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NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

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Legislative Calendar for the NC General Assembly

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Budget Update: House Speaker Tim Moore held [a press conference](#) on May 30th and stated that the House would be seeking to pass a series of spending bills instead of one large budget bill. Senate President Pro Tempore Berger has already stated that the Senate will not try to override the budget bill. These statements give us a better idea of how the NC General Assembly will proceed on the budget and a better explanation of why so many separate bills with appropriations are being filed.

Moore also indicated that they plan to finish the budget and the allocation of the \$1.9 billion in CARES Act funding by July 4th. He noted that the House is considering a bond for \$1.5 billion that would provide, among other things, \$800 million in funding for K-12 infrastructure/new schools.

Executive Order 143:

NC Governor Roy Cooper issued [Executive Order 143](#) on June 4th addressing the racial disparities in the spread of COVID-19. The Governor is establishing the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force. This task force will focus on:

- Access to healthcare for underserved communities;
- Enhanced patient engagement in healthcare settings;
- Economic opportunities in business development and employment;
- Environmental Justice and Inclusion;
- Create educational opportunities for communities of color.

The first report of the task force will be due on 12/1/20. The membership of the task force will include some of the Governor's cabinet leaders including the DHHS Secretary. It will also include representatives from some specific groups and gives the Governor authority to appoint other members.

Bills On the Move:

S476: School-Based Mental Health (formerly Compt-Based Assess. & Mental Health/Teen Viol.), Requires the State Board of Education to develop a school-based mental health plan for the State. The State Board will also establish minimum requirements for each school district to also develop a school-based mental health plan

and a mental health training program and model suicide risk referral protocol. Passed Senate and House, Ratified, Presented to Governor 5/29

[S836](#), State Operations/Increase Federal Funds Use: This bill authorizes the transfer of \$1.575 billion from the State's Reserve and \$150 million from the Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund to allow for continuity of operations in certain areas. \$370 m will be used for wages, overtime, personal protective equipment, in-home monitoring and other supplies for State entities such as mental health institutions, prisons, community corrections, juvenile facilities, and veteran's homes. Passed the Senate, Referred to House Appropriations

[H471](#), Exempt Medical Direct Primary Care from DOI Regs (formerly Reduce Admin. Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers): Changed to exempt primary care practices from DOI license or certification when a medical direct primary care arrangement is in place with the consumer. Passed House and Senate, ordered enrolled

[H612](#), DSS Review of Procedures/Rulemaking: require the Social Services Commission to review publications, policies and procedures that should be rules and report to OAH. Passed the House, Reported favorably by House Health, Re-Referred to House Judiciary

[H678](#), Amend Counselor/SA/Social Work Professional Acts: changes some wording to "clinical mental health professional", allows Boards to establish support programs in substance use and mental health, restructures the SA Professional Practice Board. Passed House, Re-referred to Senate Health Care and then Senate Judiciary

[H1048](#), CPS Intake Screening/PED Recommendations, prohibits county Departments of Social Services from implementing more stringent child protective services than the State requires. Reported favorably by House Judiciary and Re-referred to House Rules

[H1187](#), Raise the Age Funding: Provides funding for capital improvements at Department of Public Safety facilities that are implementing Raise the Age. Passed House and Senate, ordered enrolled

[H1208](#), Funding for Workforce Housing Loan Program: Transfers funds to be used in the Program. Passed by House, Placed on Senate calendar for 6/11

NC Bills introduced in 2020 Long Session:

[S708/H1048](#), CPS Intake Screening/PED Recommendations, prohibits county Departments of Social Services from implementing more stringent child protective services than the State requires. Referred to Senate Judiciary/Reported favorably by House Judiciary

[S765](#), Education Omnibus, includes \$2.9 m from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Extended School Year Services for exceptional children, referred to Senate Rules

[S808](#), Medicaid Transformation Necessities, referred to Senate Appropriations

[S826/H1135](#), Housing and Utilities Assistance/COVID-19, \$100 million non-recurring for housing and housing utilities assistance, referred to Senate Appropriations/House Finance

[S827/H1134](#), Housing and Foreclosure Prevention Assistance, establishes an Emergency Housing Office within DHHS, Senate Appropriations/House Finance

[S845](#), Successful Transition/Foster Care Youth, \$500,000 to implement the Foster Care Transitional Living Initiative Fund. Referred to Senate Appropriations

[S859](#), Student Internet Connectivity Act, \$176 million to expand the School Connectivity Initiative to 2 provide home mobile Internet access points for students, Referred to Senate Rules

[H1035](#), Education Omnibus, COVID-19, provisions related to class sizes, testing, etc., reported favorably by House Education Committee, re-referred to House Rules

[H1037](#), COVID-19 Health Care Working Group Policy Rec., considerable overlap with provisions in the new law (S704), Reported favorably by House Health Committee, re-referred to House Rules

[H1039](#), COVID-19 Response Act - Economic Support, provisions related to unemployment, Reported favorably by House Commerce Committee, re-referred to House Rules

[H1040](#), Healthcare for Working North Carolinians, provisions to address the gap in insurance coverage for working individuals aged 19-64, Referred to House Rules

[H1046](#), COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave, provisions allowing for paid sick leave related to COVID-19 in organizations of 500+ employees and includes provision addressing retaliation by employer and violations. Referred to House Finance

[H1071](#), State/Federal Funds for School Connectivity, \$4.6 m recurring/\$15 m non-recurring for SFY20-21. Referred to House Appropriations

[H1122](#), Provide Affordable Broadband Access to NC, grants for mobile hotspots, provides authority for health insurance to cover telehealth “including mental and behavioral healthcare”. Referred to House Rules

[H1132](#), Study on K-12 Student Retention, forms a study committee that includes school psychologist and counselor reps. Referred to House Education, K-12

[H1181](#), Certain Appropriations for Education/COVID, allocates \$405 million for internet access, grants, etc. Referred to House Appropriations

[H1182](#), Funds for Educational Entities/COVID, providing “sufficient funds” to address impact of COVID-19 on education. Referred to House Appropriations

[H1187](#), Raise the Age Funding, \$10.44 million transferred from the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Fund for renovations and improvements of certain Youth Detention Centers. Passed House, Reported favorably by Senate Appropriations and re-referred to Senate Rules

[H1188](#), TANF Benefit Increase/COVID-19, \$13.2 million to give supplemental support for TANF beneficiaries. Referred to House Rules

[H1192](#), Student Health Collaborative Pilot, \$5 million to DSS to work with DMH and DPI and allow for grants in five counties. Referred to House Appropriations

[H1196](#), Funds/COVID-19 Tests & PPE for Congregate Lvg, \$12 m to purchase diagnostic tests and personal protective equipment. Referred to House Appropriations

[H1204](#), Funds for Statewide Telepsychiatry Program, Program would be through East Carolina University Center for Telepsychiatry and e-Behavioral Health. Referred to House Appropriations

[H1206/S844](#), Student Mental Health Well-Being/COVID-19, \$480 m to increase the number of school mental health support staff. Referred to House Rules

[H1214](#), Department of Health and Human Svcs Revisions.-AB, gives Secretary authority to adjust the base budget allocations for Single Stream Funding among other things. Referred to House Health

[H1227](#), Ensure Awareness of Assistance Programs/COVID, \$2 million to ensure that children and families are connected to all federally funded public assistance programs for which they are eligible. Referred to House Rules

NC Bills still in action from 2019 Long Session:

- [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.
- [H612](#): DSS Review of Procedures/Rulemaking, Passed House and referred to Senate Judiciary
- [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.
- [H678/S300](#): changes some wording to "clinical mental health professional", allows Boards to establish support programs in substance use and mental health, restructures the SA Professional Practice Board. H678 re-referred to House Health Care
- [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.
- [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.

[H1038](#): Omnibus COVID-19 Response Funds: passed the first reading and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

[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](#): School-Based Mental Health, Ratified

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

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

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

[S740](#): COVID-19 Recovery Act: passed the third Senate reading, passed the 1st House reading, and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

[S834](#), Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap/Funds, Expands Medicaid and provides \$100,000 for DHHS to prepare. Referred to Senate Rules