

**New Bills Tracked by NCSBA
Filed March 27 - 30**

Bill: HB482
Sponsors: Blackwell (R86)
Title: COUNTY COMM. ROLE IN SCHOOL BLDG ACQUISITION
Summary: An Act to Clarify the Role of the County Commissioners in School Building Acquisition.
Cospons: Corbin (R120); Cleveland (R14)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/28/2017 – House Committee On State and Local Government II
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB495
Sponsors: Horn (R68); Lucas, M. (D42)
Title: INCREASE TEXTBOOK FUNDS & SPENDING FLEX
Summary: An Act to Increase Funding for Instructional Resources, Including Textbooks, Instructional Supplies, and Equipment, and to Allow Local School Administrative Units the Flexibility to Spend These Funds on the Resources They Determine are Most Important.
Cospons: Wray (D27); Jackson, D. (D39); Graham, C. (D47); Holley (D38); Szoka (R45); Martin (R8); Terry (D71); Adcock (D41); Brockman (D60); Turner, B. (D116); Corbin (R120); Quick (D58); Strickland (R28); Henson (R113); Grange (R20); Hunter (D5); Ager (D115); Richardson, B. (D7); Graham, G. (D12); Ross, S. (R63); Turner, R. (R84); Jordan (R93); Gill (D33); Harrison (D57); Fisher (D114); Carney, B. (D102)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/28/2017 – House Committee On Appropriations
Position: Support

Bill: HB497
Sponsors: Jordan (R93); Hurley (R70); Strickland (R28); Malone (R35)
Title: RETIREMENT SYSTEMS 2% COLAS/FUNDS
Summary: An Act to Provide Two Percent Cost-Of-Living Increases for Members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, and the Legislative Retirement System.
Cospons: Wray (D27); Harrison (D57); Gill (D33); Cunningham (D106); Martin (R8); Brockman (D60); Turner, B. (D116); Murphy (R9); Beasley (D92); Corbin (R120); Henson (R113); Belk (D88); Ball (D49); Willingham (D23); Hunter (D5); Richardson, B. (D7); Turner, R. (R84); Shepard (R15); Floyd (D43); Pierce (D48); Carney, B. (D102); Lucas, M. (D42)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – House Committee On Pensions and Retirement
Position: Support

Bill: HB514
Sponsors: Brawley, W. (R103)
Title: PERMIT MUNICIPAL CHARTER SCHOOL/CERTAIN TOWNS
Summary: An Act to Permit Certain Towns to Operate Charter Schools.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – House Committee On Education
Position: Neutral

Bill: HB520
Sponsors: Arp (R69); Brody (R55); Horn (R68)
Title: UNION CO. BD. OF ED/PARTISAN ELECTION

Summary: An Act to Change the Election Method of the Union County Board of Education from Nonpartisan to Partisan.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – House Committee On State and Local Government I
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB521**
Sponsors: Arp (R69); Brody (R55); Horn (R68)
Title: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./UNION COUNTY
Summary: An Act to Provide Additional Flexibility to Union County Public Schools in Adopting the School Calendar.
Cospons: Harrison (D57); Adcock (D41); Belk (D88); Quick (D58); Brockman (D60); Floyd (D43); Carney, B. (D102); Lucas, M. (D42)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – House Committee On Education
Position: Support

Bill: **HB522**
Sponsors: Lewis (R53)
Title: CHANGE THE LOST ADJUSTMENT FACTOR
Summary: An Act to Change the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Adjustment Factor to One that Varies by Economic Development Tiers.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – House Committee On Finance
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB523**
Sponsors: Saine (R97)
Title: SCHOOL CALENDAR FLEX./LINCOLN COUNTY
Summary: An Act to Provide Additional Flexibility to Lincoln County Schools in Adopting the School Calendar.
Cospons: Harrison (D57); Adcock (D41); Belk (D88); Brockman (D60); Floyd (D43); Carney, B. (D102); Lucas, M. (D42)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – House Committee On Education
Position: Support

Bill: **HB532**
Sponsors: Horn (R68); Johnson, L. (R83); Fraley (R95)
Title: MODIFY UNC LABORATORY SCHOOLS
Summary: An Act to Modify the Governance and Operation of the University of North Carolina Laboratory Schools.
Cospons: Belk (D88)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – House Committee On Education
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB534**
Sponsors: Hanes (D72); Saine (R97); Elmore (R94); Terry (D71)
Title: COMPUTER CODING COURSE ELECTIVE
Summary: An Act to Require the State Board of Education to Develop and Identify Courses in Computer Programming and Coding that Can be Offered as Elective Courses for Middle School and High School Students.
Cospons: Belk (D88)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/30/2017 – House Committee On Education
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB537**
Sponsors: Dollar (R36); Johnson, L. (R83); McGrady (R117); Lambeth (R75)
Title: 2017 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
Summary: An Act to Make Base Budget Appropriations for Current Operations of State Departments, Institutions, and Agencies, and for Other Purposes.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – House Committee On Appropriations
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB538**
Sponsors: Hurley (R70); Horn (R68)
Title: TARHEEL CHALLENGE ACADEMY FUNDS
Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Tarheel Challenge Academy for Improvements to the Program and to Support the Adoption of the High School Diploma and Credit Recovery Program.
Cospons: Corbin (R120); Belk (D88); Harrison (D57)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/29/2017 – Filed in the House
Position: Neutral

Bill: **HB540**
Sponsors: Malone (R35); Jordan (R93); Bell, J. (R10); Hardister (R59)
Title: TEACHERS & STATE EMPLOYEES PAY RAISE
Summary: An Act Awarding a Two-Thousand-Four-Hundred-Dollar Pay Increase to Teachers and to State Employees Earning Less Than One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Appropriating Funds for Those Purposes.
Cospons: Harrison (D57); Belk (D88); Corbin (R120); Zachary (R73); Wray (D27); Lucas, M. (D42)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/29/2017 – Filed in the House
Position: Support

Bill: **HB544**
Sponsors: Fisher (D114); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Cunningham (D106); Insko (D56)
Title: HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES/PAID SICK DAYS
Summary: An Act Providing for Healthy Families and Healthy Workplaces by Ensuring that All Workers Have Earned Paid Sick Days to Address Their Own Health Needs and the Health Needs of Their Families.
Cospons: Harrison (D57)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the House
Position: Oppose

Bill: **SB390**
Sponsors: Woodard (D22)
Title: PILOT/SPORTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Summary: An Act to Authorize the Department of Public Instruction to Use Funds to Conduct a Pilot Program on Integrated Community-Based Adapted Sports Programs for Students with Disabilities.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40); Rabin (R12)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/28/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB398
Sponsors: Tarte (R41); Newton (R36); Chaudhuri (D16)
Title: DIRECT SELLERS NOT EMPLOYEES FOR UI
Summary: An Act to Exclude Direct Sellers from the Definition of Employment for Unemployment Insurance.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/28/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB406
Sponsors: Wells (R42)
Title: SWEEPSTAKES CONTROL ACT
Summary: An Act to Limit Sweepstakes Machines or Devices to No More Than Four Machines Per Location.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB421
Sponsors: Brown, H. (R6)
Title: USE OF CAREER & TECHNICAL FUNDS/ONslow COUNTY
Summary: An Act to Amend the Purposes for Which Certain Funds Appropriated to Onslow County for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year May be Used and to Make Those Funds Nonreverting.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB423
Sponsors: Krawiec (R31); Pate (R7); Hise (R47)
Title: LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES SCHOOL PILOT
Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Life Changing Experiences Community Education Project Pilot Program.
Cospons: Rabin (R12)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB428
Sponsors: Hise (R47)
Title: CHIROPRACTOR PARITY & PRECEPTORSHIPS
Summary: An Act Reenacting a Law Concerning Health Benefit Plan Co-Payments for Chiropractic Services, Allowing Chiropractic Students at Accredited Chiropractic Colleges to Participate in Preceptorship Programs, and Allowing Chiropractors to Perform Medical Examinations for Public School Students Participating in Interscholastic Athletic Competitions.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB430
Sponsors: Brown, H. (R6); Harrington (R43); Jackson, B. (R10)
Title: 2017 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
Summary: An Act to Make Base Budget Appropriations for Current Operations of State Departments, Institutions, and Agencies, and for Other Purposes.

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB435**
Sponsors: Sanderson (R2); Dunn (R33); Horner (R11)
Title: INTERNET PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES
Summary: An Act to Require Internet Web Site Publication of Legal Notices.
Cospons: Britt (R13); Rabin (R12); Jackson, B. (R10)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB439**
Sponsors: Waddell, J. (D40); Woodard (D22); Van Duyn (D49)
Title: FUNDS/ELIMINATE NC PRE-K WAITLIST STATEWIDE
Summary: An Act Appropriating Funds to Eliminate the Waitlist for the NC Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program Statewide.
Cospons: Smith-Ingram (D3); Chaudhuri (D16); Jackson, J. (D37); Bryant (D4)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Support

Bill: **SB441**
Sponsors: Chaudhuri (D16); Lee (R9)
Title: NO BUDGET, NO PAY ACT
Summary: An Act to Provide that the Salaries of Members of the General Assembly Shall be Held in Escrow If the General Assembly Has not Passed a Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year by June 30, 2017.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB442**
Sponsors: Chaudhuri (D16); Barefoot (R18)
Title: STUDY/EXPAND COMPUTER SCIENCE TO ALL STUDENTS
Summary: An Act to Direct the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction, in Collaboration with the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at North Carolina State University and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, to Develop Recommendations to Further the Teaching and Student Learning of Computational Thinking and Computer Science in North Carolina K-12 Schools.
Cospons: Van Duyn (D49); Smith-Ingram (D3); Britt (R13); Waddell, J. (D40); Jackson, J. (D37); Bryant (D4); Rabin (R12)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB443**
Sponsors: McInnis (R25)
Title: TA TUITION/TEACHERS PILOT/FUNDS FOR BOOKS
Summary: An Act to Provide that Teacher Assistants Receiving Funds to Attend an Educator Preparation Program Under the Pilot Program Authorized by S.L. 2016-94 Continue to Receive Pay While Student Teaching and that They Receive Ten Percent of the Tuition Award Towards the Cost of Books.
Cospons: Britt (R13); Waddell, J. (D40)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB445**
Sponsors: Tucker (R35); Bryant (D4); McKissick (D20)
Title: EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS MODIFICATIONS
Summary: An Act to Standardize the Filing Procedures for Expungements, to Authorize Prosecutors Access to Certain Records of Expungement, to Allow Certain Expunged Criminal Acts to be Considered in Calculating Prior Record Levels During Sentencing for Subsequent Offenses, and to Make Other Modifications to the Expungement Process.
Cospons: Britt (R13); Smith-Ingram (D3); Van Duyn (D49)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB447**
Sponsors: Barefoot (R18); McInnis (R25); Smith-Ingram (D3)
Title: TURNING TAS INTO TEACHERS
Summary: An Act to Expand the Teacher Assistant Tuition Reimbursement Pilot Program.
Cospons: Bryant (D4)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB448**
Sponsors: Barefoot (R18); Newton (R36); Krawiec (R31)
Title: PROFESSORS IN THE CLASSROOM
Summary: An Act to Authorize Local Boards of Education to Employ Higher Education Faculty Members to Serve as Adjunct Instructors for Core Academic Subjects.
Cospons: Smith-Ingram (D3)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB453**
Sponsors: McKissick (D20); Daniel (R46); Britt (R13)
Title: DRIVER INSTRUCTION/LAW ENFORCEMENT STOPS
Summary: An Act to Require Driver Instruction on Law Enforcement Procedures During Traffic Stops.
Cospons: Smith-Ingram (D3); Edwards (R48); Bryant (D4); Rabin (R12)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/29/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB461**
Sponsors: Barefoot (R18); Curtis (R44); Lee (R9)
Title: MODIFY UNC LABORATORY SCHOOLS
Summary: An Act to Modify the Governance and Operation of the University of North Carolina Laboratory Schools.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB462
Sponsors: Barefoot (R18); Curtis (R44); Daniel (R46)
Title: UNC/UTEACH PROGRAM
Summary: An Act to Direct the President, or the President's Designee, and the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina to Consider and Evaluate the Feasibility of Applying for and Implementing the Uteach Program as Part of the Curricula Offered by the University of North Carolina System.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB466
Sponsors: Smith-Ingram (D3); Ballard (R45); Woodard (D22)
Title: CIHS FUNDS
Summary: An Act to Provide Funding for the Cooperative Innovative High Schools Approved by the State Board of Education to Open in the 2016-2017 School Year and Those Schools Approved to Open in the 2017-2018 School Year.
Cospons: Cook (R1)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB467
Sponsors: Wells (R42); Rabon (R8); Rabin (R12)
Title: NORTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT REFORM
Summary: An Act to Reform the North Carolina Retirement System by Providing that Certain Persons Hired by the State Beginning July 1, 2018, Shall Participate in the North Carolina 401(K) Plan or North Carolina 457 Plan Rather Than the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System or the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System; to Provide that Members of the General Assembly Who First Become Members on or After July 1, 2018, Shall Participate in the North Carolina 401(K) Plan or North Carolina 457 Plan Rather Than the Legislative Retirement System; to Provide that Certain Local Governmental Employees Hired on or After July 1, 2018, Shall Participate in the North Carolina 401(K) Plan or North Carolina 457 Plan; to Change State Health Plan Eligibility for State Retirees; and to Make Conforming Changes.
Cospons: Sanderson (R2); Brock (R34)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Oppose

Bill: SB468
Sponsors: Brown, H. (R6)
Title: QZAB USE MODIFICATION
Summary: An Act to Modify the Uses for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB473
Sponsors: Horner (R11); Lee (R9); Barefoot (R18)
Title: CLASS SIZE REPORTING/PRINCIPAL
Summary: An Act to Require the School Principal Report to the Superintendent on Noncompliance with Class Size Requirements in Kindergarten Through Third Grade.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB474
Sponsors: Tarte (R41)
Title: A COMMON SENSE REPEAL OF HB2
Summary: An Act Providing for the Common Sense Repeal of House Bill 2 and Adopting the Federal Law Classifications for Nondiscrimination in Housing and Employment.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB480
Sponsors: Wells (R42); Gunn (R24); Wade (R27)
Title: PROTECTION FROM GOVERNMENT OVERREACH ACT
Summary: An Act to Place Restrictions on Rules with Substantial Financial Costs.
Cospons: Brock (R34)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB482
Sponsors: Tillman (R29); Britt (R13); McInnis (R25)
Title: CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE WORKPLACE
Summary: An Act to Provide Enrollment Priority and Permit Board Membership for Corporate Partners of Charter Schools.
Cospons: Rabin (R12); Sanderson (R2); Davis, J. (R50); Brock (R34)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB483
Sponsors: Smith-Ingram (D3); Curtis (R44); Clark (D21)
Title: NC COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary: An Act to Require Comprehensive School Accountability Through the Requirement of Certain Tests to Assess Progress of Students Receiving Opportunity Scholarships.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Support

Bill: SB490
Sponsors: Sanderson (R2)
Title: PORTABILITY OF LEAVE/CHARTER SCHOOLS
Summary: An Act to Allow Sick Leave to be Transferred Between a Charter School and a Local School Administrative Unit.
Cospons: Rabin (R12)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB501
Sponsors: Wade (R27); Brock (R34)

Title: 2017 DOL TECHNICAL CHANGES
Summary: An Act Making Technical, Conforming, and Other Changes to the Labor Laws of North Carolina.
Cospons: Rabin (R12)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB504**
Sponsors: Tarte (R41); Brock (R34); Britt (R13)
Title: EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY DEFINITION/FIREARMS
Summary: An Act to Define More Precisely "Educational Property" with Regard to the Law Prohibiting the Possession or Carrying of Weapons on Educational Property and to Amend the Law Restricting the Possession or Carrying of Firearms at Extracurricular Activities Conducted in Public Places.
Cospons: Rabin (R12)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB511**
Sponsors: Meredith (R19); Tillman (R29); Rabon (R8)
Title: SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FLEXIBILITY
Summary: An Act to Provide Additional Flexibility to Local Boards of Education to Enter into Leases for School Buildings and Other Facilities and Revise the Procedures for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds.
Cospons: Rabin (R12); Hise (R47)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Oppose

Bill: **SB514**
Sponsors: Chaudhuri (D16); Horner (R11)
Title: STATE BUDGET/REQUIRE 5-YEAR FORECAST
Summary: An Act to Require the Current Operations Appropriations Act Enacted by the General Assembly to be Accompanied by a Fiscal Analysis Addressing the State's Budget Outlook for a Five-Year Period.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB515**
Sponsors: Chaudhuri (D16); Ballard (R45); Lee (R9)
Title: NC SKILLS GAP STUDY
Summary: An Act Establishing the North Carolina Skills Gap Study.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40); Newton (R36); Jackson, J. (D37); Van Duyn (D49)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB516**
Sponsors: Chaudhuri (D16); Britt (R13); Krawiec (R31)
Title: STATE EMPLOYEES/PAID PARENTAL LEAVE
Summary: An Act Enacting the State Employees' Paid Parental Leave Act.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40); Van Duyn (D49)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB517**
Sponsors: Barefoot (R18); Lee (R9); Edwards (R48)
Title: NORTH CAROLINA NEW TEACHER SUPPORT ACT
Summary: An Act to Support New Teachers in North Carolina and to Appropriate Funds.
Cospons: Newton (R36); McInnis (R25)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB518**
Sponsors: Barefoot (R18); Lee (R9); Curtis (R44)
Title: BUDGET RESP./ACCOUNT./TRANSPARENCY IN SCHOOLS
Summary: An Act to Enact the Budget Responsibility, Accountability, and Transparency in Schools Act.
Cospons: Rabin (R12); Brock (R34)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB519**
Sponsors: Curtis (R44); Brown, H. (R6); McInnis (R25)
Title: NCGRADE
Summary: An Act to Establish a Minimum High School Grade Point Average as an Admission Requirement for the Unc System, to Establish the North Carolina Graduation Rate Acceleration Double Enrollment (NCGRADE) Program, to Establish the Ncgrade Grant Program, and to Appropriate Funds to Implement the Ncgrade Program.
Cospons: Pate (R7)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB525**
Sponsors: Rabin (R12)
Title: STUDY LEGISLATIVE TERM LIMITS
Summary: An Act to Create the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Legislative Term Limits.
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB527**
Sponsors: Rabin (R12)
Title: REQUIRE PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Summary: An Act to Require Physical Education for Public School Students.
Cospons: Sanderson (R2)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB530
Sponsors: Krawiec (R31)
Title: PROTECT GOVERNMENT WHISTLEBLOWERS
Summary: An Act Exempting Certain Records from G.S. 132-1 in Order to Protect Whistleblowers and Providing that a Government Employee Who Reports Improper Government Activity in Good Faith is Immune from Civil Liability.
Cospons: Sanderson (R2)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB531
Sponsors: Tucker (R35); Rabon (R8)
Title: SCHOOL BOARDS CAN'T SUE COUNTIES
Summary: An Act Repealing the Statutory Authority for a Local Board of Education to File a Legal Action Challenging the Sufficiency of the Funds Appropriated by the Board of County Commissioners.
Cospons: Rabin (R12); Horner (R11); Newton (R36); Sanderson (R2); Hise (R47); Brock (R34)
Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee
Status: 03/30/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Position: Oppose

Bill: SB534
Sponsors: Jackson, B. (R10)
Title: LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED FOR NONPROFITS
Summary: An Act to Allow Licensed Attorneys Employed by Nonprofit Membership Associations to Provide Legal Services to the Members of Those Nonprofit Membership Associations.
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB537
Sponsors: McKissick (D20); Van Duyn (D49); Bryant (D4)
Title: NORTH CAROLINA EQUAL PAY ACT
Summary: An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Payment of Wages on the Basis of the Gender of the Employee.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40); Foushee, V. (D23)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB538
Sponsors: McKissick (D20); Hise (R47); Pate (R7)
Title: SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST TASK FORCE
Summary: An Act to Establish a Joint Legislative Task Force on Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Student Athletes.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB540
Sponsors: Lowe (D32); Tillman (R29); Tarte (R41)
Title: COMPUTER CODING COURSE ELECTIVE

Summary: An Act to Require the State Board of Education to Develop and Identify Courses in Computer Programming and Coding that Can be Offered as Elective Courses for Middle School and High School Students.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB541**
Sponsors: Horner (R11)
Title: TEACHER COMPENSATION/EXCEED MAX. CLASS SIZE
Summary: An Act to Change Class Size Requirements for Kindergarten Through Third Grade and Require that a Local Board of Education not in Compliance with Individual Class Size Requirements Compensate a Teacher for the Increased Student Workload Until that Class Size is Corrected or the Local Board Receives a Waiver.
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB542**
Sponsors: Tillman (R29); Foushee, V. (D23); Gunn (R24)
Title: PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ACT OF 2017
Summary: An Act to Enact the Public School Building Bond Act of 2017.
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Support

Bill: **SB548**
Sponsors: Randleman (R30); Daniel (R46); Brock (R34)
Title: STRENGTHEN HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS/STUDIES
Summary: An Act Strengthening Human Trafficking Laws, Authorizing the North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to Regulate Massage and Bodywork Therapy Establishments, and Authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services and the State Board of Education to Study Ways to Protect Survivors of Human Trafficking and to Educate Teachers and Support Personnel About Ways to Identify Victims of Human Trafficking.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40); Cook (R1)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: **SB549**
Sponsors: Randleman (R30); Britt (R13); Daniel (R46)
Title: JUVENILE REINVESTMENT ACT
Summary: An Act to Raise the Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction to Include Sixteen- and Seventeen-Year-Olds Who Have Committed Misdemeanor Offenses; to Provide a Victim the Opportunity to Request Review of Decision not to File a Petition; to Increase the Information Available on Juveniles to Law Enforcement and for Court Proceedings; to Authorize School-Justice Partnerships Statewide to Reduce School-Based Referrals to the Juvenile Court System; to Require Regular Juvenile Justice Training for Law Enforcement Officers; and to Establish the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee.
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB554
Sponsors: Bryant (D4); McKissick (D20); Robinson, G1 (D28)
Title: FAIR REDISTRICTRING/POSTMARK&ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Summary: An Act to Create the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Fair Redistricting and to Provide that Absentee Ballots Received by a County Board of Elections by Mail on the Day After the Election that are not Postmarked are Deemed to Have Been Postmarked on or Before Election Day Upon Verification of Receipt by the County Board of Elections.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB556
Sponsors: Bryant (D4); Robinson, G1 (D28); Foushee, V. (D23)
Title: HEALTHY FAMILIES & WORKPLACES/PAID SICK DAYS
Summary: An Act Providing for Healthy Families and Healthy Workplaces by Ensuring that All Workers Have Earned Paid Sick Days to Address Their Own Health Needs and the Health Needs of Their Families.
Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40)
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB558
Sponsors: Meredith (R19)
Title: SCHOOL ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
Summary: An Act to Establish the School Road Improvement Grant Program.
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Support

Bill: SB561
Sponsors: Jackson, J. (D37); Britt (R13); Jackson, B. (R10)
Title: EXPUNCTION - CHARGES DISMISSED/NOT GUILTY
Summary: An Act to Provide that Charges that are Dismissed or for Which There are Findings of not Guilty or not Responsible May be Expunged Without Regard as to Whether the Person Has Received a Prior Expunction.
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral

Bill: SB562
Sponsors: Tucker (R35); McInnis (R25); Curtis (R44)
Title: LOCAL FUNDS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS
Summary: An Act to Require a Board of County Commissioners to Appropriate a Per Pupil Amount of Funds to a Charter School for Each Student Enrolled in the Charter School Who Resides in a Local School Administrative Unit Located in that County.
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Support

Bill: SB579
Sponsors: Ford, J. (D38)

Title: THE CATHERINE A. ZANGA MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL
Summary: An Act Establishing the North Carolina Medical Cannabis Act.
Progress: Filed
Status: 03/30/2017 – Filed in the Senate
Position: Neutral