NC Tech Government Affairs Update
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I) Governor’s Executive Orders & Reopen Plans

II) COVID-19 Session  www.ncleg.gov

A) Policy bill (S 704)

- Postpones certain income tax payments to July 15 and waives interest on certain payments
- Provides unemployment compensation flexibility and gives employers a tax credit for 1st Q 2020
- Extends certain education deadlines and requirements
- Seeks more PPE, certain legal immunity, more telehealth, modifies regulations
- Provides regulatory flexibility including video notarization and extending DMV timelines
- Provides limited legal immunity for “essential businesses” and emergency response entities
- Outlines procedures for meetings of public bodies by remote, simultaneous communication

B) Appropriations bill (H 1043)  $1.6B (mostly federal)

Health care appropriations

- Funds to Duke, UNC-CH, ECU Brody, WFU, Campbell for vaccine and treatment research
- $50 M for PPE and other supplies for use by hospitals, senior living facilities, doctor’s offices, and the Division of Emergency Management
- $25 M to expand virus testing and contact tracing
- $65 M for rural hospitals, and $15 M each for teaching & general hospitals

Education appropriations

- $75 M for school breakfast and lunch programs
- $1 M for Wi-Fi routers in school buses, $11 M to for student mobile internet access points, $30 M to local school systems to buy computers and other electronic devices for students, $5 M to purchase computers and other devices for school personnel, and $3 M for non-digital remote instruction resources to students
- $4.5 M for cybersecurity at K-12 schools
- $70 M for supplemental summer learning programs for K-4 students
- $25 M for community colleges to enhance online learning et al
- $44 M for the UNC system for online learning et al
- $20 M for private colleges and universities for online learning
State and local government appropriations

- $70 M for state government operations, including prisons, IT costs for remote needs, and temporary staff to help the state unemployment office
- If allowed by federal policy, provides $300 M for NC DOT, $20 M for state agencies that have lost receipts due, and $150 M to replace local government lost revenues (if not already received it directly from federal government)

Health and social services appropriations

- $20 M to support local health departments, increase nursing capacity and the number of community health workers, and infection control in nursing homes
- $6 M for food banks
- $25 M for certain adult, family and group homes
- $50 M for health programs in rural, underserved, and minority communities
- $5 M for the NC Association of Free and Charitable Clinics
- $1.5 M to NC MedAssist to offset prescription costs for indigent or uninsured
- $5 M to the NC Community Health Centers Association to cover treatment costs
- $1.8 M to Old North State Med. Society for rural & African American communities
- $2.24 M for a monthly increase of $100 for each child living in foster care

Economic development appropriations

- $5 M to stimulate tourism
- $125 M for a small business loan program through the Golden Leaf Foundation, which is up to $50,000 per business. A similar effort has already distributed $15M.
- $9 M to the GREAT program to incent Internet buildout

iii) May 2020 GA Session

A) FY 2020

B) FY 2021 (begins 7-1-20)

- Senate $$ bills (S 800-818)
- Tax bills (H 1079—sales tax, H 1080—Rev Laws/IRC)
- IT related (H 1071—SCI $$, H 1105—GREAT $30M, H 1122—broadband)
- Bill introduction deadline—May 26

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