

2019 Senate Education K-12 Crossover Bills

Bill Number	Short Title	Primary Sponsors	Description	NCSBA Comments
SB 5	Building North Carolina's Future	Brown, R-Onslow; Harrington, R-Gaston; Krawiec, R-Forsyth	Allows State and local educational institutions access funding from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund to address critical capital funding needs	This is a pay-as-you-go program with no specific allocation per LEA or guarantees that money will materialize.
SB 88	Electrician Requirements for Certain Orgs	Sawyer, R-Iredell; T. Alexander, R-Cleveland	Enables licensed electrical contractors employed by schools, hospitals, and nonprofits to make repairs and conduct maintenance at all facilities and times when done at the direction of the school, hospital, or nonprofit.	
SB 123	Portability of Leave/Charter Schools	Sanderson, R-Pamlico	Allows sick leave to be transferred between a charter school and a LEA	
SB 219	Modify Teacher Licensing Requirements	McInnis, R-Richmond; Tillman, R-Randolph; Johnson, R-Union	Modifies teacher licensure requirements by adding a monitoring compliance component and a conversion to continuing professional license component to the examination requirements for initial professional licenses	
SB 227	Broaden Charter School Sibling Priority	Tillman, R-Randolph	Broadens charter school enrollment priority to include siblings who apply to the charter school in the same school year and children of persons who work full-time for the chartered school	
SB 230	Excused Absences for Military Children	D.Davis, D-Greene; Brown, R-Onslow; Ballard, R-Watauga	Directs SBE to adopt rules providing for excused absences from school for children of members of the armed forces of the U.S.	

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SB 301	Regional School Transportation	Brown, R-Onslow	Extends the study of current statutes on regional schools and clarifies transportation requirements for participating units in an approved regional school by requiring transportation substantially similar to what was provided to students in 2018-19 school year	
SB 343	Changes to Education Reports	Ballard, R-Watauga	Revises education reporting requirements	LEAs must annually report by April 1 to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and SBE the start/end dates of the instructional calendar for the next academic year.
SB 366	9th/10th Grade/College Transfer Pathways	McInnis, R-Richmond; B. Jackson, R-Sampson	Permits certain freshman and sophomore high school students to be eligible to enroll in college courses as part of an academic transition pathway or college transfer certificate	
SB 354	Student Notice/Charter School Closure/Restr.	Ballard, R-Watauga; Edwards, R-Henderson; Harrington, R-Gaston	Requires notice to parents prior to closing a charter school or materially revising its charter	
SB 391	Expand Youth Internship Opportunities	Ballard, R-Watauga; Gunn, R-Alamance; Newton, R-Cabarrus	Provides a limited exception to the prohibition on youth participating in supervised, practice experiences with employers in occupations found detrimental by the Commissioner of Labor	

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SB 392	Superintendent May Approve Charter Facility Bonds	Ballard, R-Watauga; Brown, R-Onslow; Newton, R-Cabarrus	Designates the Superintendent of DPI as an applicable elected representative who may provide public approval of one or more private activity bonds to finance a charter school facility	
SB 399	Rehire High-Need Teachers	Horner, R-Nash; Berger, R-Rockingham; Chaudhuri, D-Wake	Allows retired teachers to return to work in high-need schools without adversely impacting the retired teachers' benefits	
SB 438	Excellent Public Schools Act of 2019	Berger, R-Rockingham	Modifies the implementation of the NC Read to Achieve program in order to attain statewide reading proficiency by the third grade	
SB 448/HB 340	Amend Appointment for Compact on Education/Military	Brown, R-Onslow	Amends the requirements for an individual appointed by the Governor as Compact Commissioner to represent at least one LEA with a high concentration of military children	
SB 476	Reaffirm Local Control of Discipline Policies	Horner, R-Nash; Tillman, R-Randolph; Ballard, R-Watauga	Reaffirms local control over student discipline policies not inconsistent with State and federal law	
SB 500	Modify Advanced Math Course Enrollment	Smith, D-Northampton; Tillman, R-Randolph; Chaudhuri, D-Wake	Makes modifications to the implementation of advanced math courses offered when practicable for grades three and higher	

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SB 522	Various Changes to Charter School Laws	Tillman, R-Randolph	Makes various changes to the laws affecting charter schools	Removes the cap on enrollment growth for the two virtual charter schools. During their 3 years of operation, both schools have received D school performance grades and have never met growth.
SB 556	GSC People First Language 2019	Edwards, R-Henderson; Hise, R-Mitchell; Perry, R-Lenoir	Updates statutes by changing the phrase "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" or "intellectual or other developmental disability"	
SB 609	K-12 Scholarship Changes	Ballard, R-Watauga; Clark, D-Hoke; Johnson, R-Union	Simplifies eligibility requirements for the children with disabilities scholarship grant program, clarifies eligibility for scholarship programs to apply to certain 4 year olds, and makes changes to the opportunity scholarship grant program	
SB 621	Testing Reduction Act of 2019	Tillman, R-Randolph; Ballard, R-Watauga; Sawyer, R-Iredell	Reduces testing administered to students in public schools and requires LEAs to implement a plan to eliminate certain local standardized testing if the LEA's number of tests administered or number of hours required for tests exceeds the State average	