Act, vetoed on 6/28/19, received by the House, and placed on the calendar for 7/8/19.

[S3](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see H5)

[S175](#): Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist

[S199](#): Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws, received favorable committee substitute from the House Committee on Judiciary and re-referred to the House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations.

[S212](#): NC Fast/Early Child/Transformation/ACH Assess., special message sent to the Senate, failed to Concur in House Committee Substitute, and Conferee Committees appointed.

[S245](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see H102)

[S251](#): Modernization of Drug Court Programs

[S361](#): Health Care Expansion Act of 2019, withdrawn from House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations and re-referred to House Committee on Health.

[S382](#): School Psychologist Compensation and Recruitment (see H482)

[S427](#): Smart Start Funds (see H124)

[S549](#): Child Welfare/Behavioral Health Pilot/Funds

[S624](#): Guilford County Mental Health Facility /Funds (see H360)

[S636](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see H580)

**Bills that have been signed into Law:**

[H301](#): CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code, passed third Senate reading, ratified, presented, and signed by the governor on 6/21/19 as Ch. SL 2019-33.

[H656](#): Medicaid Changes for Transformation (see S548), passed third House reading, ratified, presented, and signed by the governor on 7/4/19 as Ch. SL 2019-81.