



**SURPRISE!
2018 SHORT
SESSION
PREVIEW**

NCSBA Legislative Webinar Series

May 14, 2018

LET'S BREAK
TO EDUCATE

WEBINAR SERIES

Legislative discussions
Mondays @ noon



Overview of the Webinar

- Final Reports and Legislative Recommendations from notable interim legislative committees.
- High priority bills for NCSBA during the 2018 session.
- May 8 election results and potential impacts on the lawmaking climate.

Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

Legislative Recommendations

- Title: *Extend Pilot/Virtual Charter Schools*
 - Extend the virtual charter school pilots for 4 additional years – through 2022-23.

- Title: *Cross-Training DPI Licensure Section Staff*
 - Implement cross-training program within the Licensure Section to improve timely processing of educator license applications.

- Title: *Revise Cursive & Multiplication Report*
 - SBE/DPI submit an annual report on LEA compliance to implement requirements for cursive writing and the memorization of multiplication tables.

Joint Legislative Study Committee on the Division of LEAs Recommendations

- *Key Finding:* Legislation to create a process to breakup large LEAs **requires additional study.**

House Select Committee on School Safety

- Formed after the Parkland tragedy.
- Study issues of school and student safety.

House Select Committee on School Safety

Legislative Recommendations

- *Rec #1:* Accept nationally certified school psychologist credential for licensure in North Carolina.
- *Rec #2:* Continue working towards meeting national recommended staffing ratios for school mental health support professionals.
- *Rec #3:* Establish threat assessment teams in all public schools.
- *Rec #4:* Require LEAs to develop peer to peer counseling programs in middle & high schools. Provide grants for training and materials.
- *Rec #6:* Provide funding for apps that allow anonymous reporting on bullying, weapons, potential threats, abuse, suicide and related issues.

House Select Committee on School Safety

Legislative Recommendations

- *Rec #8:* Study expansion and requirements of volunteer SRO program.
- *Rec #10:* Create training and continuing ed requirements for SROs.
- *Rec #11:* Increase SRO grant by \$1.8 million for elementary & middle schools.
- *Rec #12:* Require annual vulnerability assessments for each school building.
- *Rec #13:* Require local school boards to submit annual SRO report.

Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee

Legislative Recommendations

- Title: *Local Law Enforcement/Citizens Academies*
 - The police dept. or Sheriff may establish a citizens academy which prepares participants to provide appropriate volunteer services that support the operations of the department and increases safety and security within the community.
 - The volunteer can't be armed unless the individual successfully completes a basic law enforcement training course and is approved to do so.

Links to Final Reports of Findings & Recommendations

- Ed Oversight:

<https://www.ncleg.net/documentsites/committees/JLEOC/Report%20to%20the%20General%20Assembly%20Session/2018%20JLEOC%20Final%20Report.pdf>

- Study Committee on Dividing LEAs

<https://www.ncleg.net/documentsites/committees/bcci-6701/Final%20Report%20of%20the%20Jt%20Leg%20Study%20Committee%20on%20Division%20of%20Local%20School%20Admin%20Units.pdf>

- House Select Committee on School Safety

https://www.ncleg.net/documentsites/committees/House2017-190/5-10-2018/01_Draft%20School%20Safety%20Committee%20Report.pdf

- Emergency Management Oversight

https://www.ncleg.net/documentsites/committees/JLEMOC/2017-2018%20Interim/April%202012,%202018/JLEMOC_2017_2018_InterimReport_FINAL_r03.pdf

Other Notable Ongoing Committees

- Jt. Legislative Task Force on Education Finance Reform
 - Reviewing options for changing the current State school funding method.
- Governor's Commission on Access to a Sound Basic Education
 - Analyzing changes that should be made for the State to comply with the *Leandro* ruling.

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High Priority Bills NCSBA Will Watch

Support

Oppose

School Construction/Capital Funding

- **HB866/SB542 (Parked in House Finance)**
 - \$1.9 billion statewide school construction bond on November 2018 ballot.
- **HB333 (Parked in Senate Rules)**
 - Allow counties to do additional ½ cent sales tax referendum for public education.
- **HB600 (Parked in Senate Education)**
 - Agreements where a third-party firm would build school facilities and then lease them back to the local board of education.
 - Several concerns.

School Calendar

- **HB375 (Parked in Senate Rules)**
 - LEAs may set school start date as early as August 15 to align with local community college start date.
- **HB389 (Parked in Senate Rules)**
 - Pilot program for 20 counties and the LEAs within those counties to start school anytime after August 10.
 - 3-year pilot.
 - Study effects on commerce and student achievement.

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High Priority Bills NCSBA Will Watch

Public School Accountability

- **HB322 (Parked in Senate Rules)**
 - Create a 50/50 split in how performance and growth are calculated in A-F grades.
- **HB458 (Parked in Senate Education)**
 - Create 2 separate school grades- 1 for performance and 1 for growth.
 - Example: West Johnston High School receives a B in performance and A for growth.

Low-Performing Schools

- **HB826 (Parked in Senate Rules)**
 - Change the definition of “low-performing” school to be a D or F school that does not meet growth
 - Currently: a D or F school that does not meet growth OR meets growth could make it “low-performing.”

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High Priority Bills NCSBA Will Watch

School Board-County Commission Relations

- SB531 (Parked in House State/Local Govt Cmte)
 - As written would eliminate the option for school boards to take legal action against county commissioners over local education funding.
 - Program Evaluation Division report and recommendation.
 - Eliminate the legal option and replace it with a default funding formula.
 - Keep the mediation process.

Other Bills

- **HB285**
 - Require all school personnel in grades 6-12 who have direct interaction with students to receive 2 hours of training on student suicide awareness.
 - Overlap with SBE policy requiring training on mental health awareness.
- **HB514**
 - Allow the Towns of Matthews and Mint Hill to operate charter schools.
- **HB670**
 - Make it a felony to issue a threat of mass violence on educational property or at an extracurricular activity.

Notable 2018 Primary Results

Legislators Who Retired/Ran for Another Office

- Republicans
 - Rep. John Blust
 - Rep. Jeff Collins
 - Rep. Carl Ford (ran for Senate/won primary)
 - Rep. Bert Jones
 - Rep. Susan Martin
 - Rep. Bob Muller
 - Rep. Linda Hunt Williams
 - Rep. Bob Steinburg (ran for Senate/won primary)
 - Rep. Sam Watford (ran for Senate/lost primary)
 - Sen. Chad Barefoot
 - Sen. Bill Cook
 - Sen. Cathy Dunn
 - Sen. Ron Rabin
 - Sen. Tommy Tucker

- Democrats
 - Rep. Larry Bell
 - Rep. Bev Earle
 - Rep. Mickey Michaux
 - Sen. Angela Bryant

2018 Notable Primary Results

- Incumbents defeated:
 - Rep. Beverly Boswell (R-Dare)
 - Rep. Justin Burr (R-Stanly)
 - Rep. Duane Hall (D-Wake)
 - Rep. Rodney Moore (D-Mecklenburg)
 - Rep. Sam Watford (R-Davidson)
 - Senator Dan Barrett (R-Davie) – double bunked with Senator Joyce Krawiec
 - Senator David Curtis (R-Lincoln)
 - Senator Joel Ford (D-Mecklenburg)
 - Senator Shirley Randleman (R-Wilkes) – double bunked with Senator Deanna Ballard
- Notable open seat primaries:
 - Rep. Bob Steinburg won primary for eastern NC Senate district formerly occupied by Bill Cook
 - Vickie Sawyer won Iredell/Yadkin Senate seat beating former Senator Bob Rucho
 - Wayne Co. school board member Raymond Smith wins Sampson County House seat

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- NCSBA Governmental Relations Department will host weekly webinars throughout the 2018 session with updates on legislative activity.

- Mondays at Noon.

- To sign up for future legislative webinars and access previous legislative webinars:

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