

Governor Cooper's Budget	Republican Legislative Budget SB 99
EDUCATION	
<p>Governor Cooper's budget increases Education by \$530 million next year over the FY 2018-19 certified budget (\$1.06 billion over the FY 2017-18 certified budget).</p>	<p>The NCGA budget increases Education by \$163 million next year over the FY 2018-19 certified budget (\$697 million over the FY 2017-18 certified budget).</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget increases the budgeted state share of per pupil funding next year by \$280 compared to the FY 2018-19 certified budget and \$579 compared to the FY 2017-18 budget, bringing it to \$6,884.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget increases the budgeted state share of per pupil funding by \$92 compared to FY 2018-19 certified budget and \$391 compared to FY 2017-18 budget, bringing it to \$6,696.</p>
<p>In raw dollars, Governor Cooper's budget provides \$98.7 million next year for teacher pay raises.</p>	<p>In raw dollars, the NCGA's budget provides \$11.8 million next year for teacher pay raises.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget includes an average 8% pay raise for teachers, with none getting less than a 5% raise.</p> <p>For a fact sheet on the Governor's teacher and principal pay proposals, click here.</p>	<p>The NCGA's budget includes an average 6.5% pay raise for teachers, ranging from 0% to 14.8%.</p>
<p>The Governor's budget pays for additional teacher pay raises by freezing income tax cuts that are scheduled for corporations and personal income over \$200,000.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget continues income tax breaks for corporations and people making over \$200,000 a year.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides \$15 million to fund a \$150 school supply stipend for all classroom teachers to help offset their out-of-pocket expenses.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not provide a school supply stipend to teachers statewide.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides \$130 million in school safety measures to protect our students and keep them healthy. That includes \$65 million for facility upgrades, \$40 million to hire more school nurses and counselors, \$10 million for more school resources officers, and \$15 million for youth mental health among other items.</p> <p>For a fact sheet on the Governor's school safety proposal, click here.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget provides \$28 million in new funds for school safety grants programs. Its budget includes \$5 million for School Resource Officer grant program, \$5 million for student threat reporting app, \$10 million (NR) for grants for school mental health personnel, \$2 million (NR) for grants for students in crisis, \$3 million (NR) for school safety training; and \$3 million (NR) for school safety equipment.</p>

<p>The Governor’s budget invests an additional \$25 million for textbooks and digital resources.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget provides \$11.9 million in one-time money for textbooks and digital resources by increasing receipts from the Indian Gaming Education Fund.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper’s budget includes \$60 million for the NC Job Ready Fund to train and grow our state’s workforce. The fund includes \$30 million for free training for high-demand fields, \$20 million for Finish Line Grants to help students on the cusp of graduating facing financial emergencies and \$10 million for an Employer Training Fund to increase on-the-job learning opportunities.</p> <p>For a fact sheet on the Governor’s workforce development proposal, click here.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not fund the <i>NC Job Ready</i> program. The NCGA budget does provide an additional \$15 million for non-targeted workforce continuing education programs. The NCGA budget also cuts \$2.5 million that had been budgeted for start-up funds for high-cost workforce programs in FY 2018-19.</p>
<p>Governor’ Coopers budget expands the NC Teaching Fellows program to make the scholarships available for future teachers to attend any higher education institution with an approved education program and regardless of what field they choose to teach in. The current program limits the scholarship to five institutions for teachers in STEM fields.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not expand the number of eligible institutions and does not expand the eligible licensure fields.</p>
<p>The Governor’s budget uses \$75 million in lottery funds to help school districts build more classrooms to meet the K-3 class size reductions mandated by the General Assembly. It also anticipates a 2018 statewide school construction bond of \$2 billion.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not provide any additional funding for the specific purpose of helping schools build more classrooms to meet the K-3 class size reductions or reference a statewide general obligation bond</p>
<p>Governor Cooper’s budget provides an additional \$81 million over the FY 2018-19 certified budget for North Carolina’s Community College system.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget provides an additional \$44 million over the FY 2018-19 certified budget for North Carolina’s Community College System.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper’s budget provides an additional \$110 million over the FY 2018-19 certified budget for the UNC system.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget provides an additional \$60 million over the FY 2018-19 certified budget for the UNC System.</p>
<p>The Governor’s budget includes \$2.5 million to bolster student support services at North Carolina’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not increase funding for student support services at HBCUs.</p>

Governor Cooper's budget includes an additional \$2.4 million to cover college scholarships for the children of veterans killed or disabled during combat.	The NCGA budget does not provide additional funding to support college scholarships for the children of veterans killed or disabled during combat.
Governor Cooper's budget leverages federal funding to invest \$53.7 million in 10,000 new child care subsidy and Pre-K slots.	The NCGA budget cuts \$50 million in state money from early childhood education and replaces it with federal funding that was meant to expand the program, not supplant it.
Governor Cooper's budget invests an additional \$15 million into Smart Start to increase the state's investment by over 10%.	The NCGA budget does not invest additional funds in statewide Smart Start. It provides a \$250,000 nonrecurring appropriation for the Reach Out and Read program administered by Smart Start.
Governor Cooper's budget begins to reduce funding for vouchers , which send taxpayer dollars to private and parochial schools.	The NCGA budget funds \$54.8 million to go to private school vouchers, siphoning money away from public schools.
JOBS AND ECONOMY	
Governor Cooper's budget moves ahead with a tax cut for middle class families in 2019, but stops an income tax cut that would help corporations and people making over \$200,000 a year. These funds are invested directly back into increasing teacher pay.	The NCGA budget continues income tax breaks for corporations and people making over \$200,000 a year.
Governor Cooper's budget provides \$20 million to help expand access to broadband internet in underserved areas. The funds are meant to encourage investment by providers to help students and small business owners who lack access to the internet.	The NCGA budget provides \$10 million, half of Governor Cooper's proposal, in grant funds to develop broadband infrastructure in rural areas.
Governor Cooper's budget includes \$12.2 million in Rural Economic Development Grants to support rural communities.	The NCGA budget does not include statewide rural economic support grants.
The Governor's budget provides \$3 million for the Small Business Technology Commercialization Program (formerly known as One NC Small Business Fund) to offer early-stage technology development grants for small businesses that receive federal awards, a great program for rural and small businesses.	The NCGA budget provides \$1 million in non-recurring money to the One NC Small Business Fund.

<p>Governor Cooper’s budget provides \$2 million for site planning and concept design for the Army Futures Command should North Carolina be selected.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget provides no funding for the Army Futures Command.</p>
<p>CLEAN AIR AND WATER</p>	
<p>The Governor’s budget recommends \$14.5 million for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to address the safety and quality of North Carolina’s water and environment. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8 million for water sampling and analysis through DEQ • \$1 million for new equipment and employees to help DEQ to quickly and affordably test the threat to public health and safety resulting from discharges of emerging compounds • \$4.4 million to transform the industrial permitting process and bring it into the 21st century • \$1.5 million to plan for needed upgrades to the Reedy Creek Laboratory • \$536,000 for DHHS to hire additional health experts to protect the health of North Carolinians 	<p>The NCGA budget includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2 million non-recurring to DEQ for grants to local governments to connect houses to public water • \$450,000 non-recurring to Cape Fear Public Utility Authority for sampling, testing & treatment • \$537,000 to DEQ for a different mass spectrometer than the one requested • \$5 million non-recurring to the UNC Policy Collaboratory for scientific equipment, sample collection & analysis, and personnel • \$1 million to DEQ to support sampling & analysis activities in response to the statewide sampling & analysis conducted by the Collaboratory • \$1.3 million non-recurring funds for air and groundwater sampling and for DEQ to hire “time-limited positions” • Does NOT include additional health experts at DHHS
<p>Governor Cooper’s budget invests \$19 million in deed stamp tax revenue to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, Clean Water Management Trust Fund, and the Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not earmark any recurring revenue to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, or the Housing Trust Fund.</p>
<p>HEALTHIER. SAFER FAMILIES</p>	
<p>Governor Cooper’s budget directs more than \$9 million in community mental health funding to expand treatment and recovery services for individuals with opioid use disorders. It also includes an additional \$11 million for TROSA and other treatment programs that assist in recovery-to-workforce solutions.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not provide statewide funding for individuals with opioid use disorders. It includes \$6 million in funding for TROSA.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper’s budget recommends expanding Medicaid to cover 670,000 additional people without costing the state anything.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not expand Medicaid eligibility to close the health care coverage gap.</p>

<p>The Governor's budget invests \$28 million to improve the safety and security of prison facilities. Funds would be used to improve infrastructure, enhance training and upgrade security and emergency response tools.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget includes \$15 million for prison security equipment. There is no funding for correctional officer training.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget includes \$1.2 million to support successful community re-entry of individuals under probation, parole, or post-release supervisions by expanding service networks and treatment programs.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not include funding to support statewide re-entry efforts.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget does not change the newborn screening fee.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget triples the newborn screening fee, increasing a birth tax on new parents and infants.</p>
<p>SUPPORTING STATE EMPLOYEES AND DISASTER RECOVERY</p>	
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides state employees and state-funded local employees with a recurring \$1,250 raise or 2% - whichever is greater. The Governor's budget invests \$518 million in state employee salary and benefits, including teachers.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget provides a 2% increase for state employees and state-funded local employees. State employees earning less than \$31,200 have their salaries increased to at least \$31,200, but state-funded school personnel such as teaching assistants will not benefit from that raise. The NCGA budget invests \$251 million in state employee salary and benefits, including teachers.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget creates a \$10 million reserve to establish a new NC 457 supplemental retirement contribution plan for certified State Correctional Officers.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget does not establish a new supplemental retirement program for correctional officers.</p>
<p>The Governor's budget establishes a referral bonus program for correctional officers and provides \$500k (plus up to \$500K more from excess salary increase reserve funds) for sign-on and referral bonuses.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget provides no funding for these programs and does not authorize a referral bonus program.</p>
<p>The Governor's budget provides retirees a recurring 1% cost of living adjustment.</p>	<p>The NCGA budget provides a one-time 1% cost of living adjustment for retirees.</p>
<p>Governor Cooper's budget provides \$140 million in state funds for ongoing Hurricane Matthew recovery.</p>	<p>The NCGA's \$59.7 million budget for Matthew recovery addresses only 43% of the state funded recovery needs. Their budget fails to provide additional funding for small business assistance and new affordable housing.</p>