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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.
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:**
  

- **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**
  

- **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.
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.
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.”
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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- Mondays at Noon.

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