Highlights of House Bill 200
Appropriations Act of 2011, Session Law 2011-145
Updated June 24th, 2011

Position Allotments

Classroom Teachers Section 7.1 Class Size Reduction Grade 1, 2 and 3 $61,697,942
Grade 1, 2 and 3 will be allotted at 1:17.
Previously allotted at 1:18
Per Section 7.21 The Class size requirements from K-3 will not change from 2010-11 - LEA avg. 1:21, maximum 1:24

Principals Section 7.14(a)
A school with less than 100 students in final average daily membership is not entitled to 12 months for a principal. Only applies to schools created after July 1, 2011.

Assistant Principals (18.8% reduction (approx 385 APs)) ($22,193,080)
Reduction from 1 month for every 80 ADM (ie. One 10 month position for a school of 800 students) To 1 month for every 98.53 in ADM (ie One 10 month position for a school of 985 students)

Instructional Support (5% reduction) ($22,934,278)
Reduction from 1 position for every 200.10 ADM To 1 position for every 210.53 in ADM

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No change

Dollar Allotments

Central Office ($17,254,494)
Reduction 16.12%

Teacher Assistants
No change $1,313.29 per K-3 ADM

Instructional supplies (46% reduction) ($41,970,358)
Reduction from $62.82 per ADM To $32.82 per ADM
Textbooks ($92,166,861)
Reduction from $79.21 per ADM To $14.82 per ADM

Non Instructional Support (15% reduction) ($59,497,471)
Reduction from $267.57 per ADM To $227.39 per ADM

Categorical Allotments

7.2 Exceptional Children
$3,585.88 per headcount, cap is still 12.5%. This is a decrease from 2010-11 which was $3,598.55

7.3 Academically Gifted
Early version had this reduced, but final version has no reductions

7.4 Low Wealth
No change to formula

7.8 DSSF
No change to formula

7.10 Connectivity
No change to LEAs/charters

7.12 Small County
Early version had this reduced, but final version has no change to formula.

At Risk
No change

Limited English Proficient
No change

Driver Training
Reduction from $236.31 per 9th grade ADM To $198.66 per 9th grade per ADM
(ADM includes private, charter, federal)
LEAs may assess up to $45 to students for drivers education

Transportation (10,340,115)
Reduction of 2.5%

Section 7.20 LEA Adjustment - $289.67 per ADM ($304,774,366)
($124,217,542)

No restrictions regarding what can be returned (ie. Classroom teachers, teacher assistant are not restricted)
Section 7.21 LEA Budget Flexibility

Maximum Flexibility EXCEPT

1. No transfers in to central office
2. Transfers from classroom teachers (PRC001) can ONLY be made to teacher assistants (PRC027)
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There is no language that allows for lottery capital funds to be expended for classroom teachers

Section 7.14(a) School Based Administration Change in the conversion rate:

Transfer for a principal month shall be at the beginning step of a principal III not the State average. (from $5,664 to $4,579)

Transfer for an assistant principal month shall be at the beginning step of the assistant principal not the State average (from $5,026 to $3,781)

Section 7.22 NCVPS

Changes to the formula that are currently being presented to the State Board of Education

Eliminated

- Mentors $(9,214,190)
- Staff Development $(12,565,063)
- Drop Out Prevention $(13,290,683)
- Student Diagnostics $(10,000,000)
- School Technology $(10,000,000)

SALARY and BENEFITS -Section 29

Salary Freeze-No step increase

Section 29.18 No Furloughs of State funded positions permitted

Unless ordered by the Governor while acting to balance the budget

Section 29.22

Retirement rate: 13.12%

Health $4,931

The previously stated funding factors for categories that have personnel will increase slightly due to the benefits changes.

Liability Insurance $3,700,000

Establishes a single state funded liability insurance policy – DPI will serve as the master policy holder. Professional liability insurance coverage for all public school employees, including
charter schools. Coverage is for general liability or errors and omissions for which an employee shall become obligated to pay by reasons of liability imposed by law for damages resulting from a claim made against the employee arising out of the scope of their employment.

CURRICULUM and TEACHERS

Section 7.1 Career and College Promise

Intent is for Huskins, concurrent enrollment, cooperative innovative high schools, learn and earn and learn and earn online to be consolidated.

Section 7.30 Testing Program ($2,725,029 (admin))

- SBE shall continue to participate in Common Core Standards
- Eliminates EOCs unless required by the Federal Government (Eliminates US history, civics and economics, Algebra II and Physical science).

Section 28.37 Drivers Education Reform

SBE shall organize and administer a standardized driver education program

Eligible students include those who are enrolled in public or private, or receive instruction through a home school

Amended in SB339 as follows:

SBE shall adopt a salary range for non licensed teachers (SBE to establish the requirements)

Licensed teachers shall be paid from the teacher salary scale.

The State Board of Education shall adopt a salary range for the delivery of driver education courses by driver education instructors who are public school employees. The salary range shall be based on the driver education instructor's qualifications, certification, and licensure specific to driver education.

LEAs may assess up to $45 to students for drivers education ($5,211,990)

Learn & Earn Online ($4,875,000)

Eliminates funding for LEO courses provided through UNC system

Section 7.13 renewal of Professional Educator’s Licence

Requirement of renewal a Standard Professional License II is now 5 semester hours or 7.5 units of renewal credits

Section 7.24 Teaching Fellows

Fulfill commitment for class of 2011-12 and then phase out program

Teacher Academy

Eliminated

NCCAT

40 positions cut (40 positions remain)
STUDIES and Other

Section 29.20 Review of Compensation Plan
- Intent to create a fully functional performance-based compensation system.
- Study Labor market
- Current performance based compensation plans (including Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Schools)
- Longevity
- Laws related to “career status” and tenure for public school teachers
- Salary supplements related to Masters, advanced degrees, NBPTS
  Study due May 1, 2012 to the General Assembly

Section 7.23 Performance-Based Reduction in Force
LEAs shall adopt a reduction in force policy by July 15th, 2011 including the following criteria:
1. Structural considerations
2. Organizational considerations
3. Performance shall be considered for employees in similar positions
Eliminates language from GS 115C-325(e)(2) that states that career employees have priority on all positions for which they are qualified for 3 years.

Section 7.1(a) Education Reform in North Carolina – Also see SB 479
Study literacy and ways to reduce the remedial education in IHEs

To the extent funds are made available
- SBE shall require diagnostic tests in 8th and 10th grade that align to ACT test.
- SBE shall plan for and require ACT test for all students in 11th grade unless the student has already taken a comparable test and scored at or above a level set by the SBE.
- SBE shall require LEAs to make available the appropriate WorkKeys test for all students who complete the second level of CTE courses

7.13 Elimination of Reporting Requirements
GS 115C-105.27 School Improvement plan repealed in the Technical Corrections Bill H22
GS 115C-105.30 Distribution of staff development funds.75% of PD funds to be used as stated in SIP
GS 115C-105.47 Local Safe school plan
GS 115C-102.6C local school system technology plans
Section 7.29 School Calendar

Effective July 1, 2011 school calendars shall have 185 instructional days and 1,025 instructional hours. The 5 protected workdays are eliminated and replaced with the 5 additional instructional days. No change to August 25th/June 10th.

If the State Board finds that it will enhance student performance to do so, may grant a LEA a waiver to use up to 5 instructional days as teacher workdays (and the corresponding hours).

Refer to State Board policy approved on June 24th, 2011

Section 7.19 - Wilkes, Montgomery, Stanly. Calendar may have 185 OR 1,025

Section 7.25 Residential Schools

SBE shall report on January 15th, 2012 which school shall close effective July 1, 2012.

Section 10.7 More at Four

Consolidated with the Division of Child Development at DHHS $65,011,651 Transfer to DHHS
($16,000,000) State
($16,000,000) Lottery

The DHHS Division of Child Development will become the Division of Child Development and Early Education and DHHS will assume all functions of regulation, monitoring, payment and reimbursement for the More at Four Program.

If you are currently operating a More at Four programs in your public schools, you should understand and prepare for the following changes as of July 1, 2011:

- You must now be licensed and regulated by the Division of Child Development.
- You will be required use the Subsidized Early Education for Kids (SEEK) accounting system.
- You will be required to receive a copayment from families that enroll their children in “pre-kindergarten.”

Department of Public Instruction

State Positions reduced (in FTE)

- 5.5 Curriculum
- 30 Technology Services
- 4 Communications