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Public School Funding ([HB6](#))

The House passed HB6 this week which will create a task force to study and recommend changes to the State's school funding formula. Two amendments to increase diversity of the task force failed on the floor. Representative C. Graham (D-Roberson) ran an amendment to require more members of the minority party be appointed to the task force, while Representative Insko (D. Orange) ran an amendment that would require cultural and ethnic diversity.

Partisan Judicial Elections ([HB100](#))

A bill that would require the political party of a judicial candidate be listed on the ballot passed the House this week after a heated debate on the floor.

Secretary Hall Confirmation Hearing

The Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee held two meetings this week to evaluate Military and Veteran Affairs Secretary Larry Hall this week. Secretary Hall was not in attendance at either meeting sparking controversy. The Committee moved to issue a subpoena to Secretary Hall to attend a future meeting.

HB2 Repeal ([HB186](#))

Representative McGrady filed a bipartisan bill this week that addresses the controversial HB2. The bill would repeal HB2 while limiting the ability of local governments to pass nondiscrimination ordinances among other measures.

Teacher Pay

On Monday Governor Cooper announced that, in an effort to raise teacher pay to the national average in the next five years, his budget calls to increase teacher pay by 5 percent over the biennium.

Bills Filed

House Bills

[H136](#) Lower Compulsory Attendance Age From 7 to 6.

[H137](#) Study HRC Fair Emp. Practice Agency Status.

H138	Revise Gang Laws.
H139	Mental Health Workers' Bill of Rights.
H140	Dental Plans Provider Contracts/Transparency.
H141	Maintenance Bond for Subdivision Roads.
H142	Increase Oversight of OLBs.
H143	Sanford Occupancy Tax.
H144	Credit Union/Trust Institution Changes.
H145	Repeal Const. Reg. of Concealed Weapons.
H146	Citizen's Allegiance to U.S. Constitution.
H147	Amend NC Constitution - Remove Secession.
H148	Amend NC Constitution - Literacy Requirement.
H149	Students W/Dyslexia and Dyscalculia.
H150	Standards for Chiropractic Peer Review.
H151	Stanly Cty/Economic Development Commission.
H152	Hate Crime/Increase Scope & Penalty.
H153	Filling Vacancy/Onslow County Board of Comm.
H154	Gastonia Charter Revisions.
H155	Modify Educator Licensure Requirements.
H156	Eyeglasses Exemption From Medicaid Capitation.
H157	Certifying Question Mechanism.
H158	Special Assessments/Critical Infrastructure.
H159	Charter School TSERS Election.
H160	Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits/Judges.
H161	Divestment From Companies That Boycott Israel.
H162	Amend Administrative Procedure Laws.
H163	Enact Right to Life at Conception Act.
H164	Check-Off Donation: Cancer Screening.
H165	Citizens Review Boards Established.
H166	School Calendar Flexibility/Cleveland County.
H167	School Calendar Flex./Franklin County.
H168	Study/Damage From ATV Use.
H169	Kappa Alpha Psi/Special Plate Fee.
H170	Pilot/Sports for Students With Disabilities.

H171	Change Exclusion for Solar Energy Systems.
H172	Include Solar Property as Nonsystem Property.
H173	Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws.
H174	Concealed Carry/Church School Prop.
H175	DEQ/Emphasize Urban Env't'l Issues.
H176	Pensions Integrity Act of 2017.-AB
H177	Eliminate Second Primaries.
H178	Expand Human Relations Commn. EEOC Authority.
H179	Dog Breeding Stds./Law Enforcement Tools.
H180	Nat. Guard Reemployment Rights/Arbitration.
H181	First Responders Act of 2017.
H182	Leadership Term Limits.
H183	Retirement Admin. Changes Act of 2017.-AB
H184	Certain Towns/Sewer Fee Collections.
H185	Legalize Medical Marijuana.
H186	Repeal HB2/State Nondiscrimination Policies.
H187	Modernize Physical Therapy Practice.
H188	School Calendar Flex./Certain Systems.
H189	Search & Rescue Name/Funds.
H190	Local Firefighter Relief Fund Eligibility.
H191	2017 House UNC Board of Governors Election.
H192	Establish Music Therapy Practice Act.
H193	Legislative Four-Year Terms.
H194	SBCC Elections.
H195	Visual Record/LEO Interrogation of Suspect.
H196	Zip Lines/Challenge Courses/Sanders' Law.
H197	Study/Distracted Driving & Road Rage.

Senate Bills

S112	24th Senatorial District Local Act-1.
S113	Credit Union/Trust Institution Changes.
S114	Annual Report Modernization.
S115	Proctorville/Sewer Fee Collections.
S116	Auto Insurance/Protect Lienholders.

S117	Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits/Judges.
S118	Special Assessments/Critical Infrastructure.
S119	Pisgah Conservancy Special Registration Plate.
S120	Sec. Military/Veterans Affairs Confirmation.
S121	Supreme Court Bicentennial Celebration.
S122	Repeal Centerville Charter.
S123	Release of LEO Recordings.
S124	LEO Managed CBD Oil Drop Box.
S125	Children of Wartime Veterans Modifications.
S126	Change the LOST Adjustment Factor.
S127	1st Senatorial District Local Act-1.
S128	Kappa Alpha Psi/Special Plate Fee.
S129	Track Outcomes of Veterans Programs.
S130	Provide Funding/NC Military Business Center.
S131	Regulatory Reform Act of 2016.
S132	12th Senatorial District Local Act-1.

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