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## NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: May 24, 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>
May 25, 10:00 am	House Health	<a href="#">643 LOB, livestream</a>

***May is Mental Health Awareness Month!  
It's a perfect time to contact your legislators!***

### **Governor and Legislators Propose Spending \$5.7 Billion NC Received in American Rescue Plan:**

Governor Cooper unveiled his [spending proposal](#) for the \$5.7 billion in American Rescue Plan funding that North Carolina received. "This pandemic brought us a once-in-a-generation challenge. And these funds have brought us a once-in-a-generation opportunity," said Governor Cooper. "North Carolina's funding from the American Rescue Plan positions our state for a shared recovery and allows us to create a North Carolina that works for all." His recommendations include overarching areas:

- \$1.379 billion for Assisting Individuals and Families Hardest Hit;
- \$2.335 billion for Upgrading Infrastructure;
- \$1.010 billion for Preparing the Workforce;
- \$680 million for Promoting Business Development and Innovation; and
- \$312 million for Positioning Government to Best Serve North Carolinians

And more specifically includes:

- \$65 million to the state Department of Health and Human Services, the state Department of Administration and state Department of Public Safety to provide grants to vulnerable individuals and families affected by COVID. Those people would include people at risk of becoming homeless, young people transitioning out of the state's foster care programs, the elderly, people with disabilities and their caregivers, domestic violence victims and children in the juvenile justice system.
- \$300 million to expand pre-K education and child care access to children from birth to age 5.

- \$250 million in grants of either \$250 or \$500 that would be distributed to low- and middle-income families with children.
- \$575 million to address North Carolina's housing needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, with an emphasis on increasing housing affordability and availability.
- \$64 million to address food security and reduce food deserts across the state through a three-pronged approach to improve access, affordability, and infrastructure for healthy, fresh food.
- \$10 million to Winston-Salem State University for research and infrastructure at its Center for Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities.

Meanwhile, several bills have been introduced in the NC General Assembly that also direct funding from the American Rescue Plan to particular initiatives:

[H. 809](#), NC Healthy Family Act, expands Medicaid using the 5% increase in the federal medical assistance percentage incentive in the ARP. The bill has been referred to House Rules.

[H. 934](#), Student Success Program, would direct \$170 million of the ARP funds to create the Student Success Plan that distributes \$1,000 to \$3,000 grants to parents that apply through the Department of Public Instruction and the State Education Assistance Authority. Parents are able to use the grant to pay for education-related expenses like summer school, mental health counseling, camps for emotional/social development, school supplies and tutoring. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Education, K-12.

[H. 947](#), The GREAT Broadband Expansion Act, provides funding for growing rural areas to have access to technology. The bill has been reported favorably by the House Appropriations and is now re-referred to House Rules

### **Resources:**

- SSI Youth Solutions Conference through the US Dept of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy: a FREE virtual Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Youth Solutions Conference, June 9 – 11, 1 pm – 3pm ET. The conference will cover the 12 program and policy proposals that offer new strategies to increase the employment of youth and young adults who apply for or receive SSI.

Register for the event [here](#).

- Methodist Home for Children (MHC), is hosting a virtual community event for youth ages 15-21 that focuses on preparing youth to transition to adulthood. There will be prizes and swag for participants. The virtual series will provide information on budgeting, banking, interviewing skills, and resiliency on the following dates:

June 2, 2021 6PM-8PM      Leading your Parents with Raven Solomon

June 9, 2021 6PM-8PM	Budgeting and Banking
June 16, 2021 6PM-8PM	Interviewing & Soft Skills
June 23, 2021 6PM-8PM	Resiliency Skills for Life

To register use this [link](#).

### **Bills on the Move:**

[H. 383](#), Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments, passed House, referred to Senate Healthcare – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 734](#), Dept. of Health and Human Services Revisions, passed House, referred to Senate Healthcare – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 947](#), The GREAT Broadband Expansion Act, reported favorably by House Appropriations, re-referred to House Rules

[S. 172](#), Additional COVID-19 Response and Relief, appropriates additional COVID-19 relief funding related to education and housing, ratified

[S. 593](#), Special Education Due Process Hearings, passed Senate, referred to House Rules – MET CROSSOVER

### **Other Bills:**

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

[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications

[H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 132](#), Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill) – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)

[H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill) – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021

[H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 212](#), Social Services Reform

[H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford

[H. 232](#), LRC Study – Affordable Housing, MET CROSSOVER

[H. 247](#), Standards of Student Conduct – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula

[H. 252/S. 207](#), Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs. – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 261](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction

[H. 262](#), Smart Start Funds

[H. 274](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act

[H. 277/S. 249](#), The SAVE Act

[H. 298](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act

[H. 300](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act

[H. 305](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act  
[H. 313](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act  
[H. 314](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act  
[H. 325](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act  
[H. 382](#), Hospital ED Care/Medicaid Behavioral Health Service  
[H. 389/S. 350](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021  
[H. 424](#), Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility  
[H. 430](#), Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS  
[H. 470](#), Medicaid Expansion  
[H. 516](#), Raise Dropout Age to 18  
[H. 568/S. 721](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act  
[H. 579](#), School Self-Defense Act  
[H. 615](#), Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments – MET CROSSOVER  
[H. 621](#), Increase Drop Out Age/Completion Indicator – MET CROSSOVER  
[H. 653](#), Mental Health and SUD Parity Report  
[H. 657](#), School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams – MET CROSSOVER  
[H. 658](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST  
[H. 664](#), County Service Districts/Early Childhood Education – MET CROSSOVER  
[H. 665/S. 610](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid  
[H. 732](#), Peer Support Specialist Certification Act  
[H. 747](#), Merge NC Health Choice & Medicaid  
[H. 749](#), Healthy Students – School Psychologists/COVID-19  
[H. 769](#), Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights – MET CROSSOVER  
[H. 809](#), NC Healthy Family Act  
[H. 823](#), Child Advocacy Centers/Share Information – MET CROSSOVER  
[H. 837](#), Increase Student Access to School Counselors  
[H. 882](#), Behavioral Health Services for Students  
[H. 908](#), Access to Affordable Health Care Coverage for All  
[H. 914](#), Support our Direct Care Workforce  
[H. 928](#), Opioid Overdose Prev. Pilot Program/Funds  
[H. 934](#), Student Success Program  
[H. 946](#), Sound Basic Education for Every Child  
[H. 952](#), Mental Health Unit Triage Pilot Program  
[H. 953](#), Funds for School Mental Health Support Persons  
[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. 93](#), Assisting NC Families in Crisis  
[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. 301](#), Expand Expunction Eligibility – MET CROSSOVER  
[S. 350/H. 389](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021  
[S. 402](#), Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap  
[S. 463](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST  
[S. 501](#), Create Department of Adult Corrections  
[S. 514](#), Youth Health Protection Act  
[S. 515](#), Health Care Heroes Conscience Protection Act  
[S. 518](#), Protecting and Supporting NC's Children  
[S. 530](#), Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum  
[S. 594](#), Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections – Agency Bill – MET CROSSOVER  
[S. 595](#), Taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences  
[S. 610/ H. 665](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid  
[S. 615](#), Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid  
[S. 622](#), 2021 Governor's Budget  
[S. 693](#), Expedite Child Safety and Permanency – MET CROSSOVER  
[S. 721/H. 568](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act

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  
[SL 2021-7](#), Summer Learning Choice for NC Families  
[SL 2021-8](#): Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021  
[SL 2021-18](#): Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals  
[SL 2021-22](#): Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism