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NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families
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Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:

Date and Time	Committee	Location Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio

As anticipated, there are indications that the NC General Assembly is beginning to turn some attention to the regular business at hand. Rep. Lambeth introduced several empty 2020 Omnibus Appropriations Act bills that will be used for the budget process ([H1103](#), [H1112](#), [H1114](#)) and the three chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee together introduced [S808](#), Medicaid Transformation Necessities. Just a quick refresher on where we stand with a budget for Medicaid Transformation—DHHS is working under a continuing resolution based on budget levels from SFY18-19. The SFY19-20 DHHS budget did not pass in the long session due to disagreements between the Governor and the General Assembly and it included the funds and provisions needed to move forward with Medicaid Transformation.

S808 looks very much like the previous budget proposal provisions related to Medicaid Transformation and include:

- Appropriates “sufficient funds” to move forward with Medicaid Transformation;
- Requires that capitated contracts with health plans will begin no later than January 1, 2021;
- Medicaid recipients with mild-to-moderate behavioral health issues will move to the Standard Plans;
- Establishes the Medicaid Contingency Reserve to be used for Medicaid budget shortfalls;
- Establishes the Hospital Assessment Act;
- Creates the Hospital Uncompensated Care Fund.

[S476](#), Competency-Based and Mental Health/Teen Violence, was on the move this week. The bill requires public school units to establish a suicide risk referral protocol and mental health training programs. The bill had already passed both the Senate and the House and was sent to a conference committee. Conferees have now been reappointed.

NC Bills introduced in 2020 Long Session:

[S708/H1048](#), prohibits county Departments of Social Services from implementing more stringent child protective services than the State requires. Referred to Senate Judiciary/House Judiciary

[S765](#), Education Omnibus, includes \$2.9 m from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Extended School Year Services for exceptional children, referred to Senate Rules

[S808](#), Medicaid Transformation Necessities, referred to Senate Appropriations

[S826/H1135](#), Housing and Utilities Assistance/COVID-19, \$100 million non-recurring for housing and housing utilities assistance, referred to Senate Appropriations/House Finance

[S827/H1134](#), Housing and Foreclosure Prevention Assistance, establishes an Emergency Housing Office within DHHS, Senate Appropriations/House Finance

[H1035](#), Education Omnibus, COVID-19, provisions related to class sizes, testing, etc., reported favorably by House Education Committee, re-referred to House Rules

[H1037](#), COVID-19 Health Care Working Group Policy Rec., considerable overlap with provisions of in the new law (S704), reported favorably by House Health Committee on 4/29, re-referred to House Rules

[H1039](#), COVID-19 Response Act - Economic Support, provisions related to unemployment, reported favorably by House Commerce Committee on 4/29, re-referred to House Rules

[H1040](#), Healthcare for Working North Carolinians, provisions to address the gap in insurance coverage for working individuals aged 19-64, referred to House rules

[H1046](#), COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave, provisions allowing for paid sick leave related to COVID-19 in organizations of 500+ employees and includes provision addressing retaliation by employer and violations, referred to House Finance

[H1071](#), State/Federal Funds for School Connectivity, \$4.6 m recurring/\$15 m non-recurring for SFY20-21, referred to House Appropriations

[H1122](#), Provide Affordable Broadband Access to NC, grants for mobile hotspots, provides authority for health insurance to cover telehealth "including mental and behavioral healthcare", referred to House Rules

[H1132](#), Study on K-12 Student Retention, forms a study committee that includes school psychologist and counselor reps, referred to House Education, K-12

NC Bills still in action from 2019 Long Session:

[H5](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see S3)

[H76](#): School Safety Omnibus

[H102](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see S245)

[H121](#): Expunction Related to Raise the Age/No Conviction

[H234](#): Funds for Child Advocacy Centers

[H241](#): Education Bond Act of 2019

[H250](#): Dept. of Health and Human Services Revisions

[H291](#): Continue Social Services Regional Supervision and Collaboration Work Group (SSWG) and Extend Children's Council

[H297](#): Psychologist Interjurisdictional Compact

[H434](#): Suicide Risk Ref./Mental Health/Teen Violence

[H471](#): Reduce Administrative Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers

[H555](#): Medicaid Transformation Implementation, the Senate has withdrawn this bill from the calendar and re-referred it to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[H580](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see S636)

[H601](#): Funds for NAMI North Carolina, Inc.

[H613](#): Essential Services for Homeless Youth

[H655](#): NC Health Care for Working Families, the bill was re-referred to the House Committee on Health, received a favorable committee substitute, and was re-referred to the House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations.

[H702](#): Modify Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (see S555)

[H822](#): Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan, the bill has been sent to the Senate, passed the 1st Senate reading, and has been sent to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[H825](#): Strengthen Child Fatality Prevention System: passed first reading and referred to the House Committee on Health.

[H826](#): Standardized Assessment/Foster Care Pilot

[H956](#): Funds/Youth Villages and Other Purposes

[H966](#): 2019 Appropriations Act, this bill was placed on the calendar for January 14, 2020, withdrawn from the calendar and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

[H1038](#): Omnibus COVID-19 Response Funds: passed the first reading and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

[S3](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see H5)

[S175](#): Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist

[S212](#): NC Fast/Early Child/Transformation/ACH Assess., the conference committees have been appointed.

[S245](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see H102)

[S251](#): Modernization of Drug Court Programs

[S361](#): Healthy NC., the Senate failed to concur on the health committee substitution, so the Senate and House have appointed committee conferees for the bill.

[S382](#): School Psychologist Compensation and Recruitment (see H482)

[S427](#): Smart Start Funds (see H124)

[S476](#): Compt-Based Assess. & Mental Health/Teen Viol., after over three months of inactivity, the bill has conference committees appointed in the House and the Senate.

[S549](#): Child Welfare/Behavioral Health Pilot/Funds

[S624](#): Guilford County Mental Health Facility /Funds (see H360)

[S636](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see H580)

[S740](#): COVID-19 Recovery Act: passed the third Senate reading, passed the 1st House reading, and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.