



North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore

Legislative Summary 2017



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The North Carolina House of Representatives strives to secure the prosperity of our constituents – natives and new arrivals alike – by making smart choices to build a bright future for our fellow citizens and families.

We work together to help North Carolina's economy grow by being good stewards of public dollars and offering students an excellent education system to pursue their dreams.

North Carolina families can have confidence they live in a great state that is responsive to its citizens, on sound financial footing and well-prepared for emergencies.

Businesses can invest in our state with the assurance that North Carolina offers a well-trained workforce and top-tier opportunities for job creation.

I'm proud of the hard work and smart decisions made by the North Carolina General Assembly that produced promising results for families, businesses and all people in our state.

I appreciate the hard work of every House member this session, all the legislative staff and each citizen of North Carolina who we are so proud to serve statewide.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Moore".

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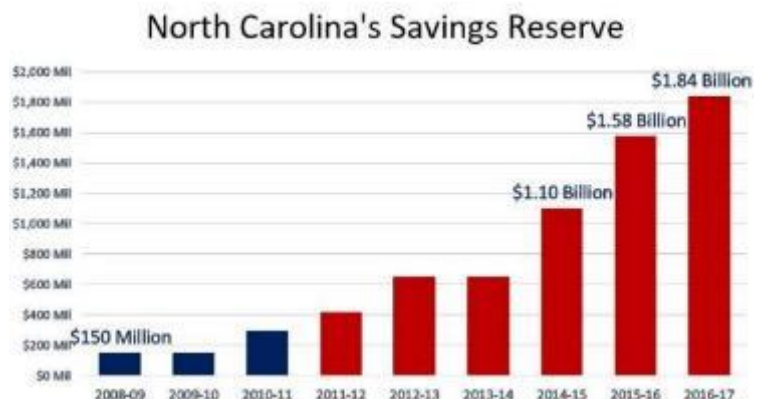
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As North Carolina families and businesses know, there's a stark difference between wasteful spending and smart investing of their hard-earned money.

Budgeting taxpayer funds is no different, and the North Carolina House of Representatives has produced a superior return on investment with our budget strategy.

The House prefers smart investments that produce results and avoids wasteful spending that generates higher taxes, deficits and debt.

We are helping the private sector create jobs by living within our means and passing fiscally sound budgets that lower taxes so citizens can keep more of their earnings.



In 2017, the North Carolina House continued enacting a commonsense approach to spending that is a paradigm shift in funding our state government.

Properly funding state government allows us to meet essential needs of North Carolinians, look ahead and produce positive investments for North Carolina taxpayers.

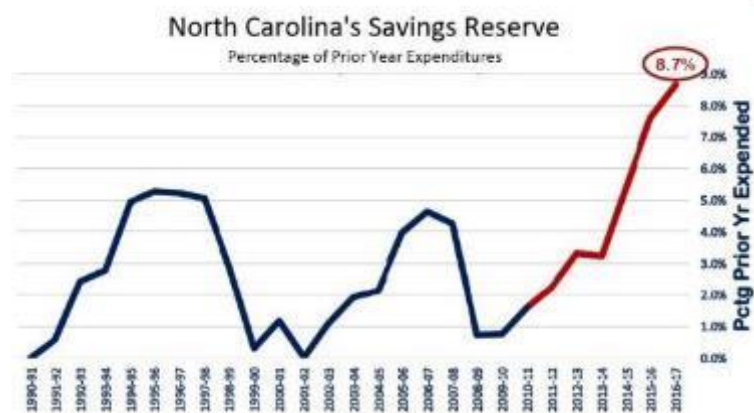
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The North Carolina House of Representatives repaid – ahead of schedule – more than \$2 billion in debt since 2011. By 2017, North Carolina grew our record savings reserve to \$1.8 billion.

That's a nearly \$4 billion swing in six years.

North Carolina's \$23 billion state budget enacted in 2017 spends over \$13 billion per year on public education and maintains a responsible growth rate in state expenditures.

Our commitment to fiscal responsibility and prioritized investments is saving taxpayers on debt service costs and protecting their investments with a strong rainy day fund.



The 2017-2018 state budget builds a strong foundation for economic success with targeted investments and tax relief for working middle-class North Carolinians.

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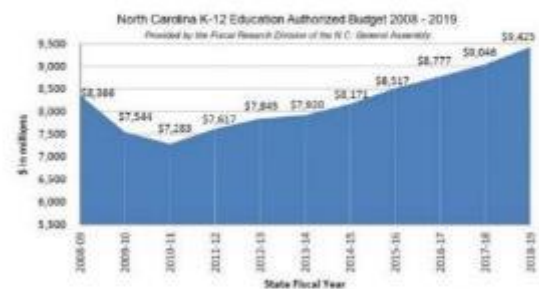
EDUCATION

- Increases funding for public education by nearly \$700 million over two years.
- Fully funds K-12, community college and public university enrollment growth.
- Allocates more than \$100 million from lottery funds for grants to economically struggling, rural counties to assist with critical public school building needs.
- Every teacher will see an increase in pay, average teacher pay will reach \$50,000 and starting teacher pay \$35,000.



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N.C. Education Spending Rising Rapidly

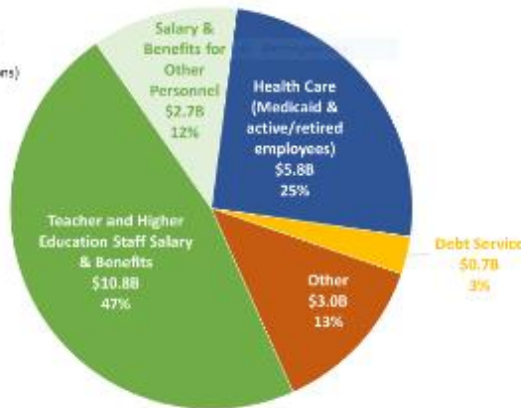


Raleigh, N.C. – Public education spending is rising rapidly in North Carolina under Republican leadership, according to a visual analysis released by the state's nonpartisan Fiscal Research Division this week.



North Carolina Budget: By Service Area

Salary and Benefits
account for \$13.5B
(59% of Appropriations)



Figures from Session Law 2017-52 for FY 2017-18 budget

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EDUCATION CONTINUED

- Invests an additional \$11 million in textbooks and digital resources and increases funding for children with disabilities.
- Reserves new salary allotment and funding structure for K-5 program enhancement teachers beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.
- Renews the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program and Teacher Assistant Tuition Reimbursement Program.
- Restores funding to Eastern North Carolina STEM and extends the “TA to Teacher” pilot program in the 14 local school districts originally designated for expansion.
- Fully funds the N.C. Promise Program, New Teacher Support Program, and Future Teachers of N.C.



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Teaching Fellows Commission Selects 5
Institutions in North Carolina



Raleigh, N.C. – The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission announced it selected five partner institutions this week based on legislative criteria and an applications process passed into law by the state House of Representatives.

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\$400,000 Coding, App Development
Grants Awarded to North Carolina Students



Raleigh, N.C. – The North Carolina General Assembly funded a \$1.2 million Coding and Mobile App Development Program in the 2017-18 state budget that recently awarded \$400,000 to help middle and high school students learn digital skills in public schools.

- Includes over \$18 million in new funding for medical education, including funding increases to the UNC School of Medicine and to the school's Asheville campus.

- Protects the Read to Achieve, Teach for America, and Communities in Schools programs.

- Offers \$2.5 million each year of the biennium to support doctoral programs at North Carolina A&T University.

- Funds \$1.2 million Coding and Mobile App Development Program
- Provides \$2.5 million to assist colleges with start-up costs for high-cost workforce training programs.
- The state budget also guarantees fixed-rate tuition for students at public universities within the state.



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N.C. Republicans Remove Cost Barrier to
College Credit, More Students Succeed



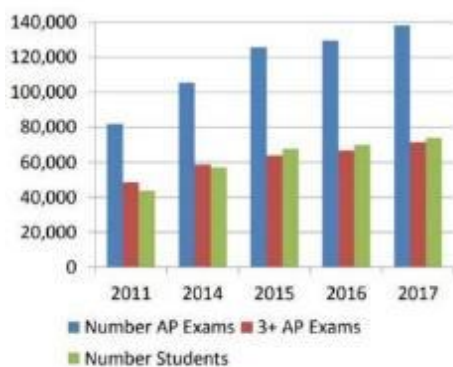
Raleigh, N.C. – Student participation and successful performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams in North Carolina have increased substantially since the Republican-led General Assembly began funding the college credit testing fees in 2014, according to data provided by the State Board of Education this month.

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EDUCATION CONTINUED

- The state budget funds college-credit exam fees for students taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses.

NC Public Schools Data Highlights 2017

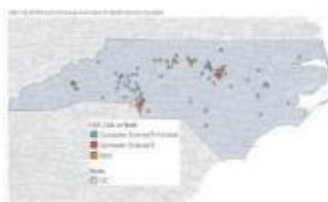


North Carolina saw growth in all three major categories of AP Participation and Performance:

- 6.0 % increase of students taking exams over last year (74,041 students, ↑ 4,084)
- 22% increase of students taking exams over past 3 years
- 6.9 % Increase of exams taken over last year (138,282 exams, ↑ 8,744)
- 29% increase of exams taken over past 3 years
- 7.1 % increase of examinees scoring 3+ over last year (71,337 exams, ↑ 4,691)
- 19% increase of examinees scoring 3+ over past 3 years

- North Carolina has had a 22% increase of students taking college credit exams, a 29% increase in the total number of exams taken and a 19% increase in successful test-takers since the state began funding exam fees in 2015.

AP Computer Science Principles



AP CSP introduces students to the foundational concepts of computer science and challenges them to explore how computing and technology impact the world we live in.

Students learn:

- Creative problem solving
- How to apply computational processes to analyze large data sets
- Programming
- How the Internet works and important cyber security issues
- Impacts of computing innovations

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EDUCATION CONTINUED

Growth in Underrepresented Examinees

The mission of the Partnership between The College Board and the state of North Carolina is to prepare, inspire, and connect students to postsecondary success and opportunity, with a particular focus on minority students and students who are underrepresented in postsecondary education.

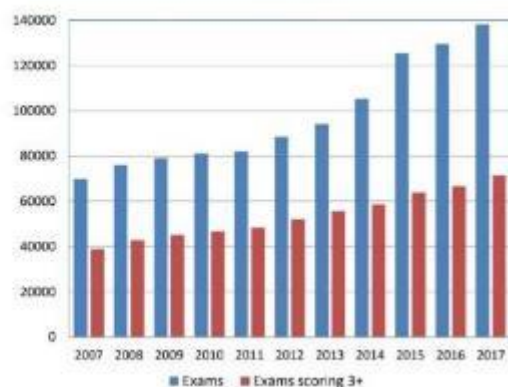
- AP participation and performance for Black and Hispanic students in North Carolina's public schools continues to outpace the participation and performance for Black and Hispanic students seen nationwide.
- The number of Black AP Exam-Takers in North Carolina's public schools increased 5.9% from 2016 to 2017, as compared to a 5.0% increase in Black AP Exam-Takers in public schools nationwide.
- The number of Hispanic AP Exam-Takers in North Carolina's public schools increased 13.5% from 2016 to 2017, as compared to an 8.8% increase in Hispanic AP Exam-Takers in public schools nationwide.

CollegeBoard

- Directs \$1.5 million to the Cheatham-White Scholarship Program, provides state matching funds for up to 20 scholarships at both North Carolina Central University and North Carolina A&T University.

- Adds over \$3 million to expand the NC Works Career Coaches Program in community colleges.

NC Public Schools AP Participation and Performance: 10 Year Trend

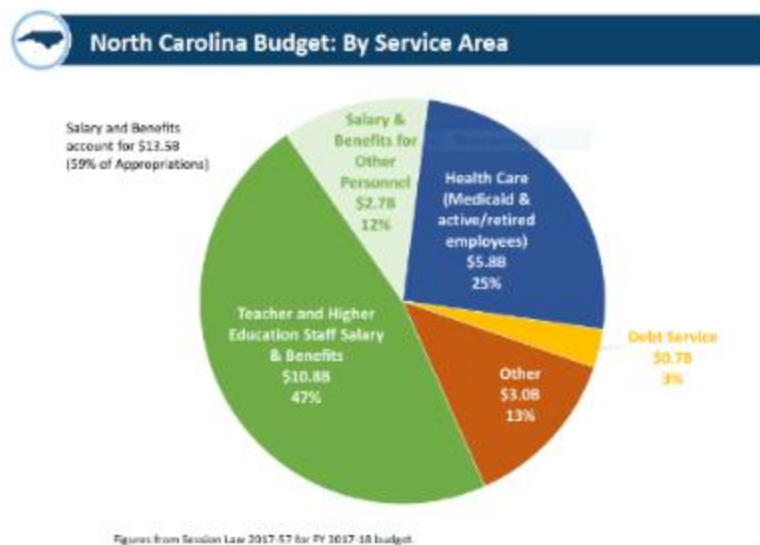


- Provides \$2 million for Short-Term Workforce Training in community colleges.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Upgrades the Controlled Substance Reporting System that will use advanced analytics to detect and fights prescription drug abuse.
- Allocates \$15 million to community health centers, rural clinics, and free clinics to assist the underinsured.
- Invests \$18 million to improve North Carolina's child welfare program, including new training and prevention programs, and nearly \$4 million to improve accountability and oversight of the system.
- Directs \$3 million in additional support for foster children.
- Designates \$10 million for opioid and substance abuse treatment.
- Allocates \$19 million from the sale of Dorothea Dix to fund behavioral health beds.



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTINUED

- Continues preparing for the transition to Medicaid reform by allocating \$75 million to grow the Medicaid Transformation Reserve.
- Includes more than \$12 million for 400 new innovation waiver slots for people with intellectual and other related developmental disabilities that are at risk for institutional care.
- Provides more than \$27 million over two years to add 3,525 new pre-K slots – eliminating 75 percent of the waitlist for at-risk children.



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Speaker Moore Responds to President's
Declaration of a Public Health Emergency



Raleigh, N.C. – North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore responded to President Donald Trump's declaration of a public health emergency in the opioid addiction epidemic Friday.

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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Increases funding for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Tobacco Trust Funds, and Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.
- Expands support for the aquaculture industry and provides funding for dredging to ensure valuable economic activity on the coast can continue.
- Allocates over \$750,000 to expand international marketing of North Carolina agriculture products.
- Provides funding for engineers to improve dam safety and review emergency action plans to help prevent catastrophic flooding.
- Sets aside \$2.3 million to purchase a new firefighting aircraft in the wake of devastating wildfires in Western North Carolina.
- Provides more than \$400,000 to local utilities in Southeastern North Carolina for GenX contaminant water treatment and testing in the Cape Fear River.



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GenX Treatment & Transparency Proposal
Approved by North Carolina House



Raleigh, N.C. – On Thursday the North Carolina House of Representatives approved local funding and administrative accountability measures to begin addressing the discharge of the chemical GenX into the Cape Fear River.

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TRANSPORTATION

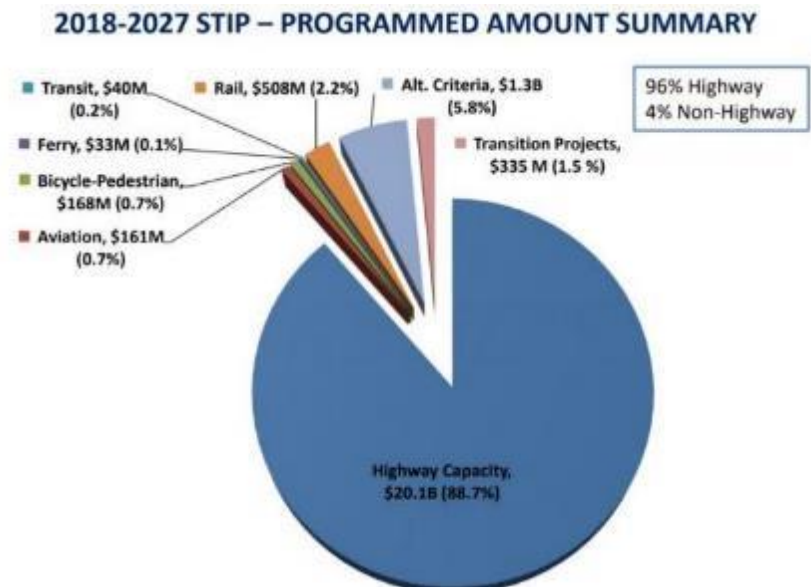
- Increases funding for the Strategic Transportation Investments Program (STIP) by \$320 million, allowing 100 new highway projects to be added over a ten-year period.
- Includes \$241 million to improve structurally deficient bridges, adds \$143 million to improve the condition and safety of existing roads.
- Increases contract resurfacing by \$20 million and increases funding for pavement preservation by \$30 million, extending the life of thousands of miles of roads.
- Invests \$100 million to fund immediate need construction projects that improve mobility and safety, reduce congestion and spur economic development.



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TRANSPORTATION CONTINUED

- Includes \$208 million over two years for a Roadside Environmental Fund dedicated to ensuring the safety and beautification of the state's highways.
- Modernizes the state's transportation network by providing additional funding to airports across the state for infrastructure improvements, and to the State Ports Authority for infrastructure and dredging needs.
- Provides recurring annual funds up to \$45 million to the North Carolina State Ports Authority for new cranes, expansion of ship berths and basins.



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SALARIES AND BENEFITS

- Passes a fourth consecutive teacher pay raise, investing more than \$100 million in the first year, in addition to substantial teacher pay raises in 2014, 2015 and 2016, dramatically increasing educator pay in North Carolina.
- Incorporates a new plan to let highly-qualified new teachers begin at a higher pay grade on the salary schedule.
- Provides financial incentive to teachers who accept positions in low-performing schools, are licensed in special education or STEM classes, or meet other criteria.
- Ensures average teacher pay in North Carolina is \$50,000 and starting teacher pay \$35,000.
- Includes roughly \$25 million to expand a performance-based bonus program to top-performing 4th and 5th grade reading teachers and 4th-8th grade math teachers.
- Allocates \$10 million for a bonus program for veteran teachers with more than 25 years of experience.
- Scheduled and reserved future funds for a fifth consecutive teacher pay raise in 2018 state budget.



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\$10,000 Raise Since 2014 for N.C. Teachers
Starting 11th School Year



Raleigh, N.C. – Teachers starting their eleventh year in North Carolina public schools received a \$10,380 pay raise since 2014, a 32% salary increase provided by the Republican-led General Assembly.

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SALARIES AND BENEFITS CONTINUED

- Provides a \$1,000 salary increase to state employees.
 - 2014-'15 budget provided \$1,000 raise to all state employees
 - 2015-'16 budget provided \$750 bonus to all state employees
 - 2016-'17 budget provided 1.5% raise + 0.5% bonus to all state employees
- Designates \$4 million to increase the base salary range for state workers.
- Provides more than \$35 million to substantially increase principal and assistant principal pay.
- Provides \$10 million in the biennium toward hard-to-hire positions across state government, such as health care technicians and nurses.
- Offers experienced-based step increases to teachers, State Highway Patrol troopers, clerks and magistrates.
- Delivers third consecutive year of salary increases for correctional officers, bringing total commitment to more than \$700 million over the next 10 years.



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JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- Begins the process to “raise the age” of juvenile jurisdiction in North Carolina, ensuring 16 and 17-year olds suspected of misdemeanor offenses and less serious felonies would be tried as juveniles instead of adults by December 2019.
- Establishes a Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee to develop specific plans for implementation.
- Strengthens laws against human trafficking and funds signage to increase awareness of the warning signs of trafficking.
- Funds needed additional positions in the state court system, including dozens of new deputy clerks of court and assistant district attorneys.
- Provides more than \$4 million for law enforcement training for North Carolina officers.

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Brings the rainy day fund to \$1.838 billion, or 8.2 percent of last year's state budget – the largest dollar amount and percentage in North Carolina history.
- Adds \$125 million to make needed repairs and renovations to state and university facilities.
- Aims to make government operations more efficient by investing in a fully-consolidated statewide Enterprise Resource Planning system.
- Continues the commitment to improving government transparency by funding a website that makes every state agency, county, and local school district budget available for citizens to view online.
- Adds \$125 million to make needed repairs and renovations to state and university facilities.

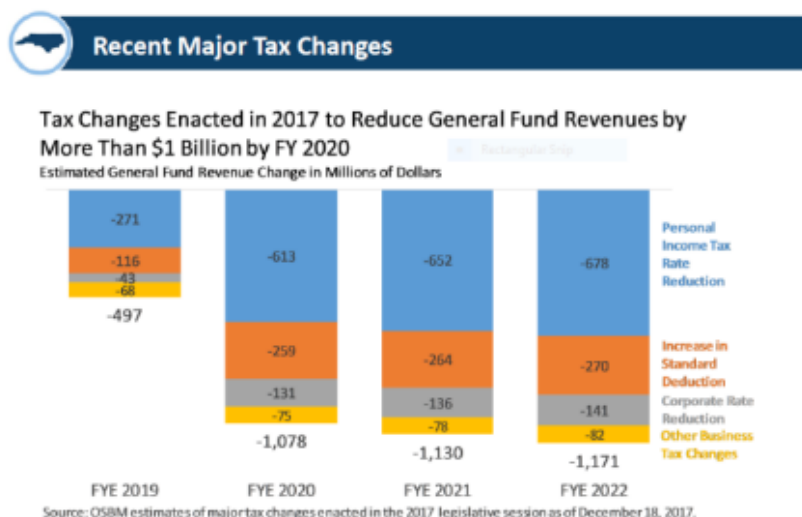
"The results speak for themselves when you compare last decade to this decade--North Carolina now has budget surpluses where we had deficits, we have billions in savings reserves instead of state debt thanks to a successful approach that focuses on people's priorities"

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Tax Reform

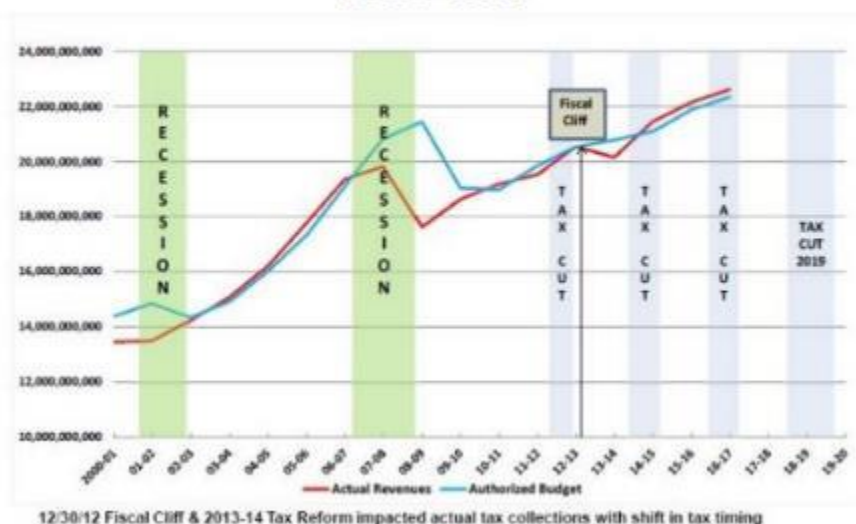
In 2017 the North Carolina House of Representatives continued to reduce the tax burden on families and small businesses by **cutting the personal income tax rate** from 5.499 to 5.25 percent by 2019.

It also **increased the amount of earnings exempt** from state income tax by raising the standard deduction.



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Compare Actual Revenue vs Authorized Budget 2000-2017



Tax Reform Continued

The North Carolina House of Representatives also provided tax relief by **lowering the corporate income tax rate** from 3 percent to 2.5 percent in 2019.

The North Carolina House has maintained a **1% lower sales tax rate since 2011** of 4.75%.

The 2017 state budget **simplifies and reduces the franchise tax on small businesses** by cutting what is effectively a statewide property tax and **creating a flat \$200 tax** on the first \$1 million of a business's net worth.



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1.5M Working North Carolinians Are Exempt
from Income Tax by 2019, 30% of Returns



Raleigh, N.C. – The state Department of Revenue predicts 1.5 million working North Carolinians will not owe state income tax on their earnings by 2019, primarily middle to low-income earners filing 30% of all returns.

Tax Reform Continued

By 2019, tax relief this decade will exempt more than 350,000 working adults – primarily low-income individuals and families – from owing any income tax.



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Cooper Administration: Republicans
Protect 241,000 From Income Tax



Raleigh, N.C. – Officials at Gov. Roy Cooper's Department of Revenue confirmed this week that Republican-led tax relief protects hundreds of thousands of low-income North Carolinians from paying any income tax by 2019.

More than 1.5 million total working North Carolinians will fall into the state's zero-tax bracket by 2019 and owe zero personal income tax on their earnings.

That's a 23% increase in North Carolinians whose earnings are exempt from state income tax since 2011.

"The Republican-led General Assembly in North Carolina has kept its promises to North Carolinians by passing historic income tax cuts this decade, growing the economy and benefiting the bottom-lines of average and low-income working families across the state."

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Education: Bills Passed in the House

Bill	Short Title	Senate Status
H6	Education Finance Reform Task Force/PED Report	Rules Cmte.
H12	Community College Board of Trustees	Rules Cmte.
H13	Class Size Requirement Changes	Passes
H14	Community College Board of Trustees	Rules Cmte.
H39	Amend Appointments/UNC Board of Governors	Passed
H42	Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education Election	Rules Cmte.
H55	Apex/Cary Police Assistance on School Grounds	Passed
H68	Bright Futures Act	Rules Cmte.
H84	DL/Deaf or Hard of Hearing Designation	Passed
H87	ESSA Plan Submission	Rules Cmte.
H90	NC Truth in Education	Conference Cmte.
H97	Arts Education Requirement	Rules Cmte.
H115	Retirement Technical Corrections Act of 2017	Passed
H135	Technical Changes to Courses of State Statute	Passed
H148	Amend NC Constitution-Literacy Requirement	Rules Cmte.
H149	Students with Dyslexia and Dyscalculia	Passed
H155	Omnibus Education Law Changes	Passed
H159	Charter School TSERS Election	Passed
H174	Concealed Carry/Church School Property	Rules Cmte.
H194	SBCC Elections	Passed
H212	Zeta Phi Beta Special Registration Plates	Passed
H235	Teacher Mentor Qualification	Education Cmte.
H265	Partisan Elections/Certain School Boards	Select Cmte. On Elections
H285	Suicide Prevention/Awareness School Personnel	Rules Cmte.
H293	Onslow/Pender Board of Education Partisan	Rules Cmte.
H302	DoDEA/Clinical Educators for Student Teaching	Rules Cmte.
H322	School Performance Grades	Rules Cmte.
H327	NC Board of Proprietary Schools	Rules Cmte.
H333	Local Option Sales Tax Flexibility	Rules Cmte.
H360	Harnett County Schools/Exam Window	Education Cmte.
H375	School Calendar Flexibility/CC.	Rules Cmte.
H389	School Calendar Flexibility Pilot Program	Rules Cmte.
H393	Mebane Charter/Alamance-Burlington BOE Exchange	Passed
H411	Hypertension Awareness Day	Rules Cmte.
H447	Lexington City Board of Education/City Council	Passed
H450	Future Ready Student Act of 2017	Rules Cmte.
H458	School Annual Report Card	Education Cmte.
H482	County Community Role in School Building Admin.	Conference Cmte.
H485	UNC and CC Credit/National Guard on SAD	Education Cmte.
H486	National Guard Education Assistance Changes	Passed
H490	Caldwell CC/Board of Trustees Appointments	Rules Cmte.

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H514	Permit Municipal Charter School/Certain Towns	Rules Cmte.
H520	Union County Board of Education/Partisan Election	Passed
H527	Restore/Preserve Campus Free Speech	Passed
H532	Modify UNC Laboratory Schools	Passed
H534	Computer Coding Course Elective	Education Cmte.
H549	UNC Benchmark/Reporting Dates	Rules Cmte.
H556	Study Early Childhood Education	Rules Cmte.
H600	School Construction Flexibility	Education Cmte.
H615	Amend Substance Abuse Professional Practice Act	Rules Cmte.
H620	UNC Capital Projects	Passed
H623	Transfer Certain Land/Haywood Board of Education	Rules Cmte.
H634	Private Alternative Teacher Preparation	Education Cmte.
H646	Apprenticeship NC	Rules Cmte.
H650	State Board Construction Contract	Rules Cmte.
H651	State Personnel/Retirement Benefit Fund Solvency	Rules Cmte.
H656	College of Albemarle/ Construction Fund	Passed
H670	Protect Educational Property	Rules Cmte.
H690	SUDEP Awareness Week	Rules Cmte.
H702	Seniors CC Tuition Waiver	Rules Cmte.
H704	Divide School Systems/Study Committee	Passed
H725	Mental Health Support Funding/Study	Rules Cmte.
H751	Career and College Ready/High School Grads	Rules Cmte.
H779	Charter School Changes	Rules Cmte.
H800	Various Changes to Charter School Laws	Passed
H806	Student Notice/Charter School Closure	Rules Cmte.
H826	Modify Low-Performing School Definition	Rules Cmte.
H833	Driver Education Oversight/Lane Departure	Rules Cmte.
H835	Create Chain of Survival Task Force	Rules Cmte.
H849	Restore Longitudinal Data System Board	Rules Cmte.
H894	Veterans/Health Care/Youth Suicide Prevention	Rules Cmte.
H921	Honoring UNC Basketball/National Championship	Passed
S55	School Bus Cameras/Civil Penalties	Passed
S64	Veterans' History Awareness Month	Passed
S253	Partisan Elections/Certain School Boards	Passed
S312	Surplus Computers for Low Income Students	Passed
S315	Make Various Changes Regarding Higher Education	Passed
S323	UNC Public Records/Athletic Conferences	Passed
S335	Study/Fair Treatment of College Athletes	Conference Cmte.
S421	Use of Career and Technical Funds/Onslow County	Passed
S448	Professors in the Classroom	Passed
S599	Excellent Educators for Every Classroom	Passed

Education: Key Legislation

H.B. 13: Class Size Requirement Changes

Goals:

- Provide flexibility to allow public schools to achieve smaller class sizes in first, second, and third grades.

Summary:

- Allows districts to comply with the district average of 20 students per class and an individual class maximum of 23 students for the 2017-18 school year.
- Requires public schools in 2018-19 to meet the class size reduction targets required before H.B. 13.
- Adds accountability measures that require local superintendents to report information on student/teacher ratios.

House: Pass (112-3)	Senate: Pass (48-1)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-9)
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H.B. 534: Computer Coding Elective Course

Goals:

- Allows students in North Carolina public high schools and middle schools to take computer coding as a course elective.

Summary:

- Directs the State Board of Education “to identify and develop academically rigorous courses in computer programming” that would be offered as electives to middle and high school students.

“Technology is a fundamental basis of our economy and computer coding is an essential skill in a variety of job fields today and in the future.”

Rep. Jason Saine (R-Lincoln)

House: Pass (120-0)	Senate: Education Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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Education: Key Legislation

H.B. 527: Restore/Preserve Campus Free Speech

Goals:

- Protect free expression and affirm the authority of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment and the value of free expression at North Carolina's public universities.

Summary:

- Emphasizes the importance of institutional neutrality for protecting freedom of speech within the University of North Carolina system.
- Establishes a special UNC Board of Governors committee to write a comprehensive policy and annual report on campus free expression.
- Requires sanctions for students who interfere with others' rights to open expression while preserving due-process for those accused of suppressing free speech.

"Intellectual diversity and free expression are cornerstones of higher education, and the Campus Free Speech Act ensures North Carolina's world-class university system remains a hub of ideas and open debate."

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House: Pass (80-31)	Senate: Pass (34-11)	Governor: Law w/o Signature (S.L. 2017- 196)
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H.B. 339: North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program

Passed in the Appropriations Act of 2017, S.B. 257

Goals:

- Provide a student loan forgiveness program for educators in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) subjects who commit to teaching in the state.

Summary:

- Co-sponsored by more than 70 members of the North Carolina House of Representatives.
- The loan forgiveness would cover tuition, books and fees for STEM and special education teachers in North Carolina.

Education: Key Legislation

H.B. 450: Future Ready Students Act

Passed in the Appropriations Act of 2017, S.B. 57

Goals:

- Provide workforce training and improve career readiness for students seeking jobs.

Summary:

- Allows high school students to receive academic credit for pursuing career certifications and/or credentials required by either an industry or the state.
- Establish business advisory councils to identify economic and workforce development trends and that may improve training and contribute to learning needs of the local community.
- Establishes the Career and Technical Education Grade Expansion Program to support local education services.
- Requires local boards of education to offer on-the-job training through an internship, cooperative education, or an apprenticeship program.
- Provides \$4.9 million to establish a competitive grant program to expand CTE programs to 6th and 7th grade students.

H.B.534: Computer Coding Elective Course

Goals:

- Allows students in North Carolina public high schools and middle schools to take computer coding as a course elective.

Summary:

- Directs the State Board of Education “to identify and develop academically rigorous courses in computer programming” that would be offered as electives to middle and high school students.

House: Pass (120-0)	Senate: Education Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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Education: Key Legislation

H.B.620: UNC Capital Projects

Goals:

- Authorize funding and construction of capital improvement projects by the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina.

Summary:

- Allows construction of listed capital improvements at Eastern Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina Central University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Western Carolina University.
- The proposed projects are not a debt of the State of North Carolina

House: Pass (114-1)	Senate: (46-1)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-141)
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H.B.634: Private Alternative Teacher Preparation

Goals:

- Prepare private educators for a successful career through improved qualification programs.

Summary:

- Directs the State Board of Educators to “approve certain qualifying alternative lateral entry educator preparation programs.”

House: Pass (116-1)	Senate: Education Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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Education: Key Legislation

H.B. 646: ApprenticeshipNC

Passed in the Appropriations Act of 2017, S.B. 57

Goals:

- Coordinate workforce education and customized training tools to fill talent gaps with local business and industry.

Summary:

- Place the administration of “ApprenticeshipNC” within the Community Colleges System Office, where existing infrastructure is in place to connect students with stakeholders.
 - Allows ‘ApprenticeshipNC’ to be marketed as a component of work-based student opportunities in community colleges that also include internships and co-operative learning programs.
 - Facilitates CTE programs for job readiness and placement.
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H.B. 751: Career and College Ready/High School Grads

Goals:

- Prepare high school graduates for college by improving literacy rates.

Summary:

- Requires that students demonstrate a certain level of reading competency in order to receive endorsements on their diplomas and directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to study ways to improve literacy in grades 4-12.

House: Pass (119-0)	Senate: Rules Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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Education: Key Legislation

H.B. 779: Charter School Changes

Goals:

- Improve overall quality in charter schools.

Summary:

- Allows an enrollment growth of 30% before it is considered a material revision of the charter.
- Provides new categories of enrollment priorities.
- Disaggregates student performance data from various types of charter schools.
- Clarifies that charter schools may operate NC Pre-K programs.

House: Pass (74-45)	Senate: Rules Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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S.B. 55: School Bus Cameras/Civil Penalties

Goals:

- Ensure the state safety standards are upheld by imposing stiffer penalties on drivers that pass stopped school buses.
- Provide local school boards the right to contract bus security systems with private vendors.

Summary:

- Authorizes counties to impose a civil penalty on the owner of a vehicle that is recorded unlawfully passing a stopped school bus by a school bus safety camera, as long as the driver is not criminally prosecuted and no injury or death occurred.

House: Pass (74-33)	Senate: Pass (46-3)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-188)
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Education: Key Legislation

S.B. 169: Teaching Excellence Bonus Program

Goals:

- Administer bonuses for qualified third grade teachers who did not receive their merit based bonus in 2016.

Summary:

- Provide for bonus substitutes to certain teachers who, but for no longer teaching certain grades or courses, would have received bonuses under the Third Grade Teacher Performance Pilot Program or Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Teacher Bonus Pilot Program established in the 2016 budget.

House: Pass (111-1)	Senate: Pass (49-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-88)
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S.B. 312: Surplus Computers for Low-Income Students

Goals:

- Provide low-income students with surplus computers.

Summary:

- Creates new opportunities for disadvantaged kids across the state to access digital resources and connect to online learning.
- The program will not cost additional state funds to implement.
- Necessary to allow surplus computers within state government to reach low-income students.

House: Pass (115-1)	Senate: Pass (45-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-67)
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Education: Key Legislation

S.B. 599: Excellent Educators for Every Classroom

Goals:

- Improve teacher education standards and licensing requirements

Summary:

- Establishes Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission (PEPS).
- Redefines standards for Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs), licensure, conduct, and continuing education.
- Requires State Board of Education (SBE) to take action against EPPs failing to meet new standards.
- Requires SBE to annually evaluate EPPs performance and assign appropriate accountability status.
- Requires additional reporting data by EPPs to SBE
- Replaces 'lateral entry license' for teachers with residency licensure for educators with a bachelor's degree.
- Allows retired principals and retired principals to serve as temporary interim principals, regardless of licensure status.
- Requires the Reading Improvement Commission to recommend improvements for professional development of literacy teachers in 4th through 12th grades.

House: Pass (85-25)	Senate: (40-8)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-189)
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Health and Human Services: Bills Passed in the House

Bill #	Short Title	Senate Status
H10	DHHS Eating Disorder Study	Rules Cmte.
H24	Study Unfunded Liability/Retiree Health Fund	Rules Cmte.
H36	NC IOM Study of Eye Care Access	Rules Cmte.
H57	Enact Physical Therapy Licensure Compact	Passed
H134	Pistol Permit/Mental Health Record to Sheriff	Rules Cmte.
H140	Dental Plans Provider Contracts/Transparency	House Rules-Veto
H150	Standards for Chiropractic Peer Review	Rules Cmte.
H156	Medicaid PHP Licensure/Food SVCS State Buildings	Rules Cmte.
H176	Pension Integrity Act of 2017	Passed
H187	Modernize Physical Therapy Act	Rules Cmte.
H199	Establish Standards for Surgical Technology	Rules Cmte.
H206	NC Cancer Treatment Fairness	Rules Cmte.
H208	Occupational Therapy/Choice of Provider	Passed
H243	Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act	Passed
H244	Enhanced Requirements/Composting Facilities	Rules Cmte.
H248	Sunset CABAHS/OmbudsmanChanges/DHHS Study	Passed
H258	Amend Medical Malpractice Health Care Provider Definition	Passed
H277	Naturopathic Study	Rules Cmte.
H283	DHHS Recommend Telemedicine Policy	Passed
H285	Suicide Prevention/Awareness School Personnel	Rules Cmte.
H295	Health Care Sharing Expenses-Deduction	Rules Cmte.
H299	State Health Plan Administrative Changes	Passed
H307	Board Certification Behavior Analyst	Rules Cmte.
H357	Modernize Dietetics/Nutrition Care Practice Act	Rules Cmte.
H358	Modernize Respiratory Care Practice Act	Rules Cmte.
H369	Community Corrections and Probations	Rules Cmte.
H374	Business Freedom Act	Rules Cmte.
H403	Behavioral Health and Medicaid Modifications	Joint Conference

H411	Hypertension Awareness Day	Rules Cmte.
H425	Improve Utilization of MH Professionals	Rules Cmte.
H451	Regulate Massage and Bodywork Therapy ESTMTS	Rules Cmte.
H466	The Pharmacy Patient Fair Practices Acts	Passed
H478	Required Experience for MH/DD/SAS QPS	Passed
H515	Adaptive Equipment Tax Benefit	Rules Cmte.
H550	Establish New Nurse Licensure Compact	Passed
H569	Pretax Supplemental Benefits	Rules Cmte.
H615	Amend Substance Abuse Professional Practice Act	Rules Cmte.
H630	Rylan's Law/Family/Child Protection and Accountability Act	Passed
H631	Reduce Admin Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers	Rules Cmte.
H651	State Personnel/Retirement Health Benefit Fund Solvency	Rules Cmte.
H683	Indian Child Welfare Agreement Form	Rules Cmte.
H690	SUDEP Awareness Week	Rules Cmte.
H701	OLB Uniform Discipline and Increase Oversight	Rules Cmte.
H708	Require Criminal Background/Pharmacist Licensure	Rules Cmte.
H725	Mental Health Support Funding/Study	Rules Cmte.
H741	DHHS Study/Maternal and Neonatal Care	Rules Cmte.
H808	Advisory Council Review of Rare Disease Bills	Rules Cmte.
H835	Create Chain of Survival Task Force	Rules Cmte.
H869	Change Membership of Medical Board	Rules Cmte.
H890	Amend Psychology, Podiatry, Pastoral Counseling	Rules Cmte.
H894	Veterans/Health Care/Youth Suicide Prevention	Rules Cmte.
S42	Reduce Cost and Regulation Burden/Hospital Construction	Passed
S62	Veterans' Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan	Passed
S74	Updates Rabies Control Laws	Passed
S104	Require Criminal/BCG Pharmacist Licensure	Passed
S160	Handicap Parking Privilege Certification	Passed
S196	Veterinary Practice Omnibus	Passed
S548	Strengthen Human Trafficking Laws/Studies	Passed
S615	North Carolina Farm Act of 2017	Passed

Health and Human Services: Key Legislation

H.B. 243: Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act

Goals:

- Comprehensive measure to address the opioid epidemic through smarter prescribing, smarter dispensing and recovery alternatives for those struggling with addiction.

Summary:

- Includes penalties for improper reporting of controlled substances prescriptions.
- Limits on the initial quantity of opioid prescriptions for acute pain.
- Stricter supervision of prescribers.
- Require universal registration and reporting by pharmacies to detect misuse and diversion while strengthening reporting requirements of prescription transactions.

House: Pass (118-0)	Senate: Pass (50-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-74)
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*SpeakerMoore.com: Opioid Prescription Limits, State Overdose Law Lead State
Action Plan to Combat Addiction*

H.B. 176: Pensions Integrity Act of 2017

Goals:

- Ensure the fiscal integrity of the teachers and state employees retirement system.

Summary:

- Assists in preventing and detecting fraud, waste, and abuse and ensure fiscal integrity of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), the Retiree Health Benefit, and the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS).

House: Pass (116-0)	Senate: Pass (48-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-128)
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Health and Human Services:

Key Legislation

H.B. 630: Rylan’s Law/Child/Family Protection and Accountability Act

Goals:

- Creates a new regional oversight system for county social services departments.

Summary:

- Provides the state heightened authority to hold local governments accountable by increasing oversight of child outcomes.
- Provisions to address the tragic death of Rylan Ott, a twenty-three-month-old child who died as a result of social services failures.
- Regionalizes supervision of local DSS offices.
- Brings in a third party to develop and implement recommendations to transform child welfare services in North Carolina.
- Requires social workers to observe a child with his/her parents at least twice before reunification (Rylan’s law).
- Creates a council to align children’s services across government agencies.
- Reduces barriers for youth in foster care to drive.
- Reduces the time to permanency for children in the child welfare system.

“This legislation puts the child above the current social services system that in some parts of our state is failing our children, by demanding transparency, accountability, and quality of care for children in foster care.”

Rules Committee Chairman Davis Lewis (R-Harnett)

House: Pass (101-14)	Senate: Pass (47-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-41)
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Health and Human Services:

Key Legislation

H.B. 651: State Pension/Retirement Health Benefit Fund Solvency

Goals:

- Establish the unfunded liability solvency reserve.

Summary:

- Creates the Unfunded Liability Solvency Reserve as a reserve in the General Fund. The bill also outlines the use of the Reserve funds and requirements that must be met prior to a transfer of funds.

House: Pass (108-4)	Senate: Rules Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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Regulatory Reform: Bills Passed in the House

Bill #	Short Title	Senate Status
H3	Eminent Domain	Rules Cmte.
H68	Bright Futures Act	Rules Cmte.
H242	Building Code Regulatory Reform	Passed
H310	Wireless Communications Infrastructure Siting	Passed
H311	State Auditor/Various Amendments	Rules Cmte.
H819	Protect NC Right to Work Constitutional Amend	Rules Cmte.
S16	Business Regulatory Reform Act	Passed
S24	Allow Restaurants to Use Outdoor Grills	Passed
S131	Regulatory Reform Act of 2016-2017	Passed
S155	ABC Omnibus Legislation	Passed

“By listening to our constituents and improving their quality of life through private sector growth instead of government regulation, Republican reforms are getting government out of the way of business so North Carolina’s economy can thrive.”

-Speaker Tim Moore-

Regulatory Reform: Key Legislation

H.B. 3: Eminent Domain

Goals:

- A constitutional amendment to preserve the private property rights of citizens across the state.

Summary:

- Prohibition condemnation of private property except for a public use.
- Provide for the payment of just compensation with right of trial by jury in all condemnation cases.
- Allow voters to decide whether to strengthen private property rights in a ballot referendum during the November 6, 2018 election.

House: Pass (104-9)	Senate: Rules Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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H.B. 68: BRIGHT Futures Act

Goals:

- Connect rural residents to broadband services and help underserved regions attract economic development opportunities of the 21st century

Summary:

- Stands for Broadband, Retail, Internet of Things, Gridpower, Healthcare and Training.
- Facilitates the development of digital infrastructure in rural areas by allowing local governments to partner with private internet providers and bring wired services to their residents.
- Accelerate economic investment and grow rural economies
- Address gaps in digital infrastructure that affects for than 3 million citizens in 8 counties.

House: Pass (109-8)	Senate: Rules Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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Regulatory Reform: Key Legislation

H.B. 310: Wireless Communication Infrastructure Siting

Goals:

- Infrastructure reform that enables the installation of 5G broadband technology across North Carolina.

Summary:

- Permits placement of wireless antenna equipment on city utility poles in public rights-of-way.
- Authorizes the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to issue permits to wireless providers for wireless antennas on state rights-of-way.
- Streamlines processes for efficient deployment of 5G wireless equipment.



North Carolina House
Speaker Tim Moore

North Carolina Lawmakers Enable 5G
Broadband



Raleigh, N.C. - State lawmakers recently passed key infrastructure reforms into law that enable the installment of 5G broadband technology across North Carolina.

House: Pass (107-7)	Senate: Pass (46-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-159)
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H.B. 819: Protect NC Right to Work Constitutional Amendment

Goals:

- Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for working North Carolinians against forced unionization.

Summary:

- Allow voters to decide whether to strengthen workers' rights in a ballot referendum during the November 6, 2018 election.

House: Pass (74-45)	Senate: Rules Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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Regulatory Reform: Key Legislation

S.B. 24: Allow Restaurants to Use Outdoor Grills

Goals:

- Reduce regulatory burden on small businesses, allowing more job creation.

Summary:

- Allows North Carolina restaurants to serve customers from outdoor grills.

House: Pass (113-0)	Senate: Pass (46-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-18)
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S.B. 131: Regulatory Reform Act of 2016-2017

Goals:

- Consolidate, simplify, and eliminate unnecessary rules and reporting requirements on state and local agencies in North Carolina.



North Carolina House
Speaker Tim Moore

Regulatory Reform Act of 2016-17 Passes
North Carolina House



Raleigh, N.C. – The North Carolina House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 131 Regulatory Reform Act of 2016-17 on Thursday to continue consolidating, simplifying and eliminating unnecessary rules and reporting requirements across local governments and state agencies in North Carolina.

Summary:

- Streamlines mortgage notice rules.
- Streamlines public records requests.
- Eliminates redundant reports.

House: Pass (90-26)	Senate: Pass (35-13)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-10)
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Regulatory Reform: Key Legislation

S.B. 16: Business and Agency Reg. Reform Act of 2017

Goals:

- Streamline burdensome business regulations.
- Create better transparency between businesses and state government.
- Provide opportunities for public input regarding private businesses.

Summary:

- Reforms the rulemaking process for North Carolina business owners.
- Eliminates unnecessary regulations.



North Carolina House
Speaker Tim Moore

More Regulatory Reforms Pass North
Carolina House in Bipartisan Vote



Raleigh, N.C. – Another round of business and agency regulatory reforms passed the North Carolina House of Representatives on Thursday, maintaining Republican leaders' commitment to streamline and simplify the state's rule-making processes so the economy can thrive.

House: Pass (90-26)	Senate: Pass (35-13)	Governor: Veto - Overridden (S.L. 2017-10)
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Transportation:

Bills Passed in the House

Bill #	Short Title	Senate Status
H15	Public Authority/Permanent Plates	Rules Cmte.
H28	DOT/Access of Motorcyclists	Rules Cmte.
H31	Material Fact Disclose Clarifications	Rules Cmte.
H59	Revenue Laws Technical Changes	Passed
H81	STI/Regional and Division Weighting	Rules Cmte.
H92	Blue Ribbon Committee/Transportation Funding	Rules Cmte.
H110	DOT/DMV Changes-Megaproject Funding	Failed 2 nd Reading
H242	License Plate Reader System in State Rows	Rules Cmte.
H260	Attorney General/North Shore Road Pavement	Rules Cmte.
H275	No Stormwater Fees on Taxiways or Runways	Passed
H287	Red Light Cameras/Hope Mills and Spring Lake	Rules Cmte.
H457	Performance Guarantees/Subdivision Streets	Rules Cmte.
H459	Carteret Local Option Sales Tax for Dredging	Rules Cmte.
H468	DOT/Funding for Preliminary Engineering	Rules Cmte.
H469	Regulation of Fully Autonomous Vehicles	Passed
H501	DOT/Surveying Information in Plans	Passed
H596	Study/MPA Voting Power Distribution	Rules Cmte
H617	Clarify Sale of Antique and Specialty Vehicles	Commerce/Ins. Cmte.
H632	Amend Mitigation Services Law	Rules Cmte.
H636	Sale of Salvage Vehicle/No Inspection	Rules Cmte.
H668	Clarify Political Sign Ordinance Authority	Rules Cmte.
H716	CMVS/Use of Platoons	Passed
H802	Exempt Motor Coach Manufacturer and Distributor	Rules Cmte.
H844	DOT/Traffic Signal Oversight	Appropriations Cmte.
S3	DOT/DMV Changes	Rules Cmte.
S16	Business Regulatory Reform Act	Passed
S55	School Bus Cameras/Civil Penalties—key in trans	Passed
S82	Achieving Business Efficiencies	Passed
S199	Pisgah Conservancy Special Registration Plate	Passed
S217	Richmond/Right-of-Way Safety	Passed
S338	Disaster Recovery Act	Passed
S391	Ferry Transportation Authority	Passed
S413	Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws	Passed
S615	North Carolina Farm Act of 2017	Passed

Transportation: Key Legislation

H.B. 469: Regulation of Fully Autonomous Vehicles

Goals:

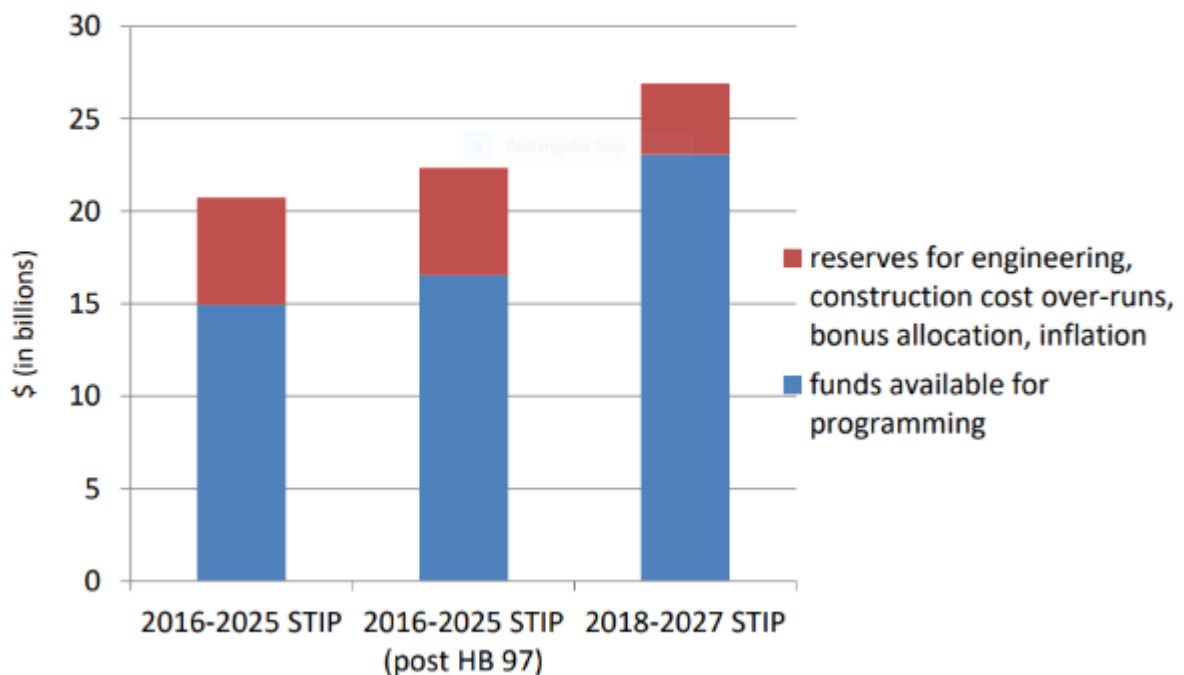
- Provide common sense legislation for drivers and passengers operating fully autonomous vehicles.

Summary:

- Regulates fully autonomous vehicles and makes changes to various existing motor vehicle laws to account for the operation of fully autonomous vehicles on the roadways of North Carolina without a human driver.

House: Pass (114-1)	Senate: Pass (45-2)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-166)
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Revenue Availability Comparison



Justice and Public Safety

Bills Passed in the House

Bill #	Short Title	Senate Status
H21	Driver Instructions/Law Enforcement Stops	Passed
H29	Record of Excusals from Jury Duty	Rules Cmte.
H37	Protect Law Enforcement Officers	Rules Cmte.
H55	Apex/Cary Police Assistance on School Grounds	Passed
H84	DL/Deaf or Hard of Hearing Designation	Passed
H98	Criminal Offense/Vandalize Fire and EMS Equipment	Passed
H113	PVT Action Local Compliance/Immigration Laws	Rules Cmte.
H125	Threatened Weapon Inc. in First Degree Rape	Passed
H128	Prohibit Drone Use Over Prison/Jail	Passed
H134	Pistol Permit/Mental Health Record to Sheriff	Rules Cmte.
H138	Revise Gang Laws	Passed
H216	Informant Statements/Innocence Comm'n Changes	Rules Cmte.
H224	Warrant Check of Inmates in Custody	Passed
H236	NCAOC Omnibus Bill	Passed
H242	License Plate Reader Systems in State Rows	Rules Cmte.
H280	Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act	Rules Cmte.
H284	25-Year LEO Retirement Option	Rules Cmte.
H287	Red Light Cameras/Hope Mills and Spring Lake	Rules Cmte.
H315	Kelsey Smith Act	Rules Cmte.
H325	Amend Arson Law	Rules Cmte.
H337	Unmanned Aircraft Systems Law Revisions	Passed
H343	Enforcement of DVPO on Appeal	Passed
H384	Increase Penalties/Organized Retail Theft	Passed
H388	Modernize Mutual Assistance Statutes	Rules Cmte.
H449	Henderson City/Law Enforcement Training Center	Passed
H492	Increase Penalties for Certain Assaults	Rules Cmte.
H566	Private Protective Services Changes	Rules Cmte.
H591	Study/LEO Interaction with Disabled Drivers	Rules Cmte.
H615	Amend Substance Abuse Professional Practice Act	Rules Cmte.
H665	Sheriff's Supplemental Pension Fund Changes	Rules Cmte.

H669	Fees to Certify as a Company Police Agent	Rules Cmte.
H797	Changes to Current BWC Law	Rules Cmte.
H807	Create Divisions-ALE and Cap Police in DPS	Rules Cmte.
S5	Mecklenburg/Police Countywide Jurisdiction	Passed
S53	Law Enforcement Authority/Custody of Child	Passed
S182	Prohibit Use of Light Bars on Motor Vehicles	Passed
S344	Combine Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice	Passed
S384	Criminal Law Changes	Passed
S445	Expungement Process Modifications	Passed
S548	Strengthen Human Trafficking Laws/Studies	Passed
S600	Britny's Law: IPV Homicide	Passed

Justice and Public Safety: Key Legislation

H.B. 21: Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops

Goals:

- Require driver instruction on law enforcement procedures during traffic stops.

Summary:

- Adds instruction on law enforcement stops to the driver education curriculum that is developed in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, and the North Carolina Chiefs of Police.
- Provides a description of the actions that a motorist should take during a traffic stop, incusing appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers.

House: Pass (118-0)	Senate: Pass (47-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-95)
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H.B. 138: Revise Gang Laws

Goals:

- Increase penalties and enhance prosecution for gang members who commit crimes associated with criminal gang activity

Summary:

- Changes gang activity to a sentencing enhancement rather than a separate offense and strengthens state law by allowing prosecutors to increase penalties
- Increase both misdemeanor and felony convictions by one class if committed by a member of a gang as part of illegal gang activity

House: Pass (109-5)	Senate: Pass (48-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-194)
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Justice and Public Safety:

Key Legislation

H.B. 280: Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act (“Raise the Age”)

Passed in the Appropriations Act of 2017, SB 157

Goals:

- Raises the age of juvenile jurisdiction in North Carolina to include 16 and 17-year-olds accused of nonviolent crimes.

Summary:

- For serious crimes classified as A-E felonies in North Carolina, 16 and 17-year-olds could still be tried as adults in the state court system.
- Violations of motor vehicle law would also remain excluded from juvenile jurisdiction.
- Provides victims an opportunity to request reviews of decisions not to file juvenile petitions and increases the information available on juveniles for court proceedings.
- Authorizes statewide school-justice partnerships, requires juvenile justice training for law enforcement officers, and provides enhanced sentencing for offenses committed as part of criminal gang activity.
- Establishes a Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee.

H.B. 551: Strengthening Victims’ Rights

Goals:

- Amend the North Carolina Constitution to provide better protections and safeguards to victims.

Summary:

- Allows voters to determine if crime victims' rights enumerated in the State Constitution should be amended.

House: Pass (98-17)	Senate: Rules Cmte.	Governor: N/A
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Justice and Public Safety: Key Legislation

S.B. 344: Combine Adult Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Goals:

- Consolidate the Division of Adult Correction and the Division of Juvenile Justice into a single division within the Department of Public Safety.

Summary:

- Creates the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice
- Provides the necessary custody, supervision, and treatment to control and rehabilitate criminal offenders, reducing the rate and cost of crime and delinquency.

House: Pass (110-0)	Senate: Pass (43-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-186)
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S.B. 548: Strengthen Human Trafficking Laws/Studies

Goals:

- Crack down on human traffickers by increasing the level of felony charge for human trafficking an adult.

Summary:

- Authorizes the North Carolina Massage Bodywork Therapists to obtain a statewide privilege licenses.
- Established education and testing standards that ensure competency in the practice of massage and bodywork therapy.
- Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to Study ways to identify and protect victims of human trafficking.

House: Pass (106-4)	Senate: Pass (40-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-151)
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Military and Veterans Affairs: Bills Passed in the House

Bill #	Short Title	Senate Status
H2	Provide Certain Tax Relief	Rules Cmte.
H57	Enact Physical Therapy Licensure Compact	Passed
H118	Various Special License Plate	Passed
H120	National Guard Can Purchase from CE	Passed
H223	Disabled Veteran Plate for Motorcycles	Rules Cmte.
H275	No Stormwater Fees on Taxiways or Runways	Passed
H300	Partially Disabled Veteran/Free License Plate	Rules Cmte.
H483	Veteran Post Traumatic Stress/Mitigation Factor	Rules Cmte.
H488	Early Rental Termination by Military Members	Judiciary Cmte.
H489	Child Abuse and Neglect/Military Affiliation	Rules Cmte.
H681	Teacher Licensure/Military Spouses	Rules Cmte.
H894	Veteran/Mental Health Care/Youth Suicide Prevention	Rules Cmte.
S62	Veterans' Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan	Passed
S63	Military Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan	Passed
S64	Veterans' History Awareness Month	Passed
S578	Veteran-Owned Small Business/Annual Report	Passed

Military and Veterans Affairs: Key Legislation

S.B. 62: Veterans' Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan

Goals:

- Enhance benefits for veterans and their dependents.

Summary:

- Require the Veterans' Affairs Commission to adopt a comprehensive strategic plan.
- Require the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs to study program outcomes for military veterans and their families by:
 - Improving access to health, education, training, counselling, financial, and burial benefits to veterans and their dependents.
 - Increasing satisfaction of veterans and their dependents with benefits and services

House: Pass (112-0)	Senate: Pass (47-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-29)
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S.B. 63: Military Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan

Goals:

- Enhance North Carolina's military installations and their missions.

Summary:

- Require the Military Affairs Commission to adopt a comprehensive strategic plan that includes:
 - Supporting and enhancing existing military installations.
 - Attracting new military assets.
 - Expanding military related economic development.
 - Improving the quality of life for military members and their families.

House: Pass (116-0)	Senate: Pass (49-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-64)
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Elections: Bills Passed in the House

Bill #	Short Title	Senate Status
H9	Allow Election Day Service-Retired LEOs	Rules Cmte.
H19	Organizational Meeting/Local Elected Boards	Select Cmte. On Elections
H42	Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education Election Method	Select Cmte. On Elections
H100	Restore Partisan Elections/ Superior District Court	Passed
H119	Clarify Vacancy Elections-County Commissions	Passed
H194	SBCC Elections	Passed
H239	Reduce Court of Appeals to 12	Passed
H245	Amend W-S Charter/Certain Candidates	Passed
H265	Partisan Elections/Certain School Boards	Select Cmte. On Elections
H288	Town of Raynham/Extend Mayor's Term of Office	Passed
H331	Correct Board Member Terms/Town of Oakboro	Passed
H333	Local Option Sales Tax Flexibility	Rules Cmte.
H496	Fair and Nonpartisan Ballot Placement	Rules Cmte.
H498	Jonesville/Booneville/East Bend/Even-Year Election	Passed
H504	City of Lincolnton/ Even Year Election/Mayor Term	Passed
H520	Union County Board of Education/Partisan Election	Passed
H659	Filling Vacancies/U.S. Senate	Rules Cmte.
S19	Even Year Municipal Election/Towns of Troy/Star	Passed
S68	Bipartisan Board of Elections and Ethics Enforce	Passed
S253	Partisan Elections/Certain School Boards	Passed
S560	Clarify Cleveland Board of Education Election	Passed
S655	Change Date When Primary Elections Held	Rules Cmte.
S656	Electoral Freedom Act of 2017	Conference Cmte.

Elections: Key Legislation

H.B.100: Restore Partisan Elections/Superior and District Court

Goals:

- Provide voters with more information about the viewpoints and positions of judges they elect.

Summary:

- Provide that elections of superior court and district court judges are to be conducted in a partisan manner.

“Providing party labels that inform voters of judges’ viewpoints is the most practical approach to ensure citizens have an active voice in the selection of their judiciary.” Rep. Justin Burr (R-Stanly)

House: Pass (74-43)	Senate: Pass (32-15)	Governor: Veto-Overridden (S.L. 2017-3)
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H.B. 239: Reduce Court of Appeals to 12

Goals:

- Equalize the burden on both the Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Summary:

- Provide an appeal of right for trial court decisions regarding class action certification and the termination of parental rights.
- Allows a streamlined Court of Appeals to share its caseload with the state Supreme Court.
- Provide for the discriminatory review by the Supreme Court in cases where the subject matter involved the jurisdiction and integrity of the court system.



Veto Override to Streamline Judiciary
Approved by North Carolina House



Raleigh, N.C. – The North Carolina House of Representatives approved its third veto override of Gov. Roy Cooper on Wednesday, providing legislation to improve North Carolina's judicial branch by allowing a streamlined Court of Appeals to share its caseload with the state Supreme Court.

House: Pass (73-44)	Senate: Pass (34-15)	Governor: Veto-Overridden (S.L. 2017-7)
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Elections: Key Legislation

S.B. 68: Bipartisan Board of Elections and Ethics Enforce

Basics:

- Maintains bipartisanship oversight of campaign finance, lobbying and ethics investigations.

Summary:

- Confirms North Carolina's oversight elections and ethics to the current State Board of Elections structure where all appointments are made by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by chairmen of both the Democrat and Republican parties.

House: Pass (74-44)	Senate: Pass (33-15)	Governor: Veto-Overridden (S.L. 2017-6)
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Energy, Environment, and Wildlife: Bills Passed in the House

Bill	Short Title	Senate Status
H56	Amend Environmental Laws	Passed
H74	Adopt Bobcat as State Cat	Rules Cmte.
H101	Jackson County/Trout Capital of NC	Rules Cmte.
H218	Prohibit Hunting from ROW/Buncombe County	Agriculture Cmte.
H244	Enhanced Requirements Composting Facilities	Rules Cmte.
H272	Fox and Coyote Trapping	Passed
H319	Study Solar Facility Decommissioning Requirements	Rules Cmte.
H320	Study Electronics Recycling	Rules Cmte.
H321	Study Solid Waste Disposal Act	Rules Cmte.
H374	Business Freedom Act	Rules Cmte.
H385	Impaired Hunting/Orange County	Passed
H402	Limit Environmental Liability for Certain Recyclers	Passed
H467	Agriculture and Forestry Nuisance Remedies	Passed
H559	Outdoor Heritage Enhanced	Passed
H576	Allow Aerosolization of Leachate	Passed (Vetoed)
H589	Competitive Energy Solutions	Passed
H595	Adopt Official State Spider	Rules Cmte.
H632	Amend Mitigation Services Law	Rules Cmte.
H740	SAR Rename/Disputed County Boundaries/Mapping	Passed
H770	Amend Environmental Laws 3	Passed
S74	Update Rabies Control Laws	Passed
S107	Streamline Dam Removal	Passed
S119	Pisgah Conservancy Special Registration Plate	Passed
S196	Veterinary Practice Omnibus	Passed
S205	Resolution to Allow SAV Oyster Leasing	Passed
S410	Marine Aquaculture Development Act	Passed
S545	State Nature and Historic Preserve Adds/Dels	Passed

Energy, Environment, and Wildlife: Key Legislation

H.B. 589: Competitive Energy Solutions

Goals:

- Revisions to North Carolina's energy rules that modernize state policy to protect ratepayers with competitive costs and encourage the continued development of renewable power sources.

Summary:

- Implements a competitive building process for solar developers to control costs and foster market-drive solutions for power customers.
- Ensures residential, commercial, and industrial customers continue to have access to affordable, clean, and reliable energy with a free-market approach.
- Creates a Green Source Rider Program that allows large utility customers to purchase the type of energy that make the most sense for their customers and employees.
- Creates a solar leasing program where customer can work with private parties to take advantage of a competitive market to install renewable energy.
- Encourages innovation of renewable technology by requiring providers to compete for lower prices and more favorable sitting locations when they connect to North Carolina's power grid.
- 18-month moratorium on wind power development to study the impacts of turbines on military operations.



House: Pass (66-41)	Senate: Pass (36-4)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-192)
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Disaster Recovery

“Protecting the victims of natural disasters is a core responsibility of the North Carolina General Assembly, and we’re well prepared to provide emergency relief thanks to responsible spending and record savings that ensure our state is in sound financial shape to serve citizens in times of crisis.”

Speaker Tim Moore

H.B. 2: Disaster Recovery Act of 2016

- Appropriated \$100 million for wildfire recovery, hurricane and tropical storm relief efforts:
 - \$37,950,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for disaster-related repairs, debris removal, forest and stream restoration.
 - \$20,000,000 to the Housing Trust Fund to directly benefit persons and families affected by the disasters.
 - \$10,000,000 to the Department of Commerce for local government grants to construct, repair or replace infrastructure of utilities including water, sewer services and sidewalks.
 - \$10,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Quality for wastewater and solid waste cleanup, dam safety, emergency permitting and repair of drinking water systems.
 - \$9,000,000 to the Division of Emergency Management to provide additional support meeting short-term housing needs.
 - \$1,000,000 to the Department of Insurance for grants to volunteer fire departments to repair disaster-related damage not covered by federal assistance or insurance proceeds.

Disaster Recovery

S.B. 338: Disaster Recovery Act of 2017

- Provides an additional \$100 million to aid Hurricane Matthew, tropical storm and wildfire recovery efforts spanning housing, infrastructure, agriculture, and education in communities across North Carolina.
- \$25,000,000 to be allocated to the Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management and Lumbee River Council of Government for housing-related matters.



North Carolina House
Speaker Tim Moore

Disaster Recovery Act of 2017 Approved by
North Carolina House



Raleigh, N.C. – The state House of Representatives voted unanimously Wednesday to direct \$100 million of disaster recovery funds in the state budget to aid Hurricane Matthew, tropical storm and wildfire recovery efforts spanning housing, infrastructure, agriculture, and education in communities across North Carolina.

- \$30,000,000 to Golden L.E.A.F. to provide grants to local governments for infrastructure repair purposes.

- \$20,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture to stream debris removal and non-farm road repairs.

- \$2,700,000 to the Community College System Office to offset the impact of enrollment declines due to Hurricane Matthew.

- \$22,300,000 to the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund.

House: Pass (116-0)

Senate: Pass (48-0)

**Governor: Signed
(S.L. 2017-119)**

Savings Reserve

H.B. 7: LRC/Strengthen Savings Reserve

Goals:

- Continue the ongoing effort by the North Carolina House to save responsibly for future needs.

Summary:

- Provides that the state budget must include a transfer to the Savings Reserve of 15% of the estimated growth in state tax revenues for each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium.
- Moody's Investor Service praised H.B. 7 Strengthen Savings Reserve as a "credit positive" commitment for North Carolina.
- In 2017 North Carolina was one of 12 states in the U.S. with a AAA bond rating from all three rating agencies.
- In 2017 North Carolina had a \$1.8 billion rainy day reserve, a state record in total dollars and percentage of the state budget.



North Carolina House
Speaker Tim Moore

Moody's Praises House Bill 7 Savings
Reserve Requirement as 'Credit Positive'

MOODY'S

Raleigh, N.C. – Moody's Investor Service praised a new North Carolina law this week that bolsters the state's Savings Reserve Account, calling recent mandatory and discretionary transfers to the state's rainy day fund "credit positive" commitments.

House: Pass (111-2)	Senate: Pass (49-0)	Governor: Signed (S.L. 2017-5)
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"The North Carolina General Assembly has generated hundreds of millions of dollars in budget surpluses – and billions in savings reserves – through tax relief, balanced budgeting and economic growth since 2011."

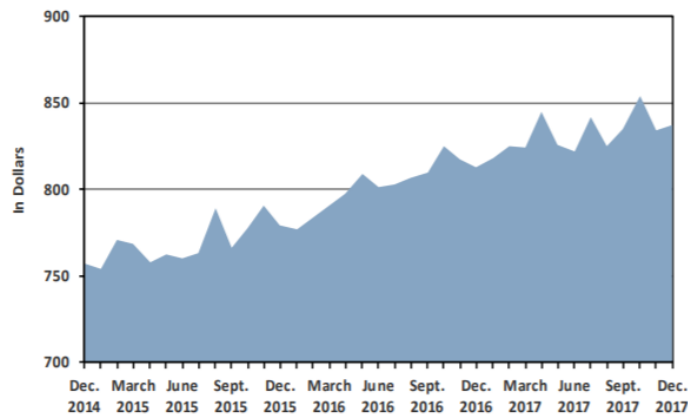
-House Speaker Tim Moore

Results for North Carolina

Good News for Families and Businesses Across the State

- Best State for Business in 2017: Forbes
- Winner of Prosperity Cup in 2017: Site Selection
- Best State for Startups in 2017: Fit Small Business
- Ranked Top 10 for Wage Growth in 2017: Business Insider
- 1 of 16 States Prepared for Recession in 2017: Moody's
- Passed 30 States in Tax Foundation Rankings in 2017
- 1 of 12 States with Unanimous 'AAA' rating in 2017
- #1 in U.S. for Tech Job Growth: N.C. Technology Association
- 5th best state for business in CNBC 2017 rankings
- 2017 Unemployment reaches 17-year low: Dept. of Commerce
- North Carolina Adds 91,000 Jobs Over Year: Dept. of Commerce
- NC students improve on state exams, and more are graduating from high school. Raleigh News & Observer (2017)

Total Private Average Weekly Wage
December 2014–December 2017
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Other Key Resources

State Budget and Policy Resources

- [Senate Bill 257](#) Appropriations Act of 2017
 - [Money Report](#) Appropriations Act of 2017.
 - [Annotated Report](#) Appropriations Act of 2017.
 - [Summaries](#) of Substantive Ratified Legislation 2017.
 - [Highlights](#) of state budget and fiscal policy in 2017.
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