

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education Additional Technical/Clarifying Special Provision Options

Public Schools

Funds for Children with Disabilities: Each year the budget contains boilerplate language re-stating the dollars appropriated per student for the Children with Disabilities allotment.

Funds for Academically Gifted Children: Each year the budget contains boilerplate language re-stating the dollars appropriated per student for the Academically or Intellectually Gifted allotment.

Full Restoration of School Improvement Plan Statutes: The 2011 Budget eliminated the requirement of School Improvement Plans. The 2011 Technical Corrections Bill restored School Improvement Plans, but failed to restore language related to School Improvement Plans that had previously been found in G.S. 143B-146.12 (related to School Improvement Plans for the residential schools). This provision would simply restore the language that had previously been found in G.S. 143B-146.12.

Cooperative Innovative High School Approval Process: Changes to the language governing Cooperative Innovative High Schools have created confusion regarding the approval process. New language could clarify the approval process for Cooperative Innovative High Schools.

Community Colleges

Tuition Waivers for Public Safety Personnel: G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) authorizes the State Board of Community Colleges to waive tuition for “municipal, county, or State” public safety organizations. There are some non-federal public safety agencies that are not included under this description, but for which tuition has been historically waived.

UNC System / Financial Aid

Financial Aid Programs for Private College Students: There are a few technical issues related to the creation of the NC Need-Based Scholarship Program, including: final 2011-12 payments for recipients of the Certain Private Education Institutions grant, a reporting date for the State Education Assistance Authority, and references to eligible students in the Forgivable Education Loans for Service program statutes.