

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: August 6, 2019

Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio
August 6, 9:30 a.m.	Senate Rules and Operations	1027/1128 LOB, audio available
August 6, 10:00 a.m.	Senate Judiciary	1124/1224 LB, audio available
August 6, 10:00 a.m.	House Health	643 LOB, audio available

School Safety Omnibus (SB5) is on the move:

While the negotiations for the budget are still ongoing, a piece of the budget that was also introduced as a separate bill in the Senate is progressing towards becoming a law regardless of the speed of the state budget negotiations. SB 5, the School Safety Omnibus has made its way through the House and Senate, and has now returned to the Senate for the Senate to either concur with the changes made to the bill while in the House or to not concur and be sent to a conference committee. Below is a table outlining the major differences in SB 5 as compared to the provisions in the budget bill sent to the Governor. In general, SB 5 will have specific mandatory interventions, teams, and equipment for all public school entities with funding provided through the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund and General funds until 2028. The budget makes grants available for school entities that want more training or services in student crisis situations, safety training, and safety equipment. The budget bill includes more grant-based initiatives. Here's a breakdown:

School Safety Omnibus (SB5)	2019 NC Budget (H966)
Appropriates funding from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund. The State tax revenue that is used to build this fund is increased from 4% to 4.5% until 2028 to cover the cost of this initiative.	Grants available for public school entities (\$2 of state funds for every \$1 of non-state funding) to provide services for students in crisis, school safety training, and safety equipment in schools for the 2019-2020 legislative calendar.
Threat assessment teams required in all public schools	No assessment teams required

Trauma kits in every public school classroom	Grants for safety equipment and safety training is available for qualifying public school units
\$1.5 million transferred from DPI for a digital panic alarm system	No set amount of money is identified to fund the grants
Defines the role of school resource officers	Defines the role of school resource officers
Requires school safety officers to be trained in mental health, students with disabilities, racial equity, crisis intervention, and de-escalation	Training and expanded services for therapeutic foster care families, licensed child placement agencies, and mental health support personnel in counseling on access to lethal means training, community resilience, parent-child interaction therapy, trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, behavioral therapy, dialectical behavior therapy, child-parent psychotherapy, and Modular Approach to Therapy for Children with Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, or Conduct problems.
All non-public schools are encouraged to create a School Risk Management Plan	Not provided for in the budget
Clarifies the duties of the Center for Safer Schools to instruct, refer, and train in school safety	Not provided for in the budget
Requires annual vulnerability assessments for each public school building	Not provided for in the budget
Requires county boards of education to report to local emergency management officials and county commissioners during county states of emergency	Not provided for in the budget
Requires peer-to-peer support programs at all schools with grades six and higher	Allows peer-to-peer mentoring, parent-child interaction therapy, trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, dialectical behavior therapy, and child-parent psychotherapy.

Bills that are on the move:

[S199](#): Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws, passed the third House reading, House ordered engrossed, and a regular message was sent to the Senate on 08/01/19.

[S413](#): Raise the Age Modifications, ratified, presented to the governor, and signed into law on 8/1/19 as Ch. SL 2019-186.

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
[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.
[H702](#): Modify Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (see S555)
[H826](#): Standardized Assessment/Foster Care Pilot
[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.
[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
[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)
[S476](#): Compt-Based Assess. & Mental Health/Teen Viol., regular message received for Concurrence in House Committee Sub, placed on Cal for 7/22/19, and failed to concur in Senate H Com Sub. with votes of 3-42 on 7/22/19.
[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.

[S413](#): Raise the Age Modifications, ratified, presented to the governor, and signed into law on 8/1/19 as Ch. SL 2019-186.

[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.