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Although the North Carolina General Assembly has still not scheduled a vote or indicated that they have the votes to override the governor's veto of the budget, new efforts were underway last week to move some budgetary items in a piecemeal fashion.

House Bill 426

This bill was introduced by and approved by the House but now appears uncertain as it was moved back to the Appropriations Committee after several amendments were pushed by Democrat lawmakers. The initial bill would provide stated pay increases non-certified employees and retirees, but not certified staff. Democrat lawmakers wanted to match non-certified pay increases to the percentage increase given to other state employees in the piecemeal budget proposals. Upon seeing the amendments, the bill was removed from the floor and placed back in committee. At this moment, there is no movement on pay increases for teachers and other certified employees.

Three mini-budget bills passed last week, and were approved by both chambers and signed by the governor. They are now part of session law. These bills provide raises specifically to certain state employees, but **not** to teachers, administration, or other classified or non-classified employees. The summaries of those bills are below:

House Bill 126 AN ACT AWARDING LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES AND 3 SPECIAL ANNUAL LEAVE TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE 4 STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

This bill, which has been signed into law, provides scheduled salary increases to state employees within the state Highway Patrol.

House Bill 609 AN ACT AWARDING LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES AND 3 SPECIAL ANNUAL LEAVE TO STATE ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 4 EMPLOYEES

This bill, which received the governor's signature, provides scheduled salary increases for state employees within the North Carolina prison system.

House Bill 777 AN ACT AWARDING LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES AND 3 SPECIAL ANNUAL LEAVE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE STATE 4 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ALCOHOL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Also signed by the Governor, this bill funds the salary increases and some benefits for employees of the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and employees of the State Bureau of Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE).