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Teacher Salary Increases:

- Five percent across the board to get to SE average (S4-Setzler)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/4.htm
- SC teachers paid at the national average with a transition of five years (S130 – Davis)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/130.htm
- SC teachers paid at the national average (S157-Allen)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/157.htm
- Allows lump sum bonuses for retention based on quality instruction and/or leadership (S65-Malloy)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/65.htm
- Creates a fund from online sales taxes to provide for teacher salary increases (S215-Kimpson)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/215.htm
- Establishes the state’s minimum salary schedule at the national average by 2027 (S232-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/232.htm
- Fifteen percent salary increases for certified teachers (H3195- Gillard)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3195_20181218.htm

Teacher certification:

- Allows spouses of military members stationed in the state to become teachers, eliminating some of the certification requirements (H3262- G.M. Smith)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3262_20181218.htm

Teacher rights:

- Defines rights for all certified teachers, Teacher Bill of Rights (S244-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/244_20181212.htm
- Prohibits retaliation against teachers for making public policy comments (H3215-Collins)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3215_20181218.htm
- Teacher Bill of Rights (H3049-Wooten)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/3094.htm

School Funding:

- Restores former millage model to remove cap with a majority of the governing body (S255-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/255_20181212.htm
- Restricts appropriations for general fund (S102-Campsen)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/102_20181212.htm
- Prohibits school boards from charging matriculation and incidental fees for enrollment in public schools (H3331-King)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3331_20181218.htm

Special education:

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- Creates a special diploma for students with IEP (S146-Scott)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/146.htm
- Mandates that special education buses include climate control features by 2019-20 (S138-Martin)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/138.htm
- Requires defining specific milestones for parents of deaf and hard of hearing students (S280-Talley)

Early education:

- Creates a department of early development and education (S291-Talley)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/291_20181212.htm
- Expansion of the current CDEPP program to all qualified students in a district (S41-Malloy)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/41.htm
- S39-Malloy (Similar to S41)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/39.htm
- Removes mandatory retention from the Read to Succeed legislation (H3406-Collins)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3406_20181218.htm

School and Student Safety, Health:

- Requires continuous presence of School Resource Officers (SROs) (S245-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/245_20181212.htm
- School safety plan requirements for all public schools (S201-Young)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/201.htm
- School drills every semester (S239-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/239.htm
- Allows school administrators to petition the court for mental health services for students (S158-Allen)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/158.htm
- Creates an offense for teen dating violence (H3075-Norrell)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3075_20181218.htm
- Amends comprehensive health education program to include mental health and wellness courses for seventh and ninth grades (H3257- Moore)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3257_20181218.htm
- Requires continuous presence of School Resource Officers (SROs) during regular operating hours (H3323-King)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3323_20181218.htm
- Deletes violation for school officials in designating residential locations for teachers (H3322-Pitts)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3322_20181218.htm
- Requires all public schools to have one mental health counselor for every 200 students (H3258-Moore)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3258_20181218.htm

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- Mandates EKG exams to be included in student athletes' preparation physicals (H3402-Cobb-Hunter)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3402_20181218.htm
- Requires background checks through DSS Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect for all current and prospective employees of schools (H3151 Murphy)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3151_20181218.htm
- Mandates school administration report quarterly bullying, intimidation and harassment activities to SCDE (H3151-McDaniel)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3150_20181218.htm
- Provides guidelines for prohibiting harassment in public schools (H3261- Simmons)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3261_20181218.htm
- Creates a school district bullying advisory council (H3400-Clyburn)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3400_20181218.htm
- Removes the three year sunset provision from the Tucker Hipp Transparency, which requires colleges to keep records of fraternity and sorority violations (H3398-Clary)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3398_20181218.htm
- Provides equity in school lunch programs for children on free and reduced lunch (H3328-King)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3328_20181218.htm

Tuition Tax Deduction

- Allows for tax deduction to attend independent or public school in another attendance zone (S34-Grooms)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/34.htm
- Provides for tax deduction for contributions to scholarship funding organizations to provide grants for attendance at specific independent or home schools (S131-Davis)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/131.htm
- H3202-Elliott (same as S131)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3202_20181218.htm

School District Consolidation

- Establishes criteria for school district consolidation (S203-Young)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/203.htm
- Requires one school district per county (H3216-Crawford)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3216_20181218.htm

School Attendance Zone

- Allows students to qualify to attend schools in districts where the family owns property valued at \$300 or more (H3159- Pendarvis)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3159_20181218.htm

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Testing:

- Reduces testing by eliminating Social Studies and formative assessments (S77- Sheheen)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/77.htm
- Reduces testing to specified assessments, increases teacher salaries to national avg. (S233-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/233.htm
- Mandates that the same kindergarten readiness assessment used during the 2018 school year is used through the 2021 school year (H3165-Jefferson)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3165_20181218.htm
- H3142-Funderburk (same as S77)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3142_20181218.htm

School Calendar:

- Removes start date requirement for school calendar (S240-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/240.htm
- Allows waiver for year-round school (S67-Malloy)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/67.htm
- Creates a 3-year pilot for year-round schools (S248-Fanning)
- Joint Resolution for year-round schools (SJR241-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/241.htm
- Changes instructional day start time to 8:30 am (H3405- Collins)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3405_20181218.htm
- Mandates that schools cannot start before August 15 (H3095-Wooten)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3095_20181218.htm

Instruction:

- Requires inclusion of the US Constitution, Federalist papers before graduation (S35- Grooms)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/35.htm
- Removes requirement for specific number of days on school calendar (S66-Malloy)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/66.htm
- Mandates one-hour of veteran's history for public schools (S126-Massey)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/126.htm
- Adds a one-half credit of personal finance for high school graduation (S15-Rankin)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/15.htm
- Requires high school and college students to study the US Constitution and other US history texts (H3100- G. Smith)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3100_20181218.htm
- Increases the positions that require certifications at the School for the Deaf and Blind
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3350_20181218.htm

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- Eliminates the Education Oversight Committee (H3255-McDaniel)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3255_20181218.htm
- Increases the age to 18 from 17, for mandatory school attendance (H3196-Govan)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3196_20181218.htm
- Provides guidelines for public school students to take courses not offered as homeschool credits (H3262- Simmons)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3262_20181218.htm
- Allows students to participate in interscholastic activities, not offered at their school, at public schools that are closest to them in proximity (H3153-B. Newton)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3153_20181218.htm
- H3349-Huggins (same as S15)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3349_20181218.htm
- Allows homeschool students to take advance placement tests (H3049-McGravy)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3049_20181218.htm
- Includes financing secondary education into high school financial literacy classes (H3324-King)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3324_20181218.htm
- Creates elective instruction in advance manufacturing for sixth through twelve grade students (H3194-Gillard)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3194_20181218.htm

Paperwork reduction

- Requires SCDE to develop guidelines for paperwork reductions with a report to the General Assembly by January 2020
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/168.htm

Charter Schools

- Requires withholding of funds when schools are in violation of the Charter School Act (S243-Fanning)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/243_20181212.htm
- Mandates that charter school reports include racial composition data (H3396-Brown)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3396_20181218.htm

Transportation

- Increase the transportation coverage from 1.5 miles to .5 mile (S127-Massey)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/127.htm
- Privatizes the SC school bus service (H3220-Gillard)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3220_20181218.htm
- Mandates shoulder and lap belts for school buses (H3397-Clary)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3397_20181218.htm

Teacher Recruitment and Retention

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- Creates a school district program that includes student loan payments, home down payments and stipends (S148-Scott)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/148.htm
- Creates a scholarship program for students who plan to become educators (S138-Scott)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/138.htm
- Funds the Call Me Mister program at \$5M from the general fund (H3118- Jefferson)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3118_20181218.htm

School to Prison Pipeline, criminal offenses:

- Limits the time that a child is placed in juvenile detention (S22-Hutto)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/spref19/pref19s1.htm

Pensions:

- Creates a shared risk defined benefit plan (S167-Bennett)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/167.htm
- Closes the current defined benefit plan, after full funding (S134-Davis)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/134.htm

College Scholarships:

- Removes misdemeanor offenses from disqualifying students for state scholarships (H3102-Stravinaks)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3102_20181218.htm
- Allows a one-year deferment for recipients of the Palmetto Fellows scholarship (H3156-Norrell)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3156_20181218.htm
- Provides free tuition at public institutions of higher learning for children of wartime veterans (H3254-Hosey)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3254_20181218.htm
- Creates the SC Promise Scholarships for obtaining Associates degrees, certifications and diplomas from eligible postsecondary institutions (H3214-Pendarvis)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3214_20181218.htm

Miscellaneous:

- Requires school board members to make unannounced visits to schools in their district (H3264-Toole) https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3264_20181218.htm
- Requires wireless LANs in every school bus (S64)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/64.htm

School District Performance:

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- Revises the state of emergency policy for at risk schools (H3096-McDaniel)
https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/prever/3096_20181218.htm