New Bills Tracked by NSBA Filed April 3 - 6

Bill: HB553 Sponsors: White (R26)

Title: LANE DEPARTURE DRIVER EDUCATION CURRIC./STUDY

Summary: An Act to Direct the Department of Public Instruction to Study the Advisability of Adding Lane Departure

to the Actual Driving Portion of the Driver Education Curriculum.

Cospons: Strickland (R28); Adcock (D41); Reives (D54)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – House Committee On Education

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB554 Sponsors: Saine (R97)

Title: FINES AND FORFEITURES/PAYMENT TO SCHOOLS

Summary: An Act to Direct Excess Receipts in the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund to be Transferred to the School

Technology Fund in the Same Fiscal Year to be Used Toward Payment of the 2008 Court Judgment on Civil Penalties, Fines, and Forfeitures and to Direct the Legislative Research Commission to Study Ways to

Satisfy the Remainder of the Judgment.

Cospons: Szoka (R45); Wray (D27)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – House Committee On Education

Position: Support

Bill: HB556

Sponsors: Horn (R68); Hurley (R70); Lucas, M. (D42); Bell, L. (D21)

Title: OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Summary: An Act to Establish the Office of Early Childhood Education.

Cospons: Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Wray (D27); Harrison (D57); Gill (D33); Graham, C. (D47); Steinberg (R1);

Graham, G. (D12); Terry (D71); Reives (D54); Brockman (D60); Willingham (D23); Belk (D88); Quick (D58); Dulin (R104); Beasley (D92); Hunter (D5); Bradford (R98); Richardson, B. (D7); Hanes (D72); Martin (R8); Holley (D38); McGrady (R117); Floyd (D43); Pierce (D48); Fisher (D114); Carney, B.

(D102); Earle (D101)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – House Committee On Education

Position: Support

Bill: HB570

Sponsors: Speciale (R3); Pittman (R82); Ford, C. (R76); Boswell (D6)

Title: K-12 ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Summary: An Act to Require the State Board of Education to Adopt a Policy of Academic Freedom.

Cospons: Riddell (R64)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – House Committee On Education

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB571

Sponsors: Hanes (D72); Hardister (R59); Dobson (R85); Quick (D58) **Title:** AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION/WRONGFUL CONVICTION

Summary: An Act to Provide for the Automatic Expunction of a Person's Record If the Person is Wrongly Convicted,

Incarcerated, and Later Cleared of the Charge and to Appropriate Funds to the Administrative Office of the

Courts to Help Implement this Act.

Cospons: Bell, L. (D21); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Wray (D27); Harrison (D57); Floyd (D43); Gill (D33); Malone

(R35); Riddell (R64); Terry (D71); Reives (D54); Ager (D115); Brockman (D60); Yarborough (R2); Beasley (D92); Butler (D18); Boswell (D6); Autry (D100); Hunter (D5); Bradford (R98); Adcock (D41); Richardson, B. (D7); Graham, G. (D12); Holley (D38); Graham, C. (D47); Jackson, D. (D39); Alexander,

K. (D107); Pierce (D48); Fisher (D114); Carney, B. (D102); Lucas, M. (D42); Earle (D101)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – House Committee On Judiciary I

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB572

Sponsors: Ross, S. (R63); Davis, T. (R19); Goodman (D66); Malone (R35) **Title:** LEGAL NOTICES/REQUIRE INTERNET PUBLICATION **Summary:** An Act to Require Internet Web Site Publication of Legal Notices.

Cospons: Martin (R8); Setzer (R89)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – House Committee On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB582

Sponsors: White (R26); Hardister (R59); Meyer (D50)

Title: ABUSE & NEGLECT RESOURCES/ANON. TIP LINE APP

Summary: An Act to Require Public Schools to Provide Students with Information and Resources on Child Abuse and

Neglect, Including Sexual Abuse, to Appropriate Funds to Support the Anonymous Safety Tip Line

Application, and to Make Certain Changes to Update the General Statutes.

Cospons: Fisher (D114); Harrison (D57); Richardson, B. (D7); Adcock (D41); Boswell (D6); Strickland (R28);

Turner, B. (D116); Reives (D54); Terry (D71); Dollar (R36); Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Lucas, M. (D42)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – House Committee On Education

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB583

Sponsors: Arp (R69); Ross, S. (R63)

Title: PAY-AS-YOU-GO CAPITAL & INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Summary: An Act to Create the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund that will Utilize Debt Service Savings for the

Purpose of Additional Debt Service Obligations, Capital Improvements, Economic Development, and Early

Debt Repayment.

Cospons: Hurley (R70); Jones, Bert (R65); Saine (R97); Lambeth (R75); Riddell (R64); Reives (D54); Stone (R105);

Clampitt (R119); Hall (R87); Corbin (R120); Boswell (D6); Bradford (R98); Martin (R8); Szoka (R45);

McNeill (R78); Moore, R. (D99); McElraft (R13); Dollar (R36); Wray (D27)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – House Committee On Appropriations

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB600

Sponsors: Bell, J. (R10); Lewis (R53); Jones, Brenden (R46); Goodman (D66)

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: Torbett (R108); Malone (R35); Steinberg (R1); Hunter (D5); Boswell (D6); Rogers (R112); Hanes (D72);

Riddell (R64); Graham, C. (D47); Floyd (D43); Wray (D27)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – House Committee On Education

Position: Oppose

Bill: HB603 Sponsors: Garrison (D32)

Title: SMALL FARMS TO HEALTHIER SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Small Farms to Healthier Schools Initiative, a Partnership Between

School Nutrition Programs and Local Farmers.

Cospons: Farmer-Butterfield (D24); Harrison (D57); Graham, G. (D12); Reives (D54); Hunter (D5); Brockman

(D60); Richardson, B. (D7); Graham, C. (D47); Fisher (D114); Lucas, M. (D42); Insko (D56)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – House Committee On Appropriations

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB605

Sponsors: Willingham (D23)

Title: SCH. DIST. HOLD HARMLESS/HURRICANE MATTHEW

Summary: An Act to Hold Harmless Local School Administrative Units that Were Impacted by Hurricane Matthew for

Purposes of Average Daily Membership and the Budget Rating Used to Calculate the Allotment for the

Transportation of Students.

Cospons: Richardson, B. (D7); Hunter (D5); Graham, C. (D47); Farmer-Butterfield (D24)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/05/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB608

Sponsors: Stevens, S. (R90); Lewis (R53); Dollar (R36); Jordan (R93) **Title:** FAMILY/CHILD PROTECTION & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Summary: An Act to Reform the Child Welfare System in this State; Improve Accountability and State Oversight of

the Child Welfare System; Require the State to Develop a Plan for a Regional System of Social Services

Departments; Establish a Child Well-Being Transformation Council to Improve Coordination,

Collaboration, and Communication Among Child-Serving Agencies; Establish a Pilot Program to Help Youth in Substitute Care Obtain Drivers Licenses; Establish a Pilot Program to Authorize a Waiver of the

Employment Requirement for Foster Parents of Children Receiving Intensive Alternative Family

Treatment; Reduce the Time Frame a Parent Has to Appeal from a Termination of Parental Rights Order;

and Reduce the Time Frame for Licensure Approval Regarding Foster Care.

Cospons: Dulin (R104); Clampitt (R119); Martin (R8)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/05/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB610

Sponsors: Malone (R35); Murphy (R9); Turner, B. (D116) **Title:** FUNDS FOR NC PRE-K/TIER 3 COUNTIES

Summary: An Act to Appropriate Additional Funds for the NC Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program in Tier Three

Counties.

Cospons: Farmer-Butterfield (D24); McNeill (R78); Adcock (D41); Hunter (D5); Richardson, B. (D7); Gill (D33);

Lucas, M. (D42); Insko (D56)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/05/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Support

Bill: HB612

Sponsors: Adams (R96); Henson (R113); Boswell (D6); Presnell (R118) **Title:** COMPREHENSIVE FIREARM ED. ELECTIVE/SCHOOLS

Summary: An Act to Authorize a Local Board of Education to Offer a Comprehensive Firearm Education Elective

Course Developed and Identified by the State Board of Education.

Cospons: Clampitt (R119); Speciale (R3); Blackwell (R86)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/05/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB623

Sponsors: Clampitt (R119)

Title: TRANSFER CERTAIN EXCESS LANDS/HAYWOOD BOED

Summary: An Act to Transfer Certain Excess Lands in Haywood County to the Haywood County Board of Education

for So Long as Those Lands are Used for Education-Related Purposes.

Cospons: Corbin (R120); Dulin (R104); Presnell (R118); Riddell (R64)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/06/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB634

Sponsors: Hardister (R59); Blackwell (R86); Elmore (R94); Quick (D58) **Title:** PRIVATE ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION

Summary: An Act to Direct the State Board of Education to Approve Certain Qualifying Alternative Lateral Entry

Teacher Education Preparation Programs.

Cospons: Boswell (D6); Riddell (R64)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/06/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB638

Sponsors: Corbin (R120); Garrison (D32); Hunter (D5); Potts (R81)

Title: PUBLIC SCHOOL CONST. GRANTS & LOTTERY CHANGES

Summary: An Act to Appropriate a Portion of Lottery Revenues for K-12 School Construction Based Upon County

Need and Ability to Pay for School Construction Projects and to Make Changes to Advertising Cost

Limitations in the North Carolina Education Lottery.

Cospons: Clampitt (R119); Boswell (D6); Wray (D27)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/06/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Support

Bill: HB641 Sponsors: Boswell (D6)

Title: SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Summary: An Act to Enhance School Bus Safety.

Cospons: Clampitt (R119)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/06/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Support

Bill: HB643

Sponsors: Hardister (R59); Brockman (D60)

Title: CIVICS AND ECONOMICS EDUC. STUDY COMMITTEE

Summary: An Act to Establish the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Civics and Economics Education.

Cospons: Fisher (D114); Farmer-Butterfield (D24)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/06/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB645 Sponsors: Blust (R62)

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.

Cospons: Harrison (D57); Farmer-Butterfield (D24)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/06/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB651

Sponsors: Dollar (R36); Lambeth (R75); McNeill (R78); Ross, S. (R63)

Title: STATE PENSION/RET. HEALTH BEN. FUND SOLVENCY

Summary: An Act to Establish the Unfunded Liability Solvency Reserve.

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/06/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: HB658

Sponsors: Burr (R67); Dobson (R85)

Title: EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVE/FUNDS

Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds for Early Literacy Initiatives.

Cospons: Farmer-Butterfield (D24)

Progress: Filed

Status: 04/06/2017 – Filed in the House

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB582

Sponsors: Barringer (R17)

Title: GSC TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS 2017

Summary: An Act to Make Technical Corrections to the General Statutes, as Recommended by the General Statutes

Commission.

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/04/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB583

Sponsors: Barringer (R17)

Title: OCCUP. THERAP./PHYS. THERAP. SALARIES

Summary: An Act to Improve the Salaries of Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists Who are Public School

Employees.

Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Reported from Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – Senate Committee On Education/Higher Education

Position: Support

Bill: SB585 Sponsors: Wells (R42)

Title: STUDY INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Summary: An Act to Require the Legislative Research Commission to Study the Relationship Among Federal, State,

and Local Government Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities.

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB586

Sponsors: Ballard (R45); Tillman (R29); Brock (R34)

Title: REQUIRE U.S. CIVICS TEST IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Summary: An Act to Require a High School Civics Test Identical to the Civics Portion of the U.S. Naturalization Test.

Cospons: Alexander, J. (R15); Krawiec (R31); Sanderson (R2)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB589

Sponsors: Gunn (R24); Blue (D14); Lee (R9) **Title:** FANTASY SPORTS REGULATION

Summary: An Act to Require Registration of Fantasy Sports Contest Operators with the Department of the Secretary

of State.

Cospons: Waddell, J. (D40); Smith-Ingram (D3) **Progress:** 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB591

Sponsors: Gunn (R24); Horner (R11); McInnis (R25)

Title: SITE AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUND

Summary: An Act to Create a Fund to Provide Loans to Local Government Units for the Development of Sites and

Buildings.

Cospons: Smith-Ingram (D3); Ford, J. (D38) **Progress:** 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB594

Sponsors: Barringer (R17); Harrington (R43); Tucker (R35)

Title: FAMILY/CHILD PROTECTION & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Summary: An Act to Reform the Child Welfare System in this State; Improve Accountability and State Oversight of

the Child Welfare System; Require the State to Develop a Plan for a Regional System of Social Services

Departments; Establish a Child Well-Being Transformation Council to Improve Coordination,

Collaboration, and Communication Among Child-Serving Agencies; Establish a Pilot Program to Help Youth in Substitute Care Obtain Drivers Licenses; Establish a Pilot Program to Authorize a Waiver of the

Employment Requirement for Foster Parents of Children Receiving Intensive Alternative Family

Treatment; Reduce the Time Frame a Parent Has to Appeal from a Termination of Parental Rights Order;

and Reduce the Time Frame for Licensure Approval Regarding Foster Care.

Cospons: Sanderson (R2); Cook (R1); Van Duyn (D49); Smith-Ingram (D3); Waddell, J. (D40); Dunn (R33); Newton

(R36); Ballard (R45); Alexander, J. (R15); Lee (R9); Krawiec (R31); Tarte (R41); Gunn (R24); Blue (D14)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Reported from Committee

Status: 04/06/2017 – Senate Committee On Health Care

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB598

Sponsors: Barefoot (R18); Meredith (R19); Britt (R13) **Title:** FUTURE TEACHERS OF NORTH CAROLINA **Summary:** An Act to Establish Future Teachers of North Carolina.

Cospons: Jackson, J. (D37); Smith-Ingram (D3); Ballard (R45); Newton (R36); Alexander, J. (R15); McInnis (R25);

Rabin (R12); Daniel (R46)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Reported from Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Education/Higher Education

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB599
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Sponsors: Barefoot (R18)

Title: EXCELLENT EDUCATORS FOR EVERY CLASSROOM

Summary: An Act to Establish the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission, to Authorize the

Expansion of Educator Preparation Programs and to Create a System that Holds All Programs Accountable, to Reorganize and Clarify the Educator Licensure Process, and to Ensure Availability of Information on

Teacher Vacancies Occurring in North Carolina Public Schools.

Cospons: Smith-Ingram (D3)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB603

Sponsors: Lee (R9); Barefoot (R18); Clark (D21)

Title: EXCEPTIONAL EDUC. FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Summary: An Act to Establish an Education Savings Account Program in North Carolina.

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Oppose

Bill: SB623

Sponsors: Ballard (R45); Tillman (R29) SCHOOL BUS FLEXIBILITY

Summary: An Act to Provide Additional Flexibility to Local Boards of Education in the Use of School Buses.

Cospons: Smith-Ingram (D3); Krawiec (R31) **Progress:** 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Support

Bill: SB626

Sponsors: Davis, D. (D5); Tillman (R29)

Title: PERMIT SUPERINTEND. SPOUSES TO WORK

Summary: An Act to Permit Spouses of Superintendents to be Employed by a Local Board of Education.

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB628

Sponsors: Tillman (R29); Brock (R34); Tucker (R35)

Title: VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS **Summary:** An Act to Make Various Changes to the Revenue Laws.

Cospons: Krawiec (R31)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB637 Sponsors: Bryant (D4)

Title: SMALL FARMS TO HEALTHIER SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Summary: An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Small Farms to Healthier Schools Initiative, a Partnership Between

School Nutrition Programs and Local Farmers.

Cospons: Jackson, J. (D37); Waddell, J. (D40); Smith-Ingram (D3); Foushee, V. (D23); Woodard (D22)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB647

Sponsors: Barefoot (R18); Curtis (R44); Lee (R9)

Title: JLEOC STUDY/ESSA/SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Summary: An Act to Direct the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to Study Any Minimal Changes

Required to the School Performance Grade System that May be Necessary to Comply with the

Requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Cospons: Rabin (R12)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB649

Sponsors: Daniel (R46); Brock (R34); Hise (R47)

Title: PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS - NC RESIDENTS ONLY

Summary: An Act to Provide that Access to North Carolina Public Records are for North Carolina Residents.

Cospons: Rabin (R12)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB658

Sponsors: Hise (R47); Barefoot (R18) **Title:** CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDS

Summary: An Act to Authorize Boards of County Commissioners to Determine the Method of Providing County

Funds to Charter Schools, Including Authorizing a County to Provide Capital Funds to a Charter School Subject to Return of Those Funds Upon Dissolution of the School, and to Revise the Uniform Budget

Format for Local School Administrative Units.

Cospons: Krawiec (R31); Rabin (R12)

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Oppose

Bill: SB662

Sponsors: Smith-Ingram (D3)

Title: CHARTER SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM

Summary: An Act to Provide for a Grant Program for Charter Schools to Receive Funds to Cover a Certain Percentage

of Their Student Transportation Costs.

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Neutral

Bill: SB664

Sponsors: Britt (R13); Horner (R11)

Title: RESTORE ED.-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS **Summary:** An Act to Restore Education-Based Salary Supplements.

Progress: 1st Chamber: Referred to Committee

Status: 04/05/2017 – Senate Committee On Rules and Operations of the Senate

Position: Support