

# North Carolina PTA



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## NC PTA PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT BILL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

House Bill 1855, a bill that will provide \$1 million per year for the next two years to NC PTA for parental involvement was introduced in the House. This bill has already been introduced in the Senate and is Senate Bill 861. If this bill is approved by the North Carolina General Assembly, it will energize parental involvement across the state. Please contact your legislators to support this very important bill. Also, please thank the following House bill sponsors: Representatives Yongue, Glazier, Tolson, Wiley, Alexander, Faison, Fisher, Harrison, Jeffus, Johnson, Wainwright, Williams, and Womble. Your voices are needed!

## SENATE PASSES BILL TO DESIGNATE OCTOBER AS DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

The Senate this week voted to support Senate Bill 753 to designate October as disability history and awareness month. This bill will also require local boards of education to provide instruction on disability history and awareness. NC PTA supports this Bill, and we will continue to monitor its progress as it now goes to the House. NC PTA also supports and will continue to monitor House Bill 137 Funds for Children with Disabilities, a bill that would provide \$25 million in supplemental funding for children with disabilities, and House Bill 179, a bill that would provide an incentive to recruit and retain certified staff to teach students with behavioral and emotional disabilities.

## CORPORAL PUNISHMENT BILL

The House Committee on Children, Youth, and Families voted 6-4 in favor of a bill that would abolish corporal punishment in North Carolina public schools. The bill, House Bill 853, is now referred to the House Education Committee. NC PTA was present at the Children, Youth, and Families Committee meeting and our support of this bill was voiced. NC PTA's position in favor of legislation to ban corporal punishment is found in NC PTA's *Where We Stand*.

## NEWLY INTRODUCED BILLS INVOLVING K-12 EDUCATION

*If you are interested in seeing a copy of a bill, you may go to the General Assembly's website at <http://www.ncleg.net>. To find the bill you are looking for, just type in the bill number in the area "find bills by number" on the right side of the homepage*

House Bill 1315, State Teacher and Employee Longevity Rate. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Bell and Farmer-Butterfield.

House Joint Resolution 1318/Res. 2007-22. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Lucas, Glazier, Brisson, and McAllister.

House Bill 1347, False Report/Mass Violence at School. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Holloway, Faison, and Folwell.

House Bill 1349, Funds for Internet Connectivity/Southwest. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Haire and West.

House Bill 1357, Military Children May Attend Public Schools. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Daughtry and Killian.

House Bill 1366, School Violence Prevention Act. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Glazier, Fisher, Justice, and Stiller.

House Bill 1389 (=S921), Fully Fund Teaching Fellows Scholarships. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Johnson, Rapp, Carney, and Tolson.

House Bill 1390, Pay Teacher Assistants at Salary Grade 56. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Pate, Jeffus, Yongue, and Johnson.

House Bill 1392, Study Consolidating Smart Start/More at Four Funds. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Rapp, McLawhorn, and Glazier.

House Bill 1450, Funds for Training Literacy Coaches. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Jeffus, Tolson, Yongue, and McLawhorn.

House Bill 1463, Global Connections for N.C. Schools/Funds. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Pate and Carney.

House Bill 1464, School Absences Excused for Legislative Pages. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Boylan, Cotham, Parmon, and Fisher.

House Bill 1468 (=SB 1479), High-Needs Schools/Additional Support. The Bill's primary sponsor is Representative Jeffus.

House Bill 1505, Legislative Study of School Testing Program. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Hurley and Yongue.

House Bill 1506, Fellowships/National Board Certified Teachers. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Carney and Dickson.

House Bill 1570, Improve School Discipline. The Bill's primary sponsor is Representative Blust.

House Bill 1633 (=SB 1347), Superintendent Appointive. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Carney, Holliman, Lucas, and Goforth.

House Bill 1739, Parental Notice Re: School Suspension. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representative Glazier.

House Bill 1740, School Board Fiscal Accountability Act. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Glazier, Jones, England, and Johnson.

House Bill 1742, Modify Law Re: School Capital Projects. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives J. Harrell and Goforth.

House Bill 1790, Raise Compulsory Educ. Age and Grad. Rate. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Bryant, Bordsen, Wainwright, and Jones.

House Bill 1812, Notify Parents of Student Absences. The Bill's primary sponsor is Representative Blue.

House Bill 1833, Pay Teachers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Masters Degree. The Bill's primary sponsor is Representative Holloway.

House Bill 1851, Designate August as Family Month. The Bill's primary sponsor is Representative Pierce.

House Bill 1855, Funds for PTA Parental Involvement Init. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Yongue, Glazier, Tolson, and Wiley.

House Bill 1910, Education Leave for Certain NBPTS Teachers. The Bill's primary sponsors are Representatives Womble and Parmon.

Senate Bill 1115, Pilot Program for Lateral Entry Teachers. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Hagan.

Senate Bill 1116, Local Flexibility Re: Principals' Contracts. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Hagan.

Senate Bill 1124, Superintendent of Public Instruction Appointed. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Clodfelter.

Senate Bill 1144, Public School Building Bond Act of 2007. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Hoyle.

Senate Bill 1154, Gaston High School Computer Funds. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Hoyle.

Senate Bill 1164, Pay School Employees the Mandated Minimum. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Katie Dorsett.

Senate Bill 1169, Confirm State Board of Education Members. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Swindell.

Senate Bill 1283, Funds for SAT Test Fees. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Snow.

Senate Bill 1294, Innovative Teacher Compensation Initiative. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Swindell.

Senate Bill 1295, Revise Low-Wealth Schools Funding Formula. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Swindell.

Senate Bill 1296, Enhance Prospective Teacher Scholarships. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Swindell.

Senate Bill 1297, State Teacher and Employee Longevity Rate. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Swindell.

Senate Bill 1298, Study Professional Development for Teachers. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Swindell.

Senate Bill 1322, Truth in Education Act. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Berger.

Senate Bill 1356, Teacher Housing Pilot Project. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Tilman.

Senate Bill 1369, Salary Increase for School Psychologists. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Malone.

Senate Bill 1370, Salary Schedule for Teacher Assistants. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Malone.

Senate Bill 1371, Modify Assistant Principals' Salary Schedule. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Malone.

Senate Bill 1373, Children with Vision Tutorial Funds. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Malone.

Senate Bill 1386, Neighborhood Schools & Teacher Merit Pay. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Hunt.

Senate Bill 1391, Sales Tax Relief for School Supplies. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Brown.

Senate Bill 1392, Sales Tax Relief for Certain Textbooks. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Brown.

Senate Bill 1393, Reduce and Prevent Underage Drinking. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Goss.

Senate Bill 1441, Small School System Supplemental Funding. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Snow.

Senate Bill 1462, Study of K-12 School Governance. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Dorsett.

Senate Bill 1473, Pilot Career Technology High School Program. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Brown.

Senate Bill 1479, High-Needs Schools/Additional Support. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Dalton.

Senate Bill 1511, Funds for Test Coordinators in Grade K-8. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Preston.

Senate Bill 1532, High School Core Curriculum Study/Delay. The Bill's primary sponsor is Senator Bingham.

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