

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: September 17, 2019

Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio
September 20, 10:00 a.m.	North Carolina Child Well-Being Transformation Council	544 LOB, Audio available

Featured Bill: House Bill 655 - NC Health Care for Working Families

[Bill H655](#) is in the House Health Committee right now. It may be heard soon because House Speaker Moore promised to address this bill after the budget vote from last week. H655 would provide health care for healthy working North Carolina residents ineligible for Medicaid who earn up to 133% above the federal poverty line and are aged 19-64. Members would pay monthly premiums amounting to 2% of their household income. In order to participate in this program an individual must be employed or working towards employment, with some exceptions of individuals. This program will be funded by federal dollars, participant premiums, and health related assessments. This bill also includes a Rural Access to Healthcare Grant Program that allows provider recruitment, telehealth expansion, substance abuse and mental health services expansion, and an infant mortality reduction effort. The bill appears to have widespread support.

Bills that are on the move:

[H75](#): School Safety Funds, Programs and Reports (formerly School Mental Health Screening Study), the House concurred with the Senate Committee Substitute. This puts the bill into the finalization process at the General Assembly. Because it is a “mini-budget” it is not clear if the Governor will support it or veto it.

[H935](#): Social Services Reform/DHHS Recommendations, the bill has passed the second reading in the House and is scheduled to be heard a third time today. If passed, it will be sent to the Senate for consideration.

[S199](#): Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws, a conference committee has been appointed to

Additional 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 (see H935 for provision to extend the SSWG)
[H297](#): Psychologist Interjurisdictional Compact
[H434](#): Suicide Risk Ref./Mental Health/Teen Violence
[H471](#): Reduce Administrative Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers
[H555](#): Modernize Medicaid Telemedicine Policies, after veto by the governor the House overrode the veto, the Senate received the veto, and it has been referred 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 withdrawn from the House calendar and re-referred to the House Committee on Health.
[H702](#): Modify Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (see S555)
[H822](#): Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan, the bill has been sent to the Senate, passed the 1st Senate reading, and has been sent to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.
[H826](#): Standardized Assessment/Foster Care Pilot
[H956](#): Funds/Youth Villages and Other Purposes
[H966](#): 2019 Appropriations Act, the veto was overridden in the House on 9/11/19, sent to the Senate and has been 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](#): The Health Care Expansion Act of 2019, 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., awaiting Conference Committee appointments
[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, 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.