

LEGISLATIVE and BUDGET UPDATE

June 23rd, 2021

The Senate Republican leadership released their budget, [SB 105](#) on Monday and expect a final vote by their chamber by the weekend. Next steps in the budget process is the House developing their version of the budget anticipating voting by early August. Following that, the two legislative chambers will negotiate, approve and send a budget to the Governor's desk for his signature or veto. Governor Cooper released his proposed [budget plan](#) in March.

Salaries and Benefits

- 3% raises over the next two years for UNC System employees
- All state employees will receive bonuses funded through: federal COVID-19 relief funds.
 - State employees who earn less than \$75,000 a year would receive \$1,500, and those who make more than \$75,000 would receive \$1,000 bonuses

Fully Funds UNC Enrollment Growth

FY 2021-22: \$66,960,514 R; **approximately \$7 million for UNC Charlotte**

FY 2022-23: \$66,960,514 R

Building Reserves

FY 2021-22: \$26,047,751 R + \$2,804,782 NR

FY 2022-23: \$26,047,751

Provides funds to the UNC Board of Governors to the Building Reserve for the operation and maintenance of newly completed building projects at constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina *including UNC Charlotte's science building*.

Repairs and Renovations - UNC System

Intent to fund a six-year \$1 billion capital repair and renovation plan including \$500 m in '21-23

UNC CHARLOTTE:

\$45,000,000 for Repair and Renovations of Cameron and Burson

\$42,822,260 for multiple R&R projects from the 5-year capital plan including ADA accessibility, elevators, fire systems, roofs, etc.

State Retirement Contributions - TSERS Members

Increases State's contribution for members of TSERS to fund the actuarially determined contribution and retiree medical premiums

State Retirement Contributions - ORP Members

Adjusts State's contribution for members of the ORP supported to fund retiree medical premiums.

State Health Plan

Provides additional funding to continue health benefit coverage for enrolled active employees supported by the General Fund for the 2021-23 fiscal biennium.

Additional bills of interest:

[H602 UNC Flexibility](#)

Section 1 that pertained to temporary pay cuts was removed from the bill. HR flexibilities allowing for layoffs and early retirement incentives remain in the bill.

Bill unanimously passed the Senate and goes back to House for a concurrence vote prior to reaching the Governor's desk.

[H64 \(formerly SB 355\) Government Transparency Act](#)

Provides for certain personnel records, including promotions and disciplinary actions to be public record and available on-line. Passed the Senate and is holding the House.