

## ***NC Tech Government Affairs Update***

### ***May 21, 2020***

#### ***I) Governor's Executive Orders & Reopen Plans***

#### ***II) COVID 19 Session*** [www.ncleg.gov](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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