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Last week, the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned what was perhaps the quickest short session in recorded history. We saw everything from a new budgeting process, salary increases (discussed in last month's report), and constitutional amendments that will be placed on the ballot this fall (listed below with links).

Considering the pace of the short session, NCACTE had a successful year. As reported last month, the North Carolina General Assembly expanded 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade CTE grants by \$470,000 in recurring funds and \$230,000 in non-recurring. This was made possible by the hard work of the association as well as the work that was completed during the interim in preparation for the short session.

During the interim period, we will be working to solidify your priorities for next year, continue meeting with key legislators on both sides of the aisle, and meet with newly elected legislators who win this fall to advocate for your priorities. I will keep you posted on meetings and happenings of the interim committees that meet. However, I expect meetings in the legislature to be sparse until they return for the special session they have already designated for November. It is uncertain what the legislature will work on in November, but it is likely not education related. Below are some notable bills from this past short session.

**Notable Bills that failed:**

[SB 15](#) failed to become law as the Senate did not take up the House version of the bill. The bill would have allowed the Achievement School District to expand by two schools each year, and subjected restart schools to being taken in by the ISD.

[HB 1055](#) was vetoed by the governor, and the House did not override the bill meaning it did not become law. The bill would have negatively impacted many retirees by not allowing them to level up with their social security.

**Notable Bill that passed:**

[HB 514](#) passed and became law allowing four towns in Mecklenburg to start their own charters schools. The bill raises an eyebrow because municipalities have never been in the charter school business, and the town councils will be in charge of the schools.

## **Constitutional Amendments that passed to be placed on ballot this fall:**

[Senate Bill 75](#) – Maximum Income Tax Rate of 7%

[Senate Bill 677](#) – Protect Right to Hunt and Fish

[House Bill 1092](#)—Require Photo ID to Vote

[Senate Bill 814](#) – Judicial Vacancy Sunshine Amendment – provides a non-partisan judicial merit commission to nominate and recommend nominees to fill judicial vacancies

[House Bill 913](#) – Bipartisan Ethics and Elections Enforcement – establishes a bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement

[House Bill 551](#) – Strengthen Victims’ Rights

Until the next report, I hope you have a restful summer.