



2020 Legislative Short Session

New Laws for Charter Schools

The North Carolina Association for Public Charter Schools (NCAPCS) is pleased to share this guide of newly enacted laws applicable to North Carolina's public charter schools. This is not a comprehensive list of all laws and rules that apply to charters. For any questions about these or other charter school laws, please consult with your school's attorney or NCAPCS's Executive Director Rhonda Dillingham.

For a full list of all education laws passed during the 2019 Legislative Session, please review this [report](#) provided by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI).

NC General Assembly Legislative Session Overview

Session Laws

[S113](#), Education Omnibus

- The conference report for this bill includes provisions that allow the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve bonds to finance or refinance a charter school facility (Section 7) and changes the State Board of Education charter school report date on educational effectiveness from February 15 to June 15 (Section 6).

[S681](#), Agency Policy Directives/2019-2020

- This bill includes provisions that broaden certain charter school enrollment priorities (Section 2.3(a)) and expand the Schools that Lead Pilot Program (Section 2.4).

[H118](#), COVID-19 Liability Safe Harbor

- This bill would provide limited liability in claims arising from contraction of COVID-19 to a variety of entities including schools.

[H1023](#), Coronavirus Relief Fund/Additions & Revisions

- This bill includes \$75M to DPI for emergency school nutrition services, \$7M to DPI to provide personal protective equipment for public schools, and \$5M to DPI to hold in reserve and award as grants to provide access to services for exceptional children who have lost critical services as a result of school closures.

[H1071](#), Funds to DPI for ADM Growth

- This bill appropriates funds to DPI for increased Average Daily Membership in public schools.

[S476](#), School-Based Mental Health

- This bill directs K-12 school units to adopt and implement a school-based mental health plan that includes a mental health training program and a suicide risk referral protocol.