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## NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: March 12, 2021

Date and Time	Committee	Location
		Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: <a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio">https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio</a>
March 15, 5:30 p.m.	Senate Rules (S. 103 on agenda)	<u>544 LOB</u> , <a href="#">livestream</a>
March 16, 8:30 a.m.	Joint HHS Appropriations	421 LOB, <a href="#">livestream</a>
March 16, 10:00 am	House Health	643 LOB, <a href="#">livestream</a>
March 16, 3:00 pm	House Children, Families and Aging Policy (H. 205 on agenda)	<u>423 LOB</u> , <a href="#">livestream</a>

### Budget:

Legislators continue to review and learn about all aspects of the budget. The Governor's budget proposal is expected to come out soon. That has traditionally signaled the beginning of the budget process but there have been times in recent years when the legislature has moved ahead without that proposal.

On March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am members of the Joint Health and Human Services Appropriations will hear about social services and the recommendations of the Child Well-Being Transformation Council. Although there is no schedule posted, it's possible that the HHS Appropriations members will hear an overview about MH/IDD/SUD services this week. They generally meet at 8:30 am Tuesday-Thursday.

### More COVID-19 Funds Appropriated:

The legislature passed another COVID-19 response bill that allocates State and federal funds. [SL 2021-3](#): 2021 COVID-19 Response and Relief was signed into law by the Governor on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Some of the provisions include:

- \$2.2 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance
- \$336 million of the Child Care and Development Block Grant funds for copayment assistance for families eligible for subsidized child care.
- From the Community Mental Health Block Grant:
  - \$47 million for mental health services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- \$2.1 million for the North Carolina Statewide Telepsychiatry Program (NC-SteP).
- \$11.25 million from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant for to provide services across the State to those in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- \$15 million for the Extended Learning and Integrated Student Supports Competitive Grant Program (Program).
- \$40 million to be held in reserve by the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated to public school units to support in-person instruction programs to address learning loss and provide enrichment activities in the summer.
- Extends Medicaid temporarily increased reimbursement rates through June 30, 2021.

### Highlighted Bills:

[H. 132](#), Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill), revisions that specify actions when there are siblings, includes permanency planning requirements

[H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula, funds a study of the formula to base it on severity of disability, referred to House Education K-12 and then Appropriations.

[H. 252/S. 207](#), Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs., several recommendations from the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee, referred to House Judiciary 2 (H. 252) and Senate Judiciary (S. 207)

[H. 261](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction, raises the minimum age from 6 to 10, referred to House Children, Families and Aging Policy and then Judiciary 2.

### Resources:

- Joint Justice and Public Safety Appropriations members heard [several presentations](#) related to juvenile justice.
- Joint HHS Appropriations members heard [an overview](#) of the Division of Child Development and Early Education.

### Bills on the Move:

[H. 82](#), Summer Learning Choice for NC Families, passed House and referred to Senate Education/Higher Learning and then Pensions.

[H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism, passed House Finance, re-referred to House Rules.

[H. 132](#), Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill), reported favorably by House Judiciary 2.

[S. 93](#), Assisting NC Families in Crisis, reported favorably by Senate Health Care and Judiciary, re-referred to Senate Appropriations

[S. 103](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism, passed Senate Healthcare and Finance, re-referred to Senate Rules

### Other Bills:

[H. 29](#), Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE

[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act  
[H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications  
[H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth  
[H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)  
[H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill)  
[H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021  
[H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools  
[H. 212](#), Social Services Reform  
[H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford  
[H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula  
[H. 252/S. 207](#), Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.  
[H. 260](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction  
[H. 262](#), Smart Start Funds  
[H. 274](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act  
[H. 277/S. 249](#), The SAVE Act  
[S. 37](#), In-Person Learning Choice for Families, ratified, vetoed by Governor on 2/26  
[S. 61](#), Dental Services/Medicaid Transformation  
[S. 78](#), A Safe Return for In-Person Learning  
[S. 86](#), Medicaid Recs/School-Based Health and InCK evaluation/ Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec  
[S. 88](#), NC FAST Child Welfare Case Mgmt./PED Study  
[S. 89](#), Regional Supervision/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec  
[S. 90](#), Social Services Reform/Inter-County Collaboration/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec  
[S. 105](#), 2021 Appropriations Act  
[S. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act  
[S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act  
[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists  
[S. 207/H. 252](#), Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.

Bills Signed into Law:

[SL 2021-1](#): COVID Relief Bill Modifications  
[SL 2021-3](#): 2021 COVID-19 Response and Relief  
[SL 2021-4](#): The Reopen the Schools Act of 2021