

Senate Bill Summaries

SESSION LAW 2006-221

SB 198 – Revise 2006 Budget Act

Makes technical, clarifying, and other modifications to the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2006 (SB 1741, SL 2006-66), including the following that affect public schools.

- Amends SL 2006-66 to add Section 8.11.(a) permitting community college facilities that comply with State, county, and local codes for community college facilities to be used without modification for public school students in joint or cooperative programs such as middle or early college programs and dual enrollment programs.
- Amends SL 2006-66 to extend the above mentioned permitting to any constituent institution of the University of North Carolina and any private college or university licensed in accordance with GS 116-15.

SESSION LAW 2006-190

SB 402 – Water/Utilities Savings in Government Facilities

Clarifies that guaranteed energy savings contracts include water and other utilities; raises the cap for those contracts from twelve to twenty years; expands the State's energy policy and life-cycle cost analysis to include energy, water, and other utilities.

SESSION LAW 2006-176

SB 571 – School Counselors and Dropout Prevention/ Study

Requires two reports from the State Board of Education.

- (1) A report is due to JLEOC by March 15, 2007, on the role school counselors play in providing dropout prevention and intervention services to middle and high school students.
- (2) A report is due to JLEOC by November 1, 2007, on the implementation of State Board Policy QP-C-012, Policy Delineating the Job Description and Performance Criteria for School Counselors.

SESSION LAW 2006-264

SB 602 – 2005 Technical Corrections Act-2

Section 29.(h) – Amends G.S. 115C-50 replacing Institute of Government with School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Section 56(a) – Repeals Article 19A of General Statutes Chapter 115C (Standards Board for Public School Administration).

Section 56(b) – Removes reference to Article 19A of General Statutes Chapter 115C (Standards Board for Public School Administration).

Section 57 – Recodifies Article 26A of General Statutes Chapter 115C as Article 25A of General Statutes Chapter 115C.

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Section 67 – Amends G.S. 143-3.3 (g) to allow periodic payroll deductions to certain employees' associations that do not meet minimum memberships requirements outlined in the statute.

Section 77 – Outlines terms and conditions for electing/appointing members of the Asheville City School District School Board.

Section 78 – Amends Chapter 1034 of the 1983 Session Laws to provide fiscal guidelines to the Burke County Board of Commissioners for the Burke County Board of Education.

SESSION LAW 2006-137

SB 700 – Flag/ Pledge of Allegiance in Schools

Directs LEAs to adopt policies that require (i) schools to display the United States and North Carolina flags and (ii) students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis. This legislation also applies to charter schools, the North Carolina School of the Arts, and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

SESSION LAW 2006-174

SB 837 – State Health Plan/20 year vesting

Requires at least twenty years retirement benefit service credit to receive retirements benefits under the state employees' system. This applies to state employees hired after October 1, 2006, and members of the General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007.

SESSION LAW 2006-260

SB 862 – Special Diploma to Korea and Vietnam Vets

Amends G.S. 115C-12 to authorize the State Board of Education to issue special high school diplomas to honorably discharged veterans of Korea and Vietnam. Previously, only World War II veterans were eligible.

SESSION LAW 2006-259

SB 1523 – 2006 Technical Corrections Act

Section 8(e) – Amends G.S. 18C-164a to specify that net revenues of the North Carolina State Lottery Fund be transferred “four times a year” to the Education Lottery Fund.

Section 23.1 – Amends G.S. 26.7.1 to include North Carolina in a United States Department of Homeland Security Basic Pilot Program that verifies legal status of newly hired employees. This applies to employees hired on or after January 1, 2007, and LEA employees hired on or after March 1, 2007.

SESSION LAW 2006-66

SB 1741 – Modify Appropriations Act of 2005 (The 2006 Budget Bill)

Provisions affecting public schools or public school employees are summarized in the preceding section of the 2006 Report on Education Legislation.

SESSION LAW 2006-61

SB 1896 – Affordable Housing for Teachers/ Bertie County (Local)

Authorizes the Bertie County Board of Education to construct and provide affordable housing for teachers and other local government employees.

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SESSION LAW 2006-86

SB 1903 – Hertford Schools/ Rental Housing (Local)

Authorizes the Hertford County Board of Education to construct and provide affordable housing for teachers and other local government employees.

SESSION LAW 2006-151

SB 2009 – Public-Private Partnerships

Enacts legislation to allow capital lease financing for public schools.

CHAPTERED RESOLUTION 2006-24

SJR 1184 – Sine Die Adjournment for 2005

Adjourns the North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives on Friday July 28, 2006. They adjourned *sine die* (without day).