

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: October 9, 2019

Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio
October 9, 10 a.m.	Senate Finance	544 LOB, audio available
October 9, 1 p.m.	Senate Rules Committee	1027/1128 LB, audio available
October 9, 1:30 p.m.	House Rules Committee	1228/1327 LB, audio available

H1001: Raise the Age Mini Budget

H1001 passed the third reading on the Senate floor yesterday so it is expected to be ratified and sent to the Governor. This legislation is the “mini budget” approach to providing State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 funding for the Raise the Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction legislation that becomes effective on December 1, 2019. Both the Governor’s budget and the NC General Assembly budget included approximately \$26 million in funding to prepare for and adequately address the change in the juvenile jurisdiction. The budget impasse has stymied the efforts to move forward on preparations such as having adequate personnel to support the influx of juveniles who will now have opportunities for community-based services and supports instead of being processed through the adult corrections system. If the Governor signs it into law, it will be the challenge of the State departments to ramp up and get the funding allocated in time for the December 1 implementation. Here is a breakdown of the bill starting with the most pertinent pieces of the bill.

Of note is the \$31 million for SFY19-20 and \$43.5 million for SFY20-21 allocated to the Department of Public Safety. This funding includes support for school counselor positions and contracts with Level II community-based and residential programs for adjudicated juveniles. The following table outlines the specific amounts.

Department of Public Safety	Restricted Use	2019-2020 Recurring	2019-2020 Nonrecurring	2020-2021 Recurring	2020-2021 Nonrecurring
Division of Juvenile Justice, effective 10/1/19	5 staff training positions, 2 statistician positions, 3 information technology positions, and 2 human resources positions.	\$1.4 million	\$200,000	\$1.9 million	
Division of Juvenile Justice	1 facility management position and 6 field support specialist positions to support operations at the juvenile detention centers, youth development centers, and other DJJ facilities throughout the State	\$500,000	\$40,000	\$500,000	
Division of Juvenile Justice, effective 10/1/19	15 transportation positions and purchase 29 vans	\$594,000	\$1.04 million	\$891,000	

	increase bed capacity at juvenile detention centers	\$4.5 million		\$6.7 million	
	38 positions at, and cover certain operating expenses for, the C.A. Dillon Youth Dev. Center in the Town of Butner	\$1.5 million	\$322,000	\$2.3 million	
Effective 10/1/19	4 new school counselor positions to provide reentry and placement services, career planning, vocational training, and other services for juveniles who are preparing to exit secure custody	\$350,000	\$24,914	\$500,000	
	contracts for Level II community-based and residential programs for juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent and (ii) create, effective 12/1/19 one contract management position	\$6,500,000	\$350,000	\$11,100,000	

	5 positions in the Community Programs Section to provide administrative support and technical assistance and to monitor programmatic quality and fiscal accountability for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council programs	\$250,000	\$80,000	\$400,000	
	County-level Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils	\$4,250,000		\$6,661,930	
Beginning 11/1/19, phased in over the course of the 2019-2020 fiscal year	97 Juvenile Court Counselor positions that will act as the primary point of contact for juveniles and their families as the juveniles move through the juvenile justice system.	\$3.08 million	\$1.98 million	\$8.7 million	
	full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in the Court Services section of the Division of Juvenile	\$3.9 million		\$3.9 million	

	Justice authorized in the Committee Report described in Section 39.2 of S.L. 2018-5				
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General Breakdown of the Bill:

Part 1: addresses the allocation of assistant district attorneys to prosecutorial districts and increases positions in some areas of the State.

Part 2: addresses the allocation of district court judges and increases positions in some areas of the State.

Part 3: allots funding for specific uses from the General fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Office of Indigent Defense Services, and Department of Public Safety (see above in blue). Included below is a table with specific information on funding and usage restrictions.

State Agency Receiving Allocation	Restricted Use	2019-2020 Recurring	2019-2020 Nonrecurring	2020-2021 Recurring	2020-2021 Nonrecurring
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)	Positions for 7 deputy clerks and 7 district court judges	\$373,191	\$16,093	\$1,366,131	\$69,503
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)	Positions for 9 assistant district attorneys and 3 legal assistants	\$1,332,252	\$46,362	\$1,332,252	\$0
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)	Positions for 7 assistant district attorneys	\$879,123	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office of Indigent Defense	Training and consulting position for attorneys with juvenile cases	\$87,681	\$0	\$109,131	\$0

Services (IDS)					
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Bills that are on the move:

[H1001](#): Raise the Age Funding, the bill passed its third Senate reading on 10/9/19.

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

[H297](#): Psychologist Interjurisdictional Compact

[H434](#): Suicide Risk Ref./Mental Health/Teen Violence

[H471](#): Reduce Administrative Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers

[H555](#): Medicaid Transformation Implementation, once known as 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 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 1st Senate reading, and has been sent to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

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

[H935](#): Social Services Reform/DHHS Recommendations, the bill has passed the third reading in the house, passed the first Senate reading, and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[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

[S199](#): Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws, the Senate and House have confirmed the committee appointed but the House has changed conferees on 9/13/19.

[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:

[H75](#): School Mental Health Screening Study, the bill has been presented to the governor and signed into law as Ch. SL 2019-222.

[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.