



## Select Birth-to-Eight Provisions in FY 2019-21 Governor’s Biennium Budget Proposal

|                       |  | FY 2019-21 Governor’s <a href="#">Recommended Budget</a>  |
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| <b>Child Care</b>     | 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.<br><i>Page 123</i>   |
| <b>Child Welfare</b>  | 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.<br><i>Page 127</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.<br><i>Page 127</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.<br><i>Page 128</i>  |
| <b>Data</b>           | Hiring data analysts                             | Creates positions in DPI and DHHS to support data-informed decision making.<br><i>Pages 52 and 120</i>  |
| <b>Early Learning</b> | 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.<br><i>Page 123</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.<br><i>Page 123</i>                           |
| <b>Health</b>         | 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.<br><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.<br><i>Page 119</i>                           |

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| <b>K-12 Staffing, Professional Development and Pay</b> | 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.<br><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.<br><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.<br><i>Page 50</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.<br><i>Page 49</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.<br><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.<br><i>Page 49</i>   |
|  | Restores Master's pay for teachers                       | Restores additional pay for teachers whose advanced degrees are in the subjects they teach (\$6.8 million).<br><i>Page 50</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.<br><i>Page 49</i>   |
| <b>School Quality</b>                                  | 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.<br><i>Page 51</i>  |
|  | School safety improvements                               | Provides an additional \$15 million in 2019-20 for school building safety improvements.<br><i>Page 50</i>  |
|  | Resources for personalized learning                      | Provides \$29 million in 2019-20 for textbooks, digital resources, instructional supplies and access to a learning management system.<br><i>Page 51</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.<br><i>Page 51</i>  |