



Legislative Update

February 3, 2017

The 2017 Long Session of the North Carolina General Assembly promises to be yet another heavy-hitter with education legislation. Fresh out of the gate is [HB 13](#) "Class Size Requirement Changes" which attempts to fix the 2016 budget provision that has an adverse impact on special subject teachers in the arts, physical education, world languages, etc.

As always, educators' and other leaders' efforts to keep their legislators informed of the local impact of education legislation will be instrumental in these months ahead. The following are the key House and Senate Education Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs who will begin taking up education bills in Committee as soon as next week:

| House | House | Senate |
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| <u>Education K-12</u> Chairs | <u>Appropriations, Education</u> Chairs | <u>Education/Higher Education Committee</u> <u>Appropriations, Education/Higher Education</u> |
| Rep. Debra Conrad | Rep. Hugh Blackwell | Sen. Chad Barefoot |
| Rep. Jeffrey Elmore | Rep. Jeffrey Elmore | Sen. David Curtis |
| Rep. Craig Horn | Rep. John Fraley | Sen. Michael Lee |
| Rep. Linda Johnson | Rep. Craig Horn | |
| Co-Chairs | Rep. Pat Hurley | |
| Rep. Cecil Brockman | Co-Chair | |
| Rep. Bobby Richardson | Rep. Debra Conrad | |

Hot topics anticipated this year include, but are not limited to: class size allotment solution, school calendar flexibility, increasing pay for school-based administrators and educators, student-weighted allotment formula studies, charter schools, Every Student Succeeds Act and School Performance Grades laws, professional development funding, Digital Learning Plan, low-performing schools and districts, and more.

Please visit our [legislative webpage](#) for background information on legislative issues and briefing papers. One valuable resource on the 2016 education laws/budget enacted by the General Assembly is our [Report on Education Legislation](#).

Relevant Bills with Action This Week

1. [HB 5 \(SB 7\)](#) Unemployment Insurance Technical Changes
 - Referred to Committee on Commerce and Job Development. If favorable, will be referred to Committee on Finance.
 - Referred to Senate Committee on Rules and Operations of the State(SB 7)
2. [HB 6 \(SB 9\)](#) Education Finance Reform Task Force/PED Report
 - Referred to House Committee on Education K-12
 - Referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate (SB 9)
3. [HB 13](#) Class Size Requirement Changes
 - Referred to House Committee on Appropriations. If favorable, will be referred to Committee on Appropriations.
4. [HB 18](#) State Agencies Must Use Eprocurement/PED
 - Referred to Committee of State and Local Government

5. [HB 20](#) School Calendar Flexibility- Alamance County
 - Referred to House Committee on Education K-12
6. [HB 23](#) ([SB 15](#)) Teacher/Isolated K-12 Schools
 - Referred to House Committee on Education K-12. If favorable, will be referred to Appropriations. (SB 15)
 - Withdrawn from Committee (SB 15)
 - Re-referred to Appropriations/Base Budget. If favorable, re-refer to Education/Higher Education. If favorable, re-refer to Rule and Operations of the Senate. (SB 15)
7. [HB 24](#) ([SB 22](#)) Study Unfunded Liability/Retiree Health Fund
 - Referred to House Committee on Pensions and Retirement (HB 24)
 - Referred to Senate Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate (SB 22)
8. [HB 39](#) Amend Appointments/UNC Board of Governors
9. [SB 3](#) DOT/DMV Changes
 - Referred to Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
 - Withdrawn from Committee
 - Re-referred to Transportation. If favorable, will be referred to Judiciary. If favorable, will be referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate.
10. [SB 8](#) Ease Occupational Licensing Burdens on Military Families
 - Referred to Senate Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate
 - Withdrawn from Committee
11. [SB 25](#) Repeal HB2
 - Referred to Rules and Operations of the Senate

Committee Meetings/Session: February 6-9

Monday, February 6

- 4:00 Senate Convenes
- 7:00 House Convenes

Tuesday, February 7

- 8:30 AM House Finance, 544 LOB
- 10:00 AM House Education K-12, 643 LOB
- 11:00 AM House Transportation, 643 LOB
- 1:00 PM House Education Universities, 1228 LB

Wednesday, February 8

- 11:00 AM Representative Dollar and Senator Jackson Press Conference, Press Room LB

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