



Select Birth-to-Eight Provisions in FY 2019-21 Biennium Governor and House Budget Proposals

| | | FY 2019-21 Governor's <u>Recommended Budget</u> | FY 2019-21 <u>House Budget</u> <u>Special Provisions</u> |
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| Child Care | Additional child care subsidy slots | Allocates just over \$14 million in each year of the biennium to provide an estimated 2,300 additional slots for child care subsidy. <i>Page 123</i> | Provides an additional \$7 million in each year of the biennium. <i>Page C-31</i> |
| Child Welfare | Increased intensive family preservation services | Increases funding by \$3 million in each year of the biennium for evidence-based services to improve family functioning, resilience and safety, with the aim of keeping children from entering the foster care system. <i>Page 127</i> | Provides \$1.9 million in each year for Intensive Family Preservation Services which promote child safety, address traumatic experiences, improve family functioning, and build protective factors in order to reduce out-of-home placements. <i>Page C-106</i> |
| | Additional child welfare training | Invests just under \$1 million to create child welfare training positions to provide onsite technical assistance to counties and improve accountability. <i>Page 127</i> | Provides just under \$1 million to establish 11 new positions to fulfill the federal requirement to monitor all 100 counties, provide onsite technical assistance and monitoring of county child welfare agencies, distance learning and curriculum development, and also includes support child welfare data analysis, reporting and dashboard for continuous quality improvement, and accountability. <i>Page C-113</i> |
| | Support for food banks | Adds \$1 million in funding in 2019-20 to assist food banks with demand from recent hurricanes and natural disasters. <i>Page 128</i> | |
| | Standardized Assessment in Foster Care Pilot | | Provides \$80,000 in 2019-20 and \$150,000 in 2020-21 to implement a standardized trauma and evidence-informed screening and assessment for foster care children 4 years of age and older to ensure appropriate diagnosis and proper provision of services. <i>Page C-111</i> |
| | Permanency Innovation Initiative | | Provides \$2.3 million in each year for the Permanency Innovation Initiative to improve permanency outcomes for children living in foster care settings. <i>Page C-111</i> |

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| Data | Hiring data analysts | Creates positions in DPI and DHHS to support data-informed decision making. <i>Pages 52 and 120</i> | Establishes a data analytics section within DPI to improve data-driven decisions at DPI, the LEAs, and charter schools. <i>Page B-21</i> |
| Early Learning | Increased NC Pre-K reimbursement rate | Increases funding for NC Pre-K by \$16 million in each year of the biennium to raise the reimbursement rate by 8 percent and the administrative support by 2 percent. Funds are from lottery receipts. <i>Page 123</i> | Provides funding to increase NC Pre-K rates for child care centers by 2% in 2019-20 (\$1.7 million) and by an additional 6% in 2020-21 (\$5.3 million). <i>Page C-30</i> |
| | Replace state funds with TANF federal funds for NC Pre-K | | Replaces net General Fund appropriations with federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds (\$2.5 million in 2019-20 and \$4.5 million in 2020-21). <i>Page C-30</i> |
| | Expanded funding for Smart Start | Increases funding for Smart Start by \$20 million in 2019-20 and by \$15 million in 2020-21, a 10 percent increase. Funds would expand early childhood initiatives, including home visiting. <i>Page 123</i> | Allocates funding in separate line items for Smart Start for a total of \$5 million in 2019-20 and \$2 million in 2020-21. Funds do not go to child care subsidies. <i>Page C-29</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child care activities: \$3.5 m; \$1.4 m • Health related activities: \$750,000; \$300,000 • Family support activities: \$750,000; \$300,000 |
| Health | Close the Medicaid coverage gap | Expands Medicaid to cover 500,000 additional North Carolinians. Federal funds cover 90 percent of the cost, and then remaining 10 percent is covered by hospitals and health plans. <i>Page 130</i> | |
| | Office of Healthy Opportunities | Establishes a new Office focused on improving health by addressing social determinants of health like food insecurity, housing instability, transportation needs and interpersonal violence. <i>Page 119</i> | |
| | Rural Health Loan Assistance Repayment Program | | Provides \$2.1 million in 2019-20 and \$1.2 million in 2020-21 for loan repayment incentives to recruit doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners, and certified nurse midwives to rural areas. <i>Page C-18</i> |
| | Nurse-Family Partnership | | Provides \$3.8 million in 2019-20 and \$1.8 million in 2020-21 to Nurse-Family Partnership to support first-time parents. <i>Page C-82</i> |

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| K-12 Staffing, Professional Development and Pay | Recruiting and retaining high quality educators | Invests \$5 million in each year of the biennium to fund programs to recruit and retain high quality educators, including supporting new teachers, providing funds for National Board Certification, encouraging high school students to become teachers, and recruiting, retaining and supporting educators of color. <i>Page 51</i> | |
| | Professional development for teachers and school leaders | Provides \$5.8 million in each year of the biennium for professional development for teachers and principals. <i>Page 51</i> | |
| | Student mental health and safety support positions | Provides \$40 million in flexible funding in each year of the biennium for local school districts to hire nurses, school counselors, psychologists, social workers and School Resource Officers. <i>Page 50</i> | Provides \$19 million in 2019-20 and \$30 million in 2020-21 for public school units to employ, contract with, and/or train school mental health support personnel as well as to contract for other health support services. <i>Page B-20</i> Provides \$5 million in 2019-20 and \$9.2 million in 2020-21 to allow LEAs to contract with community partners who provide training to help students develop healthy responses to trauma and stress and provide evidence-based crisis services to students. <i>Page B-20</i> |
| | Pay increase for principals | Provides \$5 million in 2019-20 and \$10 million in 2020-21 to change the principal salary schedule to pay principals based on their experience and the size of their schools. <i>Page 49</i> | Provides \$16 million in 2019-20 and \$32 million in 2020-21 to increase average principal and assistant principal pay. <i>Page B-18</i> |
| | Pay increase for assistant principals | Provides \$5.6 million in 2019-20 and \$10.5 million in 2020-21 to increase assistant principal pay. <i>Page 49</i> | |
| | Pay increase for all teachers. | Provides \$198 million in FY 2019-20 and \$367 million in FY 2020-21 to increase average teacher pay by 9 percent. <i>Page 49</i> | Provides \$100 million in FY 2019-20 and \$200 million in FY 2020-21 to increase average teacher pay. <i>Page B-18</i> |
| | Restores Master's pay for teachers | Restores additional pay for teachers whose advanced degrees are in the subjects they teach (\$6.8 million). <i>Page 50</i> | Provides \$8 million in each year of the biennium to reinstate advanced degree salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel. <i>Page B-18</i> |
| | Pay increase for other school and central office staff | Provides \$28 million in each year of the biennium for \$500 salary increases for other education staff. <i>Page 49</i> | Provides \$16 million in 2019-20 and \$32 million in 2020-21 for 1% of \$500 salary increases for other education staff. <i>Page B-18</i> |

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| | Pay increase for school counselors | | Provides \$8.4 million in 2019-20 and \$16.5 million in 2020-21 to tie school counselor pay to the schedule applied to school psychologists, audiologists, and speech pathologists. <i>Page B-18</i> |
| School Quality | Regional support for school districts | Provides \$4.7 million in each year of the biennium to fund 38 new positions to support school districts across the state in a regional model, including support for military families, technology, student support staff, talent development, and personalized learning. <i>Page 51</i> | |
| | School safety improvements | Provides an additional \$15 million in 2019-20 for school building safety improvements. <i>Page 50</i> | Provides \$3 million in 2019-20 and \$6.1 million in 2020-21 for the purchase of safety equipment for school buildings and related training. <i>Page B-20</i> |
| | Resources for personalized learning, textbooks and digital resources | Provides \$29 million in 2019-20 for textbooks, digital resources, instructional supplies and access to a learning management system. <i>Page 51</i> | Provides \$11.3 million in 2019-20 and \$8.8 million in 2020-21 for the Textbooks and Digital Resources Allotment. <i>Page B-20</i> Provides \$700,000 in 2019-20 and \$1.3 million in 2020-21 to accelerate the implementation of several components of the State's Digital Learning Plan. <i>Page B-20</i> |
| | Expand reach of reduced-price school meals | Invests \$5 million to pay the student co-pay for reduced-price meals, which provides free meals to an additional 115,000 students. <i>Page 51</i> | |