

Summary of Select Provisions
HB 103, CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT of 2022
June 30, 2022

The NC General Assembly released a compromise budget on June 28, 2022. You can review the full budget here:

- [Committee Report](#) (also known as the “money report”)
- [Bill Text](#) (look here for policy changes)
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NC Child Priorities in the 2022 Appropriations Act

Health Care Policy

Close the “coverage gap” by accepting federal funds to expand the NC Medicaid

Program. While this priority was not included in the budget, both the House and Senate have passed free-standing bills. As of this writing both bills are still eligible for consideration before adjournment.

Not included in the budget

Merge the NC Health Choice program (CHIP) with NC Medicaid

This policy step long advocated by NC Child would reduce administrative duplication, and ensure continuous, quality coverage for enrolled children – particularly those with special health care needs.

Included in the budget

Suicide Prevention

To address student mental health, suicide prevention, and physical health needs, NC Child requested a recurring appropriation of at least \$10M to decrease the dire shortage of school nurses in North Carolina.

Not included in the budget

Early Childhood Education / Child Care

Child Care Subsidy Rate

NC Child and ECE partners requested that the legislature set the market rate for early childhood education subsidy at the statewide average, including a new statewide rate floor, with a recurring appropriation of \$74M.

The budget directs NC DCDEE to use a portion of ARPA supplemental funds (approximately \$40M-NR) to increase subsidy rates to the 2018 market rate survey level, setting county rates at the 75th percentile. Counties will be held harmless if their rates are already above this level. The budget does not include provisions for implementing a statewide floor.

Partially included in the budget

NC Pre-K rate increase

\$5.5M R to increase the NC Pre-K rate by 7% in FY 2023, for a total rate increase of 9% since the 2020-21 fiscal year. The appropriation includes a portion specifically for NC Pre-K in public school and HeadStart settings.

Additional Appropriations to Note

School Resource Officers (SRO)

\$26M R to increase school resource officers' salaries

\$15M R for the SRO grant program

\$32M NR for the school safety competitive grant program, to support students in crisis, school safety training, and safety equipment in schools.

Elimination of school lunch co-payments for eligible students

\$3.9M NR to eliminate lunch co-pays for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch during the 2022-23 school year.

Virtual Learning

The budget includes the text of S671, which would expand virtual learning options for students in North Carolina, despite poor results for students so far.

Dignity for Pregnant Inmates

The budget updates statutes to comply with the “Dignify for Women Incarcerated in Local Confinement Facilities” legislation passed in 2021. Clarifies provisions around nutrition and supplements needed pre- and post-natally.

Local Funding

\$6M NR for facilities improvements at the Hayes Taylor YMCA (home of the Guilford County Child Advocacy Network hub!).

R = Recurring Funds
NR = Non-Recurring Funds